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Lending Assistants

Londonderry Middle School Assistant Principal David Sutherland is pried by fellow Assistant Ross McClean during a fundraiser at the school benefiting the End 68 of Hunger organization. See more on page 9.

Photo by Chris Paul

Conservation Commission Moves Ahead with Mack Property Plans

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission will submit documents to the New Hampshire Department of Environment Services to enable

grant funding for the town's purchase of Moose Hill Orchard property.

Voters at the Town Meeting approved the acquisition of five acres at 114 Pillsbury Road from the orchard with

the land to be subdivided. This property includes the Mack apple orchards and a pumpkin patch.

The commission wants to proceed as expeditiously as possible

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PFAS Task Force Sorts Out Goals in its First Meeting

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After being selected by the Londonderry Town Council last month, the Londonderry PFAS Task Force held its first meeting as a board on March 24.

During the meeting it was announced that Town Councilor Tom Dolan would be serving on the task force as its chair, and Londonderry Environmental Engineer Robert Kerry would be serving as the task force vice chair.

Dolan explained that the entire Council knows that the group that they assembled is qualified and are grateful for them stepping up

to serve.

"Your willingness to help the community I'm grateful for," Dolan said.

Kerry also echoed a similar sentiment saying that he is thankful for the members of the task force who stepped up.

"I want to thank all the volunteers and members for stepping up and helping us through this process," Kerry said. "We really do appreciate it."

Aside from those two officer positions for the task force, Dolan said they also needed to select a secretary.

While it was brought up that normally a staff member serves as the secretary for different

boards to take the minutes, Dolan said that he wanted to have a member of the task force serve as the secretary in order to save money because the town wouldn't have to pay a staff member overtime for their time at the meetings.

Task Force member Kate MacDonald, ultimately stepped up to serve as the secretary.

Another item of business that was discussed during the inaugural meeting was in regards to when its meetings would take place.

It was explained by Dolan that originally they thought that the

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Heritage Commission Asks for Redesign of Medical Office Plan

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A proposed medical space in the Woodmont Commons PUD as a dedicated office building for serving patients will need some redesign to satisfy elements that prompted objections by the Londonderry Heritage Commission at their meeting last week.

The site plan brought forth would be to construct a 19,792-square-foot two-story medical office building owned by Pillsbury Realty Devel-

opment at Pillsbury Road and Michels Way in the Woodmont Commons area.

The land in question was previously orchard property and many people in town are upset it's being developed at all, Chair Krystopher Kenney said at the commission's March 25 meeting.

Vice Chair Arthur Rugg noted the proposed parking along Michels Way although the Woodmont Commons master plan had it being on Main Street. Surface parking lots

should generally be located behind buildings, he said.

Rugg termed this inconsistent with the master plan and public expectations for the whole building apart from its function as a

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Zoning Board Denies Mammoth Road Chicken Variance

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustments held a meeting on March 17, and during the meeting, one of the cases that went before the board was whether or not to allow live stock on less than two-acres.

The variance request came from residents Jason and Kelsey Goldman of 158 Mammoth Road, and it is one that comes up quite often with mixed results.

The request was to be allowed to have chickens on their property which is 1.38 acres even though a minimum of two acres is required.

It was explained by

Jason that they would like to have eight chickens and no roosters, and that they would be able to have the chicken coup set back more than 25 feet from the road. The minimum requirement is 25 feet.

He also noted that the chickens would be for personal use and not commercial use and that they wouldn't be free range chickens.

Jason said that because of the traffic that is on Mammoth Road they decided to have it in the rear of the property and he felt that no one passing by the property would even know that they have chickens.

Board member Bill Berardino asked the

question of why they wanted chickens.

Kelsey said that aside from the fact that they really like chickens, they aren't able to have traditional pets due to her husband's serious allergies.

"My husband Jason is very allergic to all other pets. We're looking to have the opportunity to have a pet where as we wouldn't normally," she said.

One concern that was brought up by the board came from Suzanne Brunelle who had concerns in regards to safety.

She said her concern was primarily due to the traffic on the road and that if the chickens were

to get out onto the road it could lead to chaos.

Brunelle also pointed to the fact that they had to also justify why they have a hardship for their property in order to be granted a variance.

"You have to have some real good reason why we should let you do it when we're not going to let someone else do it," Brunelle said.

Zoning Board Vice Chair Jacqueline Benard said that they also have to explain why their property is different than their neighbors.

"You have to prove that your property is unique or different in some way than other properties in your neighborhood," Benard.

Jason explained that because of the shape of their property they would be able to have the minimum setbacks and if they had the two acres of land they would be able to still have the chickens despite the safety concerns of the road.

Speaking in favor of the variance request was Bill Nette, a resident of Londonderry. He said that after hearing about the case he doesn't think that there would be much of an impact.

"From the public's perspective I'm in favor," Nette said.

Londonderry Town Councilor Deb Paul who serves as the Town Council Liaison for the

board said that she has chickens and wanted to clarify a few concerns that the board had.

Paul explained that the chickens are very skittish meaning that they never get too close to the road, even when she lets them run around during the day outside of their coup.

"They never go very far," Paul said.

Paul also clarified that she has more than two acres of land.

When it came time to vote, the board voted 4-1 to deny the variance with Benard being the one vote in favor of the variance request.

The next Zoning Board meeting is slated for Wednesday, April 21.

Task Force

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task force would meet once a month but after discussing it with Kerry, and determining the number of tasks they need to accomplish it was determined that it wouldn't be enough.

"I don't think that's going to be frequent enough," Dolan said.

This led him to suggest that they meet at least every two weeks for now, and if it is determined that they need to meet more they could meet as much as once a week.

When it comes to

meetings one of the big questions going into the meeting was whether or not the task force would allow for public comments during its meetings and if so to what extent. When the Council put together the task force they agreed that they would allow the task force to come up with its own policies on public comments.

Dolan said that starting next meeting they would begin allowing public comments and questions during its meetings for five to 10 minutes each meeting.

He noted if questions are brought up during the meeting that

they aren't able to answer at the time they will note the questions and find the answers. They are also considering coming up with a Q&A for the website and posting Frequently Asked Questions on the town's website to help communicate information to the community.

Dolan said during the meeting that one of the most important things for the task force is to stay focused.

"One of the things that's going to be important for us is to stay focused," Dolan said.

He said that the main thing that they

will be tackling is contamination in the wells for people in town.

"Right now the concern in the community is well water contamination. That's what we really want to focus on," Dolan said.

During the meeting they also decided which people would be assigned to what initial tasks.

One of the tasks will be to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, to investigate what the safe limits are in various chemicals that are found in well water systems and what they need to test for. Part of this task is Paul Lockwood and Brian Lockhart.

Another task that members were tasked with is finding different companies that can do testing of the wells for residents in Londonderry that are considered reputable. He said that once those are determined they will go through the town purchasing process to solicit bids.

They will also be looking for different companies that offer mitigation services and have them go through the town purchasing process for bids.

"Hopefully we can with the volume of business negotiate a good contract," Dolan said.

Volunteering to help with that task was George Kadziolka, Jim

Doucakis, and David Robinson.

The final task that members will begin with is in regards to communication, where they will figure out the best way to get information out to people in the community, especially educational materials. They will also work on gathering information as well.

Volunteering for this task was MacDonald, Anne Fenn, and Craig Durrett.

Dolan said that these tasks will be just for the beginning.

"This is just to get us started," Dolan said.

The next Londonderry PFAS Task Force meeting is slated for April 7 at 7 p.m.



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Energy Cost Saving Program Explained at Town Council

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A planned vote by the Londonderry Town Council at its last meeting on a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Plan was delayed until statewide legislation on the subject is settled.

The plan would empower municipalities in New Hampshire to take control of their community's energy costs and take advantage of market offerings or renewable options.

Bart Fromuth, Freedom Energy chief operating officer, appeared before the council Mar. 15 to recommend the

postponement and explain his reasons.

His company initially had opposed House Bill HB 315 because of its potential impact on CCA in the state through proposed changes to the program.

One specific objection was to a requirement that would force communities trying to move forward on CCA plans to agree to a contract with a supply vendor. This would have been at a rate before knowing what a comparable price was with Eversource as a state residential energy provider in its standard contract bid.

This scenario could have created a risk of agreeing to a price later found to be undesirable by residents, Fromuth said.

Freedom Energy working with legislators was able to reach a compromise with Eversource and other utility stakeholders to remove this proposed requirement from the bill and bring it more in line with standard offer bids.

While utilities go out some months apart for their bids his company can respond to market reactions when the market is most favorable to consumers, Fromuth told council members.

Another potential problem for Freedom Energy came when going out for CCAs. The company needs a certain amount of data from utilities – including who customers are, their utility account numbers though with no utility information, and their load profiles.

Under HB 315, only names and addresses would have been provided through the town's tax rolls.

This measure would've required the company to go to every town resident and get this information directly, which would have been cost prohibitive, Fromuth said. It was subsequently removed.

A provision added to the bill is a new purchase of receivables program, which is favorable for community choice aggregation, he stated.

Here the utility guarantees the credit for every customer in a community choice program. "This is going to open the door for a lot more suppliers who will be willing to bid on our community package and then through that competition lower our prices even further."

House and Senate allies are lined up on the bill's changes and the governor also appears to be supportive, Fromuth said.

Freedom Energy decided not to go forward on the town vote due to a small change in terms of where the legislation is anticipated to go.

An amendment was entered that would call for bringing a plan to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for approval to make sure it's in accord with current laws. The PUC would either accept or reject a plan.

But rather than approve Londonderry's plan first, Freedom Energy asked the town council to wait until a CCA plan can be submitted after PUC approval.

The CCA bill sought to create a second default service provider controlled by the town, Fromuth noted.

Councilor Deb Paul

objected to her account information being given to anyone first without her approval, she told him. She urged the council to make residents aware of the ability to opt out.

Otherwise someone is automatically being put into Freedom Energy's program and has to back out.

Even with the council's blessing for this step, said Chair John Farrell, the 9,000 town Eversource customers can still choose to decline the offer from Freedom Energy.

Those customers would receive an opt-out notice only if they're on default service from Eversource as the standard offer provider. They would have 30 days to opt out.

The third-party supplier chosen will pay for the opt-out cards.

OBITUARY

Denise M. Curtis



Denise M. Curtis, 68, passed away peacefully on March 19, 2021, with her family by her side.

Dee grew up in Boston and moved to Londonderry where she spent most of her life.

She married her best friend and the love of her life Paul Curtis in 1995. They spent the last 25 years falling in love with each other more and more every day. Dee and Paul were snowbirds who spent winters in Barefoot Bay, Florida and the Spring and Summer in New Hampshire. Dee loved her family. She always had a camera, a contagious personality, and a kind heart.

Dee was active in American Legion Auxiliary for over 30 years, so it is fitting her celebration of life will be held at American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Road, Londonderry, NH on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 2pm-6pm.

Her sisters Donna and Diane were waiting in Heaven to hold her upon arriving as well as her daughter Robin.

She leaves her husband Paul, brother Billy, children Randy, Matt, Samantha, Donna, Paul & Scott, as well as the rest of her family and friends with a broken heart.

Assisting with arrangements is the Cremation Society of New Hampshire. To view Dee's online tribute, send condolences to her family, or for more information, visit www.csnh.com

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Editorial

As Towns Grow Water is a Big Concern

Now that Londonderry has its first PFAs task force meeting, we believe it might be a good idea for towns to start thinking about having permanent water committees formed as our drinking water in both quality and quantity are paramount for future growth.

The main issue being groundwater and insuring that there is an amply supply of safe, clean drinking water for the residents of town for decades to come.

While drinking water quality is regulated and monitored. Access to good quality drinking water remains a critical issue.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets standards for drinking water quality and financial programs to ensure drinking water safety.

Millions of Americans receive high quality drinking water every day from their public water systems. However, the water that is being consumed by well owners should also be taken into consideration, since it may not be safe to drink, and some property owners will never be able to or want to hook into public water services.

Generally speaking, contaminated groundwater is very difficult and expensive to clean up. Solutions can be found after groundwater has been contaminated but this isn't easy. For the time being, we feel the best thing to do is adopt pollution prevention and conservation practices in order to protect important groundwater supplies from being contaminated or depleted in the first place.

Since groundwater is an important and vital resource for all people, it is important to protect it. After all, in many that this paper has written about water can run out. Conserving the quantity of groundwater is essential. By simply reducing the amount of water that we use, our water supply will last longer.

Ways to Protect and Conserve Groundwater according to the Ground Water Foundation at groundwaterfoundation.org

- Go Native; use native plants in your landscape.
 - Reduce Chemical Use; Use fewer chemicals and make sure to dispose of them properly - don't dump them on the ground.
 - Manage Waste; Properly dispose of potentially toxic substances.
 - Shut off the water, don't let it run.
 - Water lawns and plants during the coolest parts of the day and only when they truly need it.
 - Reduce the amount of "stuff" you use and reuse what you can. Recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, aluminum and other materials.
 - Natural Alternatives; Use all natural/nontoxic household cleaners when possible. Materials such as lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar make great cleaning products, are inexpensive, and environmentally friendly.
- You can protect groundwater on a local level in your community. By getting involved and be someone who cares about the future of our natural resource, groundwater get involved in water education it is our future.

Letters

Naar Family Thanks Community

To the editor,

On March 12, our lives were changed in an instant as we found out that our son and brother, Jacob Naar, was taken from us in a tragic vehicle accident. These past weeks, the outpouring of love and support that we received from this community and beyond has been what has helped guide us through this horrible tragedy. All the spontaneous reactions to the loss of Jacob, from the candlelight vigil to the basketball tournament and everything in between, has been an incredible testament to the power of this community. All the words of sympathy that people have sent our way, whether they were from his closest friends or people that didn't even know him, shined a light on us in this time of unbearable darkness. The love and energy that the community directed at the Jacob Naar Scholarship Fund created a legacy for Jacob that will last at LHS for many years to come and will allow future students to continue making an impact.

The overwhelming response to the GoFund Me, the #Naarstrong yard signs, the J2N decals and sweatshirts, and other fundraising events and opportunities will help build on that legacy and for that, our family is incredibly grateful.

On Sunday, March 21, what our family witnessed was something that words cannot describe. The beautiful memorial held to cele-

brate our son and brother was made possible by so many members of this community. Without the help of the Londonderry School District, Town Officials, LFD, LPD, Lancer Gridiron Club, FastShot Boosters, Peabody Funeral Home, local businesses and many others, the day would not have been as memorable and impactful as it was. We are beyond thankful that so many were able to come out and share in our grief and provide us with much needed solace. The love for Jake was palpable and his presence was felt repeatedly throughout the day. The stunning setup made it clear that those involved devoted such a large amount of time and resources to creating the perfect celebration of life.

We can only hope that the impact Jake had on so many continues to influence people to carry forth in his spirit, instilling positivity, kindness, and a drive to live everyday to the fullest. His mantra of "No Bad Days" should be something we all try to strive for. Remember, there are many things throughout the day to smile about. Even if you haven't found yours yet, if the opportunity to make someone else smile presents itself, take it. It could make all the difference in the world.

The pain that Jacobs absence has caused is indescribable. It has left a hole in our hearts that will never be filled. We miss him dearly everyday, but we feel his presence with us in everything we do. It was an honor to love him and it

was a privilege to call him son and brother. We will carry him with us forever and our love for him will never fade.

There are so many to thank that naming them all individually would be next to impossible, but please know that we will do our best to reach out and express our gratitude personally. The embrace that we felt from you, our Londonderry community, has helped the healing process begin, and for that we are eternally grateful.

Stay positive, be kind, #nobaddays
Reggie, Judi, Jillian, Alexa, and Ava Naar
Londonderry

Response to Mr. Pitre

To the editor

I am responding to Mr. Pitre's letter about the current crisis at the southern border. First, let me be clear, there is a humanitarian crisis at the border. The Administration cancelled some of President Trumps policies and the result has been an increase in the number of unaccompanied minors seeking asylum. These children are currently living in crowded, unacceptable conditions. We criticized the last President for keeping children in these conditions, so a Democrats, we must own it and fix it.

That said, let's take a look specifically at Mr. Pitre's claims. First, he says that there were more illegals entering now than in any year in the previous administration. This isn't correct. Using Customs and Bor-

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Private Road Bill Fails in Senate Review

JOHN J. GOGLIA
SUBMISSION

Senate Bill 131-FN, Part IX requesting fair and equitable tax treatment for residents who live on private roads was introduced to the Senate Transportation Committee on March 2, 2021 in an online hearing. The bill essentially required municipalities to either take ownership of private roads in qualified communities or provide a tax credit to residents on those private roads equivalent to the extra costs for services not provided by those communities. Since the assessment of property

on private roads is computed the same as those on public roads and the private road owners pay extra for certain services municipalities provided to public road residents the intent of SB-131. Part IX was the last part of omnibus bill SB-131-FN which combines various bills for expedient discussion purposes. Eight individuals spoke in support of part IX and only a lobbyist for the New Hampshire Municipal Association, representing the cities and towns of New Hampshire spoke in opposition. The five Senators of the Transportation Committee asked vari-

ous questions during the hearing trying to understand the legislation.

On March 9, the Senate Transportation Committee held a public online Executive Meeting to discuss the dispositions of the nine parts of SB-131. There was a brief discussion about considering the formation of a study committee to address all or a portion of the issues generated by SB-131, part IX. All five Senators agreed that the issues surrounding private roads and the proposed legislation were very complex. However, in a final vote the committee decided to delete

part IX from further consideration.

The New Hampshire Private Road Taxpayers Alliance (NHPVRTA), a state-wide nonprofit organization which was the primary supporter of Part IX intends to evaluate the "lessons learned" from this Senate Session and determine a future course of action.

Anyone interested in assisting in the pursuit of tax fairness for private road residents should visit www.nhpvrta.com and make their assistance known.

The Town of Londonderry began the work involved in resurfacing the parking lot at Town Hall early this week. The project is expected to continue through April 30, and will be performed throughout each day at the Town Hall Parking Lot.

Public access and parking will be provided through this time period, and residents are urged to follow the posted signs in the area. Anyone with questions should contact the Department of Public Works at 603-432-1100 (ext. 193).

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der Patrol figures, there were 100,441 encounters in February. This is an increase from December 74,000 and January 78,000, but in May 2019 the number was 144,116. The numbers for the two months prior and after May were all over 100 thousand each.

Next, he said that 108 illegals tested positive for COVID 19 were released in Arizona which had "no authority" to quarantine them. Again incorrect, the State was Texas and as we know, it is Governors who set state policy on quarantining. The Biden administration has offered funding to Texas to pay for testing and quarantining, which the Governor of Texas refused.

Rather than refute the allegations about migrant impact on society, I will simply draw your attention to an Associated Press fact check of February 8th 2019 entitled "Trump plays on immigration

myths". I found this to be very helpful in understanding the complexities of this issue. We, Democrats don't want illegal immigration. Rather, we want fair, legal immigration. We want secure borders. We think, wherever possible, the problems of our neighbors to the south should be solved in their home nations. We are a compassionate and caring people who have always been a haven for people in desperate circumstances. With those goals in mind, can we not have an active civil debate on the best way to achieve them?

Finally, I don't think we should allow the border issue to distract us from the importance of getting the Virus under control. Everyone wants their lives back. We must not waiver with goal in sight. We have three good vaccines now. We, Democrats must thank President Trump for the role he played in Operation Warp Speed. President Biden has used the provisions of the Defense

Production Act to greatly increase the pace of vaccine availability. We ask our Republican friends to join us in urging everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. We are in a race to get this virus under control. To do so, we must reduce the number of cases to a level where contact tracing is able to isolate and contain variants. Failure to do so would only delay our return to normalcy.

Jim Green
Londonderry NH

Young Baby Lives Matter

To the editor,
It is with a tremendous sense of pride that we can celebrate the passage of House Bill 625 FN. Truly, a bill that demonstrates our collective practice of human compassion. The Bill protects children 24 weeks old, and it was heroically sponsored by seven women and one man in our legislature. Direct support of the lives of children, we can all agree, recognize and protect these children's innate dignity. It is reassuring to have bipartisan support for this common sense legislation.

After college in '86, I had the good fortune of visiting my sister at work in a California Neo-

Natal ICU. My sister placed a tiny child in my hands. Arguably the youngest child alive on the planet. Under 24 weeks old, a breathing, miraculous child wiggling up a storm in the palm of my hand. Science has come a long, long way since then. 34 years later, I lived and laughed with boys and girls who received protection when they were 24 weeks old.

These children are not rare medical miracles; they are already our friends and neighbors.

Certainly, we as a nation can rally around the simple truth. These children are alive, and it is our God given duty to protect them from harm. Please extend a thank you to the legislators who made this possible. Call any others who did not support this rational legislation and guide them away from this senseless path of violence against children.

Thankfully,
Ken Rahilly
Londonderry
(YBLM – Young Baby Lives Matter)

U.S. Minorities Are Successful

To the editor
In contrast to many countries, the United States, with its preva-

lence of schools and opportunities for all people, and due to its diversity and openness, boasts a broad spectrum of educated, intelligent and successful citizens in all disciplines who represent our entire population. This tends to promote harmony and equality.

Minorities in the U.S. are succeeding due to their desire for an education and their qualities of perseverance and motivation.

They include Asian Americans, Indian Americans (from India), Cuban Americans, Nigerian Americans and Mormon Americans. Jewish Americans are successful because they have availed themselves of the opportunities in the U.S.

However, minorities in the U.S., including Jews, blacks, Latinos, Indians, and Asian Americans and others continue to be discriminated against. A recent rash of assaults have been committed against Asian Americans. Asian Americans helped build this country over the past 170 years, including the transcontinental railroad; and many of them are highly educated and are doctors, scientists, engineers, educators and business executives.

Educational and employment opportunities for all, and rewards and recognition for successful people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation makes the United States the jealous envy of the world

because of our perseverance and will to succeed. We are all integral parts of the greatest country in the world.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Disaster on Southwest Border

To the editor
Biden's Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas acknowledged that the southwest border crossings are currently the highest in two decades.

Based on CBP statistics, southwest border crossings in Fiscal Year 2021 (Oct-Feb) to date was 482,700 averaging 96,500 per month or 1,158,000 annualized that is twice Trump's average annual border crossings of 534,000 over fiscal years 2017 through 2020.

The sad and inhumane aspect of CBP data is the plight of unaccompanied children (UAC) border crossings. In one facility, 3,850 are packed into a facility with a capacity of 350 with 18,000 UAC currently being housed at CBP facilities. In FY2021 to date, 29,792 unaccompanied children and single minors have crossed the southwest border. 2,942 of these children are under 12 years and 26,850 are 13-17. None of this data includes those who slip through the cracks.

Despite Biden's handlers trying to deny media, House and Senate members from viewing detention facilities,

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ble to obtain grant funds to help acquire the land through a Drinking Water/Groundwater Trust Fund.

The town is asking the Planning Board to approve the subdivision of this parcel. There is no site plan as this is just a pure subdivision request said Commission Chair Marge Badois.

The design review was skipped to go straight to the formal submission to expedite grant funding, Planner Amy Kizak told the com-

mission at its Mar. 23 meeting. The project will be on the April 7 planning board agenda when it will be reviewed.

At the northern corner of the property is a small 27-foot deep encroachment where the town ballfield was built slightly on the Mack property, said commission member Michael Speltz. This should be included in the baseline documentation sent to DES, he recommended to the commission.

A stipulation was added that if the ballfield is redone, it should

be moved out of the encroachment area. "It is just basically turf that runs along to the right of the first baseline between home plate and first," Speltz said.

Also in this area is one of the team dugouts with a concrete slab base that can't be moved.

According to the required DES restrictions on the land, the property can be used for recreation but with no more baseball fields other than the exception made in the baseline documentation report.

DES will send the

town's report to the Drinking Water/Groundwater Trust Fund Commission, a separate entity set up to administer the grant program. The Planning and Public Works Departments will also have to approve the stewardship plan for the property which has requirements dictated by the grant program.

In other matters the commission addressed, Badois said she will ask the Town Council to consider implementing steps to deal with a potential drought given the "abnormally dry" conditions in town and

lower than usual rainfall.

She favors putting water conservation practices in place now instead of waiting until September as occurred last year. This entails advising the public to hold off on any major landscaping and only watering lawns weekly. Restrictions can be lifted if rainfall amounts warrant.

Commission member Deb Lievens brought up the question of whether the Higgins house on Pillsbury Road by the cemetery is changing hands given the for sale sign on the property. It is

not currently owned by a Higgins family member.

Speltz noted 2 separate easements are on the property that should require the conservation commission be notified of a change in ownership as the easement holder. A new owner may not necessarily be familiar with conservation easement provisions, he said.

Sometimes real estate agents don't know about the easements either or understand the requirements, Badois added.

OBITUARY

Robert W. Bonnar



Robert W. Bonnar, 72, of Merrimack, NH, died Wednesday March 24, 2021 in his home. He was born in Brookline, MA on Nov. 11, 1948, a son of Eldon and Bella (Collins) Bonnar. He had been a resident of Merrimack for 5 years, formerly living in Londonderry, NH. He was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, Class of 1968, and had attended UNH and Keene State College. Over the years, he had been employed for Manning Electric, the Londonderry Fire Dept., Digital Equipment, and Velcro USA. He was a member of the Londonderry Fish and Game Club, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed golfing, traveling, camping, playing 45's, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Diana (Finnegan) Bonnar of Merrimack; three daughters, Beth Bonnar and her partner Dave Farrar of Boulder City, NV; Amy Chouinard and her husband Jon of Goffstown, NH; Sara Bonnar and her husband John Della Vedova of Kingston, WA; five grandchildren, Matthew and Rebecca Bonnar; Carter, Aidan and Grady Chouinard; two brothers, Thomas Bonnar, and Richard Bonnar; two sisters, Jean Milne, and Lois Garland (deceased); as well as several nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Tuesday, March 30 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. Private memorial services will be held for the family, with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The National Wildlife Foundation.

Letters

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photos have been smuggled of cages packed with kids with Biden staff telling visitors to delete photos from their cameras.

Hypocrisy of Trump's treatment of UAC? UAC are supposed to be released to parents, relatives or sponsors within 72 hours, but many are still in detention up to 10 days after apprehension. CBP expects 26,000 UAC per month for the next 7 months or 182,000. Most shocking is that UAC's parents in Central America are paying drug cartels to take their children across the border

while sending their children with birth control measures knowing that up to 80% will be sexually molested or raped. If parents can't pay the cartels, their kids are used as mules to take drugs across the border or become sex slaves to cartels.

Is this the humanity of allowing illegals into the US that Democrat leaders espouse?

All Biden had to do to avert the border disaster that he and his handlers were unprepared for was to not cancel Trump's border wall and continue the Trump, Mexican President Obrador agreement of immigrants staying in Mexico until they were processed

into America. President Obrador blames Biden for the disaster on the US/Mexican border. America was born of immigrants and I believe it should remain as such, but only through the hundreds of years of abiding by the laws of entry as those who entered through Ellis Island. Biden is sadly a shell with little knowledge of what he does and the ramifications of his handler's dictates. He is like the proverbial mushroom; kept in the dark and fed his lines as we have seen repeatedly. Most sad is his wife put-

ting her husband into this embarrassing and demeaning situation to fulfill her dream of being First Lady. America is a moderate, centrist Republic and does not value welfare socialism, big government, high taxation or a second-rate military. We want, demand a strong leader as we know that without American leadership, the world will not be safe from those who want world domination and harm us in the process. Biden can't take us there.

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Middle School Principals Left Hanging For a Good Cause



Londonderry Middle School Principal William Van Bennekum and Assistant Principal David Sutherland selflessly allowed themselves to be the brunt of student taunting during a fundraiser on Tuesday morning, March 30. The event organized by the student council and was to help raise money for the End 68-Hours of Hunger organization and \$500 was donated as well as many food items. Financial donations were brought in through selling lengths of Duct Tape, which were used to fasten the two principals to the wall, and to vote on which principal would have a pie thrown at them. Sutherland got the most votes for that privilege. Advisors Melissa Desroches and Rachel Yakey were responsible for much of the planning and End 68-Hours representative Darcie Dryli received a check during the event.

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Heritage Commission

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medical office. Other commissioners faulted the design and called for something to break up the building's monotony.

Jeff Kevan, civil project supervisor with TF Moran, said the original design was to have townhouse brownstone style buildings but the market changed as to what was available to be built.

He thought this project was a good addition to overall development in having a medical office, Main Street development, and a senior living facility going in.

Town Council Liaison to the board, Jim Butler, opposed having some 70 percent of parking being right on the roadway as "unacceptable." The intent was to have the parking behind the buildings, he pointed out.

Butler also expressed concern over the site line going right through the parking lot leading to a large gap

along Michels Way. "It's not what the town's people expected and it's not what we were sold."

Butler was referring to the Design Charrettes that took place leading up to the construction of Woodmont Commons.

He also was quite unhappy with the siding being proposed to use on the building. Stating that he didn't feel it fit in with what was presented at the charrettes.

Kevan said his engineering firm looked at how this project would fit in with the rest of the development.

He thought putting in a landscaping screen was more attractive than using fencing.

Chris Nickerson representing the developer LD 2020 LLC suggested access to the site off Michels Way could be eliminated to quell some board concerns and provide more screening from the parking.

Another option suggested was to move the parking back and put in

a strip of vegetation so the parking lot would not be visible.

The challenge with developing medical offices is that remote parking is difficult for the patient population, Nickerson said. "It mitigates the benefit of having the building inside of the community."

Getting large-scale medical services in Londonderry could "ignite a spark" for development to attract more high end businesses, he added.

The commission asked Kevan and Nickerson to return at a May 27 follow-up meeting with 3 specific items: a slight redesign on the side of the building, a different option for the building orientation in the parking lot to remove the barren area in the middle, and samples for all the selected materials.

In other business, the commission reviewed a site plan design for a proposed one-story 3,736-square-foot bank, Enterprise Bank, with a drive through and small parking lot, and associated site improvements

at Michels Way going toward Pillsbury Road and Garden Lane near Market Basket, which is the owner. The only recommendations were some landscaping changes along with a request for material samples prior to construction.

Members also reviewed and accepted a lot line adjustment of over 7.5 feet between Map 16 Lot 38-126 and Map 16 Lot 38-127, 44 and 46 Clover Lane, zoned AR-1, with Chinnburg Properties Inc., as

the applicant and Lorden Commons, LLC the owner.

The original project's phase one involved some 51 lots done by another engineering firm, said Jason Lopez, project manager at Keach-Nordstrom Associates. His firm took over on Phases II, III, and IV. Moving the lot line will provide 32.5 feet between building setback lines.

The two lots in this plan are in Phase IV. The firm missed a 30-foot front setback off Calla

Road and 15-foot side setback for a minimum lot width. That left a 25-foot wide building envelope, Lopez told the commission. Making this change will allow for consistency in the style of homes being built.

Commissioners also chose to continue with the current slate of officers: Kenney will remain as chair, Rugg as vice chair, and John Mahon as secretary. Kristen Endyke is the new full member.

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Londonderry Native Receives COVID Vaccine Aboard Navy Warship



NORFOLK, VA - Londonderry native Petty Officer 2nd Class Olivia Cluff received a COVID-19 vaccine aboard USS Iwo Jima, an amphibious assault ship, currently conducting training in Norfolk, Virginia. Cluff is a 2014 Lon-

donderry High School graduate and Cluff currently serves as an aerographer's mate.

"I am a weather forecaster," said Cluff. "I provide different products such as forecasts to help support mission readiness for the fleet."

Cluff joined the Navy six years ago to be a part of something bigger and help other people.

According to Cluff, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Londonderry.

"Lessons I learned from growing up in my hometown that have helped me succeed in the Navy would be commitment, determination and overall respect for people," said Cluff. "Commitment to be there for people, deter-

mination to continue to learn and grow physically, mentally and emotionally and respect for myself and my shipmates."

Iwo Jima is the seventh Wasp-class amphibious assault ship and the second ship in the U.S. Navy to bear that name. The ship was named for the Battle of Iwo Jima of World War II.

According to Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday, four priorities will focus efforts on sailors, readiness, capabilities and capacity.

"For 245 years, in both calm and rough waters, our Navy has

stood the watch to protect the homeland, preserve freedom of the seas, and defend our way of life," said Gilday. "The decisions and investments we make this decade will set the maritime balance of power for the rest of this century. We can accept nothing less than success."

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Cluff, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts

will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"Serving in the Navy means that I'm a part of something bigger," added Cluff. "That I can support, defend and protect not only this country, but my friends and family. I did a lot of research before I got received this vaccine and I even went back and forth on whether I should get it or not. But if you think about it, my reason for getting this vaccine is the same reason I had for joining the Navy. To protect not only myself, but those around me."

Leach Library Scheduling Browsing Appointments Starting April 12

Starting the week of April 12, Leach Library will begin offering browsing appointments for two days per week to Londonderry residents or Leach Library cardholders. Half-hour browsing appointments will be available on Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis starting Monday, April 12 at 10 a.m. by calling the library at 432-1132.

Occupancy will be limited, and walk-ins may be admitted as availability allows. Visitors should check in with a staff member at the library entrance at the time of their scheduled appointment. Face coverings are required to enter the building.

The Children's Room will remain closed, and seating will be limited during this reopening phase. Public computers and in-person reference help will not be available

during browsing appointments at this time. The reference staff can be reached during operating hours by phone and by email at reference@londonderrynh.org.

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The Secret Credit Card Companies Don't Want You to Know

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You've probably seen or heard commercials about "The secret the credit card companies don't want you to know?" Intriguing isn't it? If there were some way to snap your fingers and make that credit card debt disappear wouldn't we all want to try it?

The announcer's voice carries such an air of authority he's got to know what he's talking about, right? They hope you're moved to pick up the phone and call right away.

Before delving into "the secret" let's look at some basics for people saddled with growing credit card debt. Companies offer various methods to deal with lots of credit card bills. They may or may not work depending on the circumstances. Before understanding the big secret here are some definitions.

Debt Consolidation

In a perfect world, the company you hire puts all of your credit card debts together into one payment. You pay the consolidation company a certain sum every month. The allure is that the one payment to the company is less than the total of all the bills. They say they work out some deal with each company through their bargaining power as a known entity that does this, and you save money.

This presents a great idea. The problem in the experience of many of my clients is that the consolidation people rarely deals with all of the credit cards. They deal with the easy ones, pocket your money, and you end up with some of the same credit card debt that you started with.

Debt Management

Some companies out there offer to "manage" your debt. You can do this yourself on paper or computer by creating a spread sheet, listing all due dates and amounts

due. Looking at your overall situation might make things more clear. The problem when you hire a company to do this for you often rests in the fact that you pay them to do the spread sheet. Their fee does not include you having to pay the managed payments. Unless totally disorganized, this task is best handled by you yourself.

Debt Settlement

Debt settlement implies that the amount you owe is reduced to a final number that you pay. The idea is that the credit card company might rather "settle" for a lower amount than wait forever in the unlikely chance that you will pay the entire amount. Especially if you're threatening to file bankruptcy, the company might figure getting something out of you is better than having the entire amount discharged.

One big problem with debt settlement is that the amount that is reduced is seen as income by the IRS. In other words, you pay tax on the amount of the erased debt. Whether or not the settlement company sends you a Form 1099, which they should.

Debt Forgiveness

While debt settlement above involves a reduction of the amounts outstanding, outright debt forgiveness does just that. Forgiven debt simply goes away entirely. Again, to the extent to which a debt is reduced, the IRS sees this as unearned income. The law requires you pay taxes on that amount.

Debt Resolution

Resolution and debt settlement often offer similar if not the same service. Debt resolution companies gather up all information on everything you owe. Promising you that they are experts, they'll then either negotiate with your creditors or tell you that this is being done.

Debt resolution offers the promise of "resolving" all of your debts whether settled in part, forgiven or sometimes paid off in full over time if the balances are low.

Credit Counselling

Some companies may offer various advice on how to deal with your mounting credit card debt under this name. But, "Credit Counselling" is the legal name of a mandatory class people must take before they file bankruptcy. Nonprofit budget and credit counselling agencies provide this. Their certification comes from the US Trustee program which oversees the bankruptcy process. If you're good on a computer, the class can be done online. If not, the "counselling" also comes over a toll-free telephone number. After successful completion of the class, which most people can do in under an hour, you get a credit counselling certificate. Under bankruptcy law you must have this certificate before filing bankruptcy.

With the exception of true credit counselling under bankruptcy law, the lines sometimes blur between the other concepts. Don't let the companies claim

"oh no that's not what we do at all" then give you a line of nonsense.

What is the secret the credit card companies don't want you to know?

No drum roll required here. Just like a recipe, take a pinch of all of the above ideas, except for credit counselling, throw them together and you're off to a good start. The real secret comes here. If you simply stop paying your credit cards, and you do not pay them for a long time, alarms go off at the credit card company. As a result, in addition to the nasty collection letters and calls you might get, the company has a few options. One option some credit card companies offer is a "settlement".

If you retain a company to pursue this option, they ask you to stop paying credit cards and pay the company instead. They might require automatic electronic payments. As they sit and collect your money, they hope the credit card companies give in and offer a low settlement.

If a lower debt settlement offer comes in, the settlement company brags about what a great job they've done for you. But that money they've been collecting from you

usually is not applied to the lower debt settlement. Usually that is their fee. More often than not you pay the debt settlement yourself.

In the experience of my clients, who end up filing a bankruptcy when this scheme fails, not all of the credit card companies offer a settlement. Contrary to popular belief no law requires this. The settlement is simply a practice they sometimes follow.

Another problem with this scheme occurs when your credit report shows late payments, charge offs and other damaging information that happened while you played the waiting game.

Finally, remember that to the extent that some of your debt is reduced you now have to pay taxes on the amount forgiven.

The above "secret" isn't the only thing hidden from you at first that you very well might run into if you follow these schemes. Unless you read the small print in the agreement, they send you, or on their web sites, here are four more secrets:

1. They do not stand behind their own product with language such as "You understand and acknowledge that no spe-

cific results can be predicted or guaranteed."

2. As you play the waiting game "creditors may continue to pursue collection efforts on delinquent accounts".

3. Failure to tell you up front what we have about your tax liability on forgiven debt. Instead they use words in the fine print such as "we highly advise you consult with your tax professional".

4. The other "secret" language hidden in the fine print often cautions: "We do not guarantee that your debts will be lowered by a specific amount or percentage or that you will be debt-free within a specific period of time."

Secret vs Known Entity

Bankruptcy presents a big decision. In the free initial consultations offered by my office we review options and never attempt to persuade anyone to file bankruptcy. But there are unknowns and delay in following "The Secret" approach. For the most part a usual no-asset Chapter 7 Bankruptcy is over in four months or less. Many of our clients have attempted the above approaches, only extending the hardship brought on by unbearable debt. As a result, they end up filing bankruptcy anyhow.




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Comedy and Humor

The Leach Library will host a Virtual Adult Program: "Comedy and Humor" Starting on Monday, April 5, at 10 a.m., watch Public Services Librarian Matt Fuller as he shares some library materials featuring comedy and humor. To check out any of these items, call the Leach Library at 432-1132.

Craft Time

Starting on Monday, April 12, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft time will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page. Follow along with Miss Colleen as she decorates a bookworm puppet! Craft kits are available while supplies last. Please call the library at 432-1132 to reserve a time to pick up your kit today!

Young Adult Craft

Starting on Monday, April 19, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page. Follow along with Miss Megan to make your own 3D framed quote craft! Please call the library at 432-1132 to reserve a time to pick up a craft kit.

Story Time

Beginning on Monday, April 26 at 10 a.m., Join Miss Jennifer for a reading of "Sebastian Meets Marvin the Monkey"! This story time features a book written by Londonderry author Janice Spina and illustrated by her husband John Spina.

Legion Karaoke

American Legion Post 27 will host a Karaoke night with DJ Sharon on April 9, from 7:30 - 11 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. Please

wear a mask when entering and moving around within the Post. The bartender will take your temperature and ask for your phone number as part of our contact tracing.

Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 27 Monthly General Meeting will be on April 12, at 7 p.m. at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. The 2020-21 Executive Board officers will be installed so there will not be a normal meeting. All members are welcome to attend. Please wear a mask when entering and moving around within the Post. The bartender will take your temperature and ask for your phone number as part of our contact tracing.

Voter Information

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the voter checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering. The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Londonderry will hold sessions for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, as well as accepting applications for new voter registration, requests for the correction of the checklist, and changes of political party affiliation on the following dates: Sunday, April 11, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday, May 17, from 6 - 8 p.m., Saturday, June 19, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, from 6 - 8 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonder-

ry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

Republicans Meeting

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Tax Forms Available at Leach Library

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ment and print other tax forms upon request. Please call the library at 432-1132 to schedule a pickup time during Drive-Thru Service hours: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) is Now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year! Are you considering preschool for your child? If your child turned 3 by Sept. 1st and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling your child in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool program. We are a developmentally appropriate preschool that is respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. Our teachers are all certified educators and the program is provided by the Londonderry School District. Programs for three-year old preschoolers meet from 8:25 - 10:55 a.m., either 2 or 4 days per week and our program for our prekindergarten students meet from noon - 2:30 p.m., either 3 or 4 days per week. Tuition rates are: Preschool: \$150 per month for a 2 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Prekindergarten: \$180 per month for a 3 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Dee Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Dee Fosmire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

Teen Talk

Free LIVE on Zoom on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., for teens 13-18 to talk, support each other, and be heard. No preregistration necessary. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/tipstotics

Free Parenting Workshops

View these free par-

enting workshops at your own pace hosted by the Upper Room at www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. Dealing with Challenging Behaviors in Children - The Importance of Routines and Consistency for your Child.

Raising another's child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org g. Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

Caregiver Resource Line

Have parenting questions? Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver resource line, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 26. Call with your name and contact number, and a trained professional will return your call within 24 hours. If you are having an emergency, please call 911.

Covid-19 Relief Fund

To apply for financial assistance, call Community Health Services at (603) 425-2545. For holiday gifts, food and other types of assistance, call The Upper Room at (603) 437-8477 x 110.

Free Stress Management Workshop

An on demand workshop by the Upper Room. View at www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. To learn more contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org.

St. Jude Food Pantry

St. Jude's Food Pantry is open to all Londonderry resident who maybe in need. Call Kay at 434-1827 to make an appointment to pickup your food from the pantry. "We are there for the people and want to

help them."

TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children. Zoom meeting link: bit.ly/tipstotics

Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online Story & Craft Session for Parents and their children up to age 6 with the Upper Room. Free Live on Zoom. Join us on Zoom for live interactive songs and children's stories followed by a craft lesson, that is easy and fun to do with your child at home. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom. craft supplies at bit.ly/connectstorytime or email skoza@URteacher.org.

Vaping and Your Health

A Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop will be held on demand. Workshops are held on the first Tuesday of the month and online options are also available. Call (603) 437-8477 x117 to register and get more information.

Raising a Teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org

Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone

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Around Town

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who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrkdias@aol.com

Legion Meals

Every Sunday Post 27 is serving food prepared by members during the 1 p.m., football game. Legionnaires eat for free and there is \$5 donation for everyone else. Please wear a mask when entering and moving around within the Post. The bartender will ask for

your cell number as part of our contact tracing. Located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.)

Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30 a.m., facilitated by The Upper Room, weekly free remote support programs

are available. To access: Contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04w-e-b.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is

offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizabeth@urteachers.org.

CART Transitions to Essential Trips only

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Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Par-

ent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Road, Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - March 22

12:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to two arrests made at RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road. Three officers assist with charging Chad Vaughn-Manfra, 40, of Northfield, on Bench Warrants and Timothy Pedra, 39, of Billerica, Mass. was arrested on a Warrant.

4:31 a.m. Suspicious Activity leads to an arrest(s) made at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Four officers assist with charging Donavon Straw, 22, of Manchester with Loitering or Prowling; and two counts of Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

6:28 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Chase Road.

6:39 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Bode Equipment on Londonderry Road.

1:26 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
2:12 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Commerce Avenue.

4:56 p.m. Eight officers assist the Derry Police Department with an investigation on Forest Street.

7:12 p.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on Isabella Drive.
9:18 p.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Rockingham Road.

Tuesday - March 23

1:47 a.m. Disturbance
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Fuel Assistance Taking Applications Through April 30

Southern NH Services' Fuel Assistance program is taking applications through April 30 to help renters and homeowners pay for past or future energy use, according to agency Deputy Director, Ryan Clouthier.

Says Clouthier, "As a community action agency our focus is on providing services to individuals and families with low incomes, and who are facing financial hardship.

Fuel assistance is one of those programs that plays a key role in ensuring that families have warmth. Once that need is met, we're more able to effectively work with that family on the other supports that they may need."

Benefits are calculated on a number of things, including household income, energy costs, and housing type. This allows those households with the lowest incomes and highest energy costs

to receive the highest benefits. Applications are taken through our Community Services Offices throughout Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties. Households can also apply for and receive electrical assistance at the same appointment, if eligible.

Clouthier continues, "We are reminding Hillsborough and Rockingham County residents that Fuel Assistance pays for oil, propane, wood,

pellets, kerosene, natural gas or electric heat costs and that payments can be made to reduce or eliminate a past due balance or create a credit balance for future use. The benefit may also be applied to rental cost if heat is included in the rent."

To apply residents should call SNHS or RCA offices closest to them or call 1-800-322-1073 to make an appointment. Applicants must qualify by household income for

30 days prior to the appointment. Benefits range from \$158 to \$1575 may be available to homeowners or renters during the winter heating season. Eligibility and benefit amounts are determined by GROSS household income for a 30 day period, household size, and annual heating costs. One person can earn \$2,810 per month and a family of 4 up to \$5,403 per month to qualify.

Southern NH Services,

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Kumon Learning Center Approved as Learn Everywhere Program

The New Hampshire Department of Education announced that Kumon Learning Center in NH will be joining NH's exclusive Learn Everywhere Program.

Learn Everywhere, an innovative education program unique to NH, allows students to earn credit for learning outside of the classroom. Kumon Learning Center is authorized to offer a full array of mathemat-

ics courses.

"Learning opportunities outside the classroom benefit all students, but they are particularly helpful to otherwise disadvantaged students," said Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education. "Having the Kumon Learning Center join the Learn Everywhere program further democratizes outstanding educational opportunities for all NH

students and families. Kumon will continue its work to help build bright futures by providing students and their families with a first-class learning experience from basic counting principles to advanced calculus."

"Kumon is both honored and excited to join the Learn Everywhere program in the state of NH," said John Collins, Vice President of Center

Network Development at Kumon North America, Inc. "The partnership will allow countless students to build upon and expand their existing education, resulting in a brighter future for us all."

"The approval of Kumon Learning Center creates yet another exciting opportunity for students to earn credit by demonstrating mastery of competencies in the discipline of math.

This is yet another perfect example of NH's competency-based education system," Nate Greene, Administrator of the Bureau of Educational Opportunities said.

For over 60 years Kumon Centers worldwide have strived to instill in children the desire to achieve and the motivation to learn on their own. Kumon's math program allows each student to proceed

through the course at their own speed ensuring they can fully grasp all topics.

Students who are interested in joining Kumon's Learn Everywhere program can contact their local learning center.

Additional information about Learn Everywhere can be found here. www.education.nh.gov/partners/education-outside-the-classroom/learn-everywhere

Police Log

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Investigated by five officers on Capitol Hill Drive.

11:25 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at State Liquor Store on Michels Way.

11:35 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Crestview Circle.

12:02 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Hovey Road. Rebecca Allen, 33, of Londonderry charged with Bench Warrants.

2:11 p.m. Three officers investigate a Disturbance on Rockingham Road.

3:52 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on Harvey Road at Burton Drive.

3:54 p.m. Four officers investigate a Disturbance on Nashua Road at

Winding Pond Road.

10:21 p.m. Suspicious Activity Investigated by five officers on Bayberry Lane.

Wednesday - March 24

10:01 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Annie's Hallmark on Michels Way.

10:53 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Hawthorne Road.

6:12 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Copperfield Lane.

6:58 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Wiley Hill Road.

10:21 p.m. Three officers investigate a Disturbance on Memorial Drive.

11:04 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Thursday - March 25

6:47 a.m. Larceny/Forg-

ery/Fraud investigated at Alltown on Hampton Drive.

9:03 a.m. Warrant Served and arrest made at the Londonderry Police Department. Tyra Muepoe, 36, of Londonderry charged with Endangering Welfare of a Child.

12:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

1:54 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

3:38 p.m. Three officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Mammoth Road.

5:31 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Fairway Drive. James Urquhart, 52, of Derry, charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking (\$0-\$1,000).

7:09 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on

Adams Road. Michael Dolan, 52, of Londonderry charged with Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury; and two counts of Criminal Mischief.

7:36 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Londonderry Road.

7:52 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Orchard Christian Fellowship Church on Pillsbury Road.

11:52 p.m. Emergency Restraining Order investigated on Litchfield Road.

Friday - March 26

11 a.m. Assisted Manchester Police officers with arrest on Buttrick Road.

11:04 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

4:32 p.m. Services ren-

dered for Juvenile Offenses at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

4:59 p.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Charleston Avenue.

7:04 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Saturday - March 27

12:23 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:05 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on King Richard Drive.

1:51 p.m. Services rendered for a Shooting Complaint on Lucas Road.

2:50 p.m. Complaint/Violation investigated by four officers at the Rail Trail on Rockingham Road

3:07 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Hannaford Food &

Drug on Hampton Drive. **3:14 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Winding Pond Road at Nashua Road.

4:14 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Wiley Hill Road.

5:30 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Grenier Field Road at Kitty Hawk Landing.

6:12 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Crestview Circle.

Sunday - March 28

8:44 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

1:35 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on High Range Road near Shasta.

11:10 p.m. Assisted the New Hampshire State Police with services at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.



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