New State Budget Cuts Impact Prevention, Juvenile Offenders

As the full weight of the state’s budget cuts sets in, social service providers are starting to take stock of resources still available to the community.

Upper Room Director Kim Bavaro said last week the non-profit has “just started mapping” resources that are still available to the Greater Derry community, and that the non-profit is already seeing an influx of people looking for services that no longer exist.

“We need to determine what we as an organization are going to do for families when we don’t have places to send them anymore,” she said. The process is expected to “take some time,” but Bavaro said so far she has learned funding has been eliminated for Child In Need of Services (CHINS), for parents facing abuse and neglect charges, for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention, for birth control

School Board Unanimously Approves Holding District Meeting to Add to Budget

School Board Chairman John Robinson opened the meeting and the public hearing, then turned it over to Superintendent Nate Greenberg, who explained the funding issues.

In March, the school district voters approved a budget of $63,567,937, Greenberg said, explaining that it was a lean budget that had already eliminated positions in teaching, guidance, administration and support.

“We adjusted some staffing levels, due to declining enrollment,” he said, noting that the eliminated positions will not be restored.

But when the state “reneged on its promise”

Londonderry Couple Devote Their Retirement to Shelter Box

Bill Dyer remembered one engagement he had promoting his and his wife, Dennie’s, favorite charity. He was visiting a small New England town and set up a sample tent from Shelter Box, the nonprofit the Dyers support.

What does he bring? The Shelter Box, a sturdy green plastic crate filled with everything a family of 10 will need after a disaster. There’s a tent, camp stove, blankets, ground covers, ponchos, eating utensils and even a portable water purification system, Dennie Dyer said.

The Dyers watched in amazement as their son Mark is what they call a Shelter Box Response Team member, or SRT,” Bill Dyer said. “He goes into these countries right after they have a natural disaster. Their son has been to Haiti twice, Somalia, Niger, Colombia and Japan, Bill Dyer said.

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Grant Sought to Hire Consultant For Master Plan

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
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The Master Plan Steering Committee has applied for an Orton Foundation “Heart and Soul” grant, in the hope of receiving up to $50,000 to help with updating the town’s Master Plan.

If the grant is received, it will help the town acquire a consultant to update the 2004 Master Plan and solicit input from the community.

Planning and Development Director Andre Garron applied for the grant in conjunction with the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, and reported on the process at the July 27 meeting. Grants will be awarded in November.

Initial requirements for the grant include having a population under 31,000; having a full-time planner; having a regional partner, in this case the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC); establishing a community advisory team; and creating a video showing what Londonderry is today. Four grants are awarded per year, two in the New England area and two in the Western states.

The goal of the grants, according to Jack Munn of SNHPC, is to “guide a town that has deep and rich values to develop a vision of its future at a time when the direction of that outlook is unclear.”

Garron presented a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the project coordinator, including a “vision statement,” land-use statement according to statute, transportation section including the state’s 10-year highway plan and alternative transportation, a section on Economic Development listing 10 strengths and weaknesses of the town, an inventory of Community Facilities, and sections on Natural Resources, Natural Hazards, Existing Public and Private Utilities, Culture and History, Regulatory Concerns, Community Design, Recreation, and a Master Plan Website.

Mike Speltz, a member of the Conservation Commission and chairman of the Open Space Task Force, suggested the language be changed on the section on water resources. Speltz expressed concern about the phrase “if budget and resources allow,” noting that he’d like to see the conditional phrase removed so it assures that there will be a plan.

Committee member Bob Saur asked to see a paragraph on climate change, noting, “It’s important with the severe storms and flooding.”

Master Plan Committee Chair Leitha Reilly said in a phone interview, “Of course we’d like to be the recipients” of the Heart and Soul grant. But the group is not putting the “cart before the horse,” she said, adding that if it doesn’t get the grant, money has still been budgeted for a consultant.

The town is applying for a $50,000 matching grant from the Orton Family Foundation. Londonderry has budgeted $25,000 for the project; the rest of the $50,000 match will be made up of $17,500 “in kind” donations from the town, $3,000 “in kind” from the SNHPC, and $4,500 “in kind” from Community Advisory Team voluntary hours.

Reilly noted that Garron and his staff had “packed a lot of content” into the RFP, including a 4-minute video. Two high-school students were featured in the video, a nod to youthful participation in the community, she said. Community members Pollyann Winslow, Arthur Rugg, Sharon Garson and Hank Peterson also spoke. “It was a nice overall summation of what Londonderry has to offer, and the challenge of the future,” Reilly said.

Reilly already knows the values of her town, and has her own “elevator pitch” for Londonderry. “You only have to drive through it,” she said, to see the town’s beauty. “There’s farmland, which merges nicely with the community buildings, schools and then the residences,” she said. “It’s a natural transition.”

The people also stand out, Reilly observed. “They’re very concerned about preserving the past and planning for the future,” she said. And if it was a long elevator ride, she’d slip in the fact of the older youths’ “tie-backs” to younger children. “It’s just one big happy family,” she said.

In the July 27 meeting the group also discussed a phone survey of residents, with Garron saying $15,000 had been set aside in the budget. He said he would have draft questions by the next meeting and suggested the University of New Hampshire Phone Survey Center as the vendor.

Committee member Debra Paul, owner of Nutfield Publishing, publisher of the Londonderry Times, suggested Circulation Verification, which had done surveys for her newspaper chain for $5,000, and other members suggested Granite State Analysis and local statistician CC Mitchell as alternatives.

An “interview subcommittee” was chosen to narrow the field of possible consultants. Members include Reilly, Jason Allen, Mary Tetreault, Paul and Saur, with Lisa Whitemore, who was absent, also nominated.

The Master Plan Steering Committee meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Garron at 432-1100, ext. 101.
YMCA Camper Evacuated After Report of Armed Man Nearby

T he Londonderry YMCA summer day camp at 206 Rockingham Road was evacuated late Tuesday morning, Aug. 2, as police searched unsuccessfully for an armed man spotted in the woods behind the Y. Lt. Timothy Jones of the Londonderry Police Department said that at 11:27 a.m., one of the counselors spotted a man in fatigues carrying an assault rifle in the woods behind the building and walking toward children playing nearby.

Jones said the staff informed the Londonderry Police Department and the staff immediately began to evacuate the campers. The campers were moved across the street to the plaza housing Giovanni’s Pizza, and parents were called to pick them up, Jones said.

Jones said shift patrol officers, detectives, airport patrol officers and officers working road details responded to the scene. After evacuation, the building was locked.

Police searched the area around the Y with manpower and canine support for over an hour, Jones said, but were not able to locate the suspect.

The suspect could be someone who was playing a paintball-style game and lost his way, Jones said. But he didn’t think it was a hunter, pointing out, “This isn’t a hunting season that I know of.”

Jones said he wasn’t sure if the Y would reopen the next day, but added that the department would stay in communication with Y personnel. He said the department would have a presence at the Y. Jones warned the public to be careful. “You should be concerned, be on the lookout, and call the department immediately if you suspect something,” he said.

The atmosphere at the Y was sober, with press waiting for a statement and uniformed police walking quietly toward the scene. They wore body armor and carried rifles. The parking lot was closed off with orange cones. Across the street at the small shopping center, the atmosphere was most party-like, with children singing and playing games with green-shirted counselors. A counselor circulated with water, making sure the children were hydrated.

A Londonderry Fire and Rescue truck waited in the event any child needed medical attention. Hal Jordan, president of the Manchester Y, said Londonderry was one of its branches and employed 30 staff members. One hundred and sixty campers were taken across the street to Giovanni’s, he said. All the children were safe and waiting for parent pick-up, he said.

At the time of the sighting, the children were in groups with their counselors, Jordan said. Some were in archery, some in arts and crafts, some playing games or swimming.

Had this ever happened in any of his facilities? Jordan shook his head.

The children were not upset, Jordan and district branch executive Lisa Fitzpatrick said. “We presented it as an emergency drill,” Fitzpatrick said.

Jordan said he didn’t know who was in the woods or if the person presented a problem. “It’s not our job to know,” he said. “Our job is to take every precaution we can with our kids.”

The group of children thinned out as parents, some in their work clothes, arrived to pick up their children. Jake Pelletier collected one of his daughter Alexis, 8, to her car. “All I was told is there was an issue, and we needed to pick up the kids. There were no details.”

Edmond said while his son decided to stay home on Tuesday, and have some “dad time,” Alexis chose the Y. “She doesn’t like to stay home,” Edmond said. “I was scared,” Alexis said. “I thought it was real. But after that it was a lot of fun — and we got free pizza!”

Police are looking for a white male, approximately 30 to 40 years old, with a mustache, wearing all camouflage, camouflage baseball hat worn backwards, and carrying an automatic style rifle, possibly with suppressor.

Anyone with information is asked to call Londonderry Police at 432-1118.

Teen Injured in Monday Bicycle Accident

Elliot Layoffs Impact Three Jobs at Londonderry Location

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Teen Injured in Monday Bicycle Accident

The Londonderry Police department is continuing to investigate a bicycle accident that occurred Monday, Aug. 1. According to Lt. Tim Jones, the accident occurred at about 3:20 p.m. Monday near the intersection of Mammoth Road and Fieldstone Drive. The police received a 9-1-1 call from a cell phone reporting the accident.

The accident involved a 14-year-old male on a bicycle and a Mercury Mountaineer SUV driven by Tania Nolin, 35, of Derry. The bicyclist was transported to Elliot Hospital and treated for head and face injuries. As of Tuesday morning, the child’s condition was stable, Jones said.

Elliot Layoffs Impact Three Jobs at Londonderry Location

The Elliot Health Systems said this week that direct patient care will not be affected by recent layoffs.

Susanna Whitcher, vice-president of public affairs for Elliot Health Systems, said, “The layoffs will not impact patient care at Londonderry, at the hospital, or at any of our facilities.”

Rick Elwell, chief financial officer for the systems, confirmed that no direct service would be affected. He said three Londonderry employees were “let go,” and they were all patient service representatives, or frontline jobs.

On July 26, the Elliot Health Systems laid off 182 staff members, closed one program and reduced employee benefits. The action was taken as a result of state budget cuts to the Medicaid system.

The state changed its formula for Medicaid reimbursement as part of its 2012-13 biennial budget. The cuts to hospital funding total $250 million. The state ended its disproportionate share hospital (DSH) program. DSH paid hospitals more than $100 million a year for uncompensated care. Loss of the funds means approximately $17 million for the Elliot.
August has arrived. The flowers are blooming, the garden is ripe for the picking, fall sports practices are starting soon, and there’s still plenty of time to sit on the porch and watch the fireflies.

Summer is in full swing, and that means it’s time for town festivals.

Whether it’s Sandown’s Old Home Days this coming weekend, Londonderry’s Old Home Day celebration the following week, or other versions of hometown gatherings with different names - Chester’s Town Fair and Derryfest, both in September - it’s time to get over to the park or the green or the common in the center of town and meet and greet friends and neighbors.

Whatever the date or the name of the event - St. Anne’s Summerfest in Hampstead last weekend is another example - it’s sure to be filled with something to do outdoors in the heart of town. Children’s games, booths staffed by local non-profits and volunteers inviting your participation, parades, community barbecues, special events for seniors, concerts, and fireworks - regardless of what we do the rest of the year, these events bring us all together.

The celebration doesn’t come packaged and ready to go - it’s the work of a multitude of volunteers and a variety of groups, all sharing one thing - a love of their real or adopted hometown, and a desire to make their town festival a fun-filled event with something for everyone - and something everyone will want to plan for and return to every year.

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Letters

Anyone But Obama

To the editor:

You can always tell Old Home Day festivities are soon to take place when you see that the ugly political signs have been strategically placed along the main street of Londonderry.

I’m not sure of the exact wording on the recent sign so I won’t quote it, but to make a statement saying that President Obama cares about all of us? Please support him? Are you serious? He certainly has a funny way of showing how much he cares.

Maybe it’s just me, but isn’t the unemployment rate right now the highest it’s been in years - 9.5 percent as I write. It’s only gone in one direction since he’s been in office and that is up, with no end in sight. But . . . he cares.

What about food and gas prices? How much has gas gone up (76 percent as of March 2011) since he has been in office? People were always quick to blame President Bush every time gas went up a penny (actually, they blamed him for everything and still do). Well, we all know that the price of gas has gone up far more on Obama’s watch than it ever did on President Bush’s. But . . . he cares.

Oh, let’s not forget about ObamaCare (because he cares), soon to go into effect. It has already been proven that it will further bankrupt the country. I forget who said, “If you think health care is expensive now, just wait until it’s free.” And then there is the debt. More debt has been added ($4 trillion) under this President than any other President in the history of this country. That’s because . . . he cares.

Since when is one considered rich who makes $250,000? Obama wants to raise federal taxes on anyone making $250,000 or more because . . . he cares. With two working members of a household, they could easily be making that much in this day and age. That doesn’t mean they are rich, nor should they have to pay more in taxes to support the layabouts collecting welfare for a living. You need to make that amount in order to raise children, pay federal and state taxes, and keep up with the usual household expenses. That means most small businesses would fall into this category too.

I’m sure, after trying to make payroll, pay healthcare costs and other job related expenses, they don’t consider themselves rich, but they will be the ones paying the increase.

You can’t honestly think that Obama would be good for the country if he remained in office for another four years. Three years of Obama at the helm and two years of a democratically controlled House and Senate have turned his “Hope and Change” into Fear and (More of the) Same.

The country can’t afford another four years of Obama.

I’m not sure who I would vote for right now but I do know it will be A.B.O. (anybody but Obama).

Bette Logan Londonderry

Response to Letter

To the editor:

Last week, Andy Mack Sr. sent in a letter to the editor encouraging the President to “Stand Firm” as he calls for increased tax contributions from the most wealthy.

He also said that “To do otherwise is to ask the working man and middle class to make all the financial sacrifices.”

While ambiguous statements such as this can be a rallying cry for activism, serious thought needs to be given to what the statement is actually saying, and what it is asking for.

First, one must determine who the “most wealthy” are. There is no educated way to do this other than to lay it into the hands of politicians. Is it those who make $200K per year? $20M per year? By stating we need to tax the “most wealthy,” it requires us to determine the income level.

When Mr. Mack states a segment of our population is making “all the financial sacrifices,” this statement is not based in fact. One-third of the U.S. population pays 100 percent of the income taxes to support our nation. Of those taxpayers, the top 1 percent of all earners (the wealthy) cover 38 percent of the costs.

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Correction: An article in the July 28 edition incorrectly stated the amount of additional Adequate Education money the School Board is seeking voter direction on using to restore district programs, personnel and services that were put on hold after the district learned of its additional contribution to retirement due to state “downshifting.” The district is proposing to use $110,000 of unanticipated funds to restore the programs, with $100,000 being returned to taxpayers to offset the tax rate.
Conservation Commission Considers Watershed Protection Grant

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The Londonderry Conservation Commission will apply for a federal grant offered to towns affected by the planned widening of Interstate 93, if it can find willing landowners to put their property under conservation easement.

In the July 26 meeting, member Mike Speltz outlined the grant. He said the funds, dispensed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), were directed at mitigating the effects of the highway widening.

Speltz said for this grant, properties within and adjacent to the Massabesic watershed have priority. While the Massabesic watershed touches only a tiny corner of Londonderry, other watersheds potentially affected by the project take up nearly two-thirds of the town on a map. Wellheads affected by the construction are also scattered around Londonderry, according to a map Speltz distributed.

The state has $3 million in the "pot" for mitigation and six years to spend it, Speltz said, although he gleaned from conversations with Holly Stevens of the state Department of Environmental Services (DES) that "they'd rather do it all at once." The grant is a 25 percent match, which could potentially fund $12 million worth of projects,

Speltz said, "They won't find all the projects they need in the Massabesic watershed," Speltz predicted, and he urged Londonderry to get in on a share of the pot. "We have money in the Conservation Fund, we might be competitive," he said. "What's desirable for us to protect, from their point of view?"

Conservation Chairman Deb Lievens said she had "a few projects in the back of my mind," but added that she didn't see how they could get a proposal together by the deadline. The deadline for applications is Sept. 1, Speltz said.

Member Gene Harrington said, "Anything that jumps out at me is protected already - or ruined already.

The group, which also included Ben Labrecque, went into nonpublic session to discuss possible projects.

The Conservation Commission's next meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 9.

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put back, Greenberg said.

The board is asking voters to approve using $1.1 million of the ade-
quacy money to restore these programs, with the remaining $100,000 going back to the voters to reduce taxes.

Programs on hold till the special election include $118,611 in sup-
port staff; $69,527 in athletics, after-school music, and other co-curriculum activities; $42,000 in trans-
portation; $300,209 in profes-
sional positions; a nurs-
personnel; $35,720 in pro-
fessional positions; and $25,836 in professional development; and $35,720 in after-school education, Greenberg said.

In addition, the state reduced the amount it contributes to vocational transportation, $90,000; and the federal government, "in its largesse," Greenberg said, and reduced its contribution to Title II, $23,000 and IDEA (Individuals with Disabili-
ties Education Act), $89,000. The vocational school transportation cuts will affect the 130 students who attend vocational programs in Manchester and at Alvirne in Hudson, Greenberg said.

With the retirement funding, Greenberg said, "We are acting on the best information we have." If the 35 percent state fund-
ing is returned to the district, it can use the money set aside for retirement to reduce the 2012 tax rate, he said.

If voters approve the redistribution of the funds, it will result in an estimated 3 cent reduc-
tion on the tax rate, Greenberg told the audi-
ence.

Even if the voters approve the proposal, it will leave him short at the beginning of the year, Greenberg said. He plans to use $300,000 from "teacher turnover" to cover some positions and expenses that have been on hold for the beginning of the year. Teacher turnover money is money saved when a less-experi-
enced teacher is hired at a lower rate, Greenberg said. Historically he has used the money for sub-
stitute teachers, but this year he’s cutting back on the substitute budget.

Greenberg said at the deliberative session, voters could amend the amount up or reduce it to zero, he said. "But they can’t touch the budget we’ve already approved," he said.

Budget Committee chairman Todd Joncas said, "Given the urgent need of this issue, the Budget Committee had its own meeting last week, and we discussed it at length." To Joncas it was a mat-
ter of "using the overage here to pay the shortfall there." The Budget Com-
mittee took its own vote and voted unanimously to recommend using the adequacy money for the programs on hold.

"It’s a no-brainer," Jon-
cas said.

State Representative Al Baldasaro, R-Londonderry also spoke, saying that neither the state Sen-
ate nor House of Repre-
sentatives was responsi-
bile for the “downshifting” of funds to the communi-
ties. "I voted on a budget to fix this," he said.

Baldasaro assigned responsibility for the downsizing to the Board of Trustees of the New Hampshire Retirement System, who he said were the architects of the new retirement rates. "We don’t set the rates on retirement, the trustees do," Baldasaro said.

He said the trustees were meeting again Aug. 1, "and hopefully, they’ll put the rates back where they were," Baldasaro said.

Baldasaro warned that the towns were "jumping the gun" on retirement contributions.

Robinson told him, "If we are jumping the gun, we can address that at the deliberative session in August."

"It will take time to recal-
culate," Greenberg said, "and we can’t go into December or January not knowing."

Board member Ron Campo agreed, saying by the time those figures were

in, "school is half over. Time is not on our side." Greenberg added, "It will be a godawful gamble if we don’t get the money."

Resident Elaine Dem-
eulle said, "I will be really concerned if this money doesn’t get put back in. What portion of a child’s education will get neglect-
ed? What if they can’t read the ‘not’ in 'Do Not Cross.' What prescription label will they not be able to read with 20 percent less education?"

Demeulle urged the board, audience and tele-
vision viewers to "put a face on these children."

The board voted unanimous-
ously to move on to a deliberative session on the issue.

There will be no quorum required at the deliberative session, Green-
berg said.

In a phone interview after the meeting, Greenberg said, "I am thrilled at the result of the meeting. It will enable us to put back into place the posi-
tions, programs and serv-
ces that have been on hold."

Robinson said he was pleased that the Budget Committee expressed its unanimous support.

"The comments we heard during the meet-
ing," he said in a phone inter-
view, "reflect the fact that people understand the need to offset the rev-
ue that was taken away when the state passed down the retirement sav-
ings."

Robinson predicted the next few weeks would be "a period where the School Board and Budget Committee discuss the situa-
tion and proposed solution with the public, culminating with a discus-
sion of what they want on the ballot."

The deliberative ses-
sion for the special meet-
ing will be held Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria. The voting or second session will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the Londonderry High School gym, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call the Superintendent’s Office at 432-6920.

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through Planned Parenthood, for voluntary services for families at risk for abuse and neglect, and for New Hampshire Healthy Kids, which will be replaced by Medicaid, with the 900 children who buy into the health insurance program to be dropped.

While Juvenile Officer Don LaDuke handles situations involving minors, Londonderry Police Chief Bill Hart sees the big picture, and it isn’t pretty. “The hard fact,” he said, “is that there is no safety net” for families denied these services.

“The net was fraying before, and it is nonexistent at this time,” Hart said.

However, Hart added, Londonderry rarely has to use CHINS and similar services. “While there are some families that have to make use of them, most folks in this town are not in that position,” he said. “The vast majority of our situations are handled pre-court.”

Derry Police Capt. Vern Thomas said the narrow re-definition of CHINS “is going to create a problem for families.”

Under the previous definition, anything classified as a violation level offense by a person under the age of 16 could be brought to court, Thomas explained, noting the court can order a curfew, confinement in a juvenile detention center, home detention, and restitution. “Filing a CHINS gave families an outlet to address issues a child may be going through and have some court intervention. Not all families are prepared to address all the issues their children may get into,” Thomas said. “Having things court ordered sometimes changes the whole environment for the children in the family.”

Under the new law, which was passed as part of the state budget, children under the age of 16 who commit violation level offenses will be taken into custody and released to their parents.

Susan Hickey wears the “Welfare Director” hat in addition to her position as Londonderry Finance Director and Assistant Town Manager. Hickey said that as Londonderry Finance Director and Assistant Town Manager, she had to close its Nashua child care provider, the YWCA, and state universities were all significantly impacted by the state budget cuts.

The town budgeted $119,044 for direct assistance in 2011, $42,000 of which goes for the contracted service with CHS, Hickey said.

Londonderry never exceeds its welfare budget, and usually has “quite a bit” left over, Hickey added. “That’s thanks to CHS - they have a lot of connections to a lot of programs,” she said.

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Conservation Commission Notes Buffer Concerns for Shoppes at Londonderry

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Londonderry Times

The Londonderry Conservation Commission has expressed concern about the buffer plans for The Shoppes at Londonderry, a retail development planned for property between Vista Ridge Condominiums and Rockingham Road.

The commission met Tuesday night, July 26, with Brad Mezquita of Applecore Engineering and Luke Hurley of Gove Environmental Engineering. The development would include three 18,000-square-foot commercial buildings and a smaller strip mall at Tax Map 15, Lots 51 and 39.

The owners have not yet filled out the conditional use permit, Mezquita said.

In its July 12 meeting, the commission had expressed concern about a "monoculture" of daylilies in the rain garden, the sturdiness of the pear tree, and using the buffer to create "treatment structures." The members were also concerned that water treatment would be treated inside the buffer, as opposed to being treated before and then conveyed through the buffer.

In a map of the area, Mezquita showed green areas as "temporary impact" on the wetlands, orange as direct impact, magenta as permanent impact, and a hatched area as wetlands created by stormwater. He said the temporary impact was 43,500 square feet, permanent was 5,700 square feet, and stormwater/wetlands was 30,850 square feet.

Member Mike Speltz expressed concern about the "temporary impact," asking if the state Department of Environmental Services (DES) has a definition for it. Hurley said a temporary impact was usually restored, but is not differentiated on the application for a permit.

The "temporary impact" would be the result of grading for the berm for the stormwater ponds, Hurley said, and the reason for the permanent impact would be paving.

Speltz also expressed concern about woody vegetation coming up in the green areas. Mezquita said the owners and engineers are in agreement on that, saying, "We don’t want anything more substantial than strawberries.”

Speltz asked, "Are the functional values we’re losing from the existing wetland equal to or less than the functional value we’re adding?"

Hurley said the stormwater areas are going to act similarly to the wetlands that are present now, with the detention area holding the water for a little while and releasing it slowly, which would slow flooding, he said.

Members also expressed concern that the project could disturb wetlands along the entire length of the buffer.

Member Gene Harrington suggested one of the buildings and pulling in a corner of the project would solve the buffer issue. But Mezquita said he would have to level the land to move the buildings any closer, he said.

“It’s a tough site,” Chairman Deb Lievens agreed.

Member Ben LaBrecque suggested Mezquita alter the footprint of the buildings by putting a second story on some, but Mezquita rejected the idea, saying that in New England, “you don’t see them, unless it’s the Pheasant Lane.”

“I appreciate the fact that you came up with a design, and are mitigating the wetlands by creating your own,” Speltz said. “The problem is, the spirit of the ordinance is to stay out of the buffer, and you’ve consumed the buffer.”

The commission approved Lievens sending a letter to DES saying it does not object to the dredge and fill permit.

The commission also approved the plantings. Hurley said daylilies will be replaced with native plants. They have also replaced the pear tree with a sturdier variety, he said.

“It’s all native stuff that can handle road salt and stuff like that,” he said.

The commission will review the conditional use permit Aug. 9.

Cell Tower Proposal Calls For Replacing Stone Walls

Kathleen D. Bailey
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The Heritage Commission recommended to the Planning Board that it allow a cell tower to be built by T-Mobile on land off Kelley Road, after representatives of the Meredith Beal Revocable Trust said they would replace the stone walls to the best of their ability.

Attorney Steven Grill of Devine Millimet and Chad Ramsey of the American Tower Corp. of Woburn, Mass., were at the Thursday, July 28, meeting to discuss the tower in a design review session.

The cell tower is planned for Tax Map 12, Lot 63, a 13-acre wooded parcel zoned Agricultural/Residential.

Kelley Road, a Class V town road, ends as a town road in a cul-de-sac, but continues on as a Class VI road bordered by classic New England stone walls.

They were asked by the Planning Board to pave the next 200 or so feet and create a gravel path coming up the hill to the cell tower area.

The Planning Board asked the American Tower Corporation to improve the road, Grill said. That will mean grading the road, blasting some ledge, and paving, which will create an impervious surface and the need for catchbasins to control the run-off.

To do that, Ramsey said, “We’ll pick up the wall, do what we have to, and put the wall back down.”

“We are familiar with the zoning requirement says they have to be replaced,” Grill told the Commission, “and our contractors will be told about the regulations.”

“It will be a town road,” Grill told the Commission. “We will not plow it. The road ends at the owners’ house, and then we’ll go in to maintain the tower by foot, snow machines or four-wheel-drive.”

Grill assured the Commission that the area would most likely not be further developed. “The grade of the road,” he said, “is not the grade needed for a subdivision.”

Vice-chairman Jim Schewale, presiding in the absence of Chairman Art Rugg, told Grill and Ramsey, “We are more concerned with the stone wall. We don’t want it to look like 2011.”

He added, “The Elliot Hospital knocked down some walls when they built on Buttrick Road, and they ‘rebuilt’ them, but it’s not the same. They’re squared off at the top.”

Ramsey agreed, saying, “We don’t want it to appear like it was built yesterday.” But his construction manager has had experience with this situation, he said, and will “make sure we do it correctly.”

Alternate Pauline Caron asked Grill when the tower would be built. Ramsey said it should be ready by mid-December.

The Commission did not take a vote, but agreed informally to recommend the design to the Planning Board.

The group also discussed revisiting the Historic list. The list was due for an update.

The criteria for a property is that it be at least 100 years old, and Pauline Caron suggested that since the list was made, other properties may have reached their centennial mark.

Member Marty Suggs suggested that the updating might be a good Eagle Scout project.

Colglazier said 139 properties are currently on the list. It was last updated in 2006.

The Commission meets the fourth Thursday of each month in the Sunnycrest Conference Room.

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Elliot Entrepreneur Helps Boost Londonderry Tax Base

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Dick Anagnost doesn’t call himself a contractor. “When I come on the site, they hide the tools,” he jokingly told an audience of Londonderry Rotarians. “If you want to call me something, call me an entrepreneur.”

Anagnost’s eye for a deal and eye for the future have brought $25 million to the Londonderry tax base with the Elliot at Londonderry medical complex on Buttrick Road, and almost 200 jobs. He told the Londonderry Rotary Club he sees even more potential for the town, as he gave the keynote address at the group’s weekly breakfast, held Wednesday, July 27, at the Coach Stop.

Anagnost told the Rotarians that Londonderry is “the New Hampshire of the future,” with its proximity to the Manchester Boston Regional Airport and the widening of Interstate 93. But he’s always seen the potential of the town, starting when Elliot Hospital called him in to discuss the future of the “cramped” hospital.

“The Elliot” first wanted to expand into neighboring property, Anagnost recalled. But it was cost-prohibitive, potentially costing $320 million. Anagnost talked with a colleague in Chicago, who told him, “The future of health care is in ambulatory centers.”

And Londonderry was the guinea pig, with construction beginning in 2006. Anagnost first acquired a piece of land with frontage on Route 102. But it wasn’t suitable, he said, explaining, “We were looking to build 40,000 square feet, and that piece was 25,000.” It also wasn’t zoned right. Part of the conservation overlay district, it restricted use and couldn’t accommodate all the planned services, Anagnost said.

But Anagnost turned a chance encounter into the Elliot at Londonderry. While looking at the first piece of land, he got to talking with a farmer across the street who was out exercising his horses. The farmer had a simple solution, Anagnost said, “Buy my land.” It was commercially zoned, and within 120 days, the firm was breaking ground on what would become the Elliot complex.

“We designed it to be convenient, quick and low-cost,” Anagnost said. The project was the prototype for other Elliot out-patient facilities, including the Elliot At River’s Edge in Manchester.

The project, conceived in 2003, was expected to be completed in 20 years, Anagnost said. But in just eight years, they’ve completed three of the five phases, he said.

The demand is there, Anagnost said. The first building, 44,265 square feet, was planned to house primary care, urgent care, senior behavioral health and internal medicine. The hospital planned for 6,000 “urgent care” visits a year. Halfway through construction, Anagnost said, the response from potential patients was so strong, the hospital doubled its projections, to 12,000 visitors a year. Now, he said, “they’re on track to handle 16,000 visits a year, just in urgent care.”

Cancer care is the focus of Phase 2, an approximately 44,000-square-foot facility. The cancer care center is a partnership among Elliot Hospital, the New Hampshire Oncology Center, and the Dana-Farber Cancer Center of Massachusetts. “The Elliot Oncology Center was cramped, and they had three linear accelerators,” Anagnost said. A linear accelerator is a large and sophisticated piece of radiology equipment, Anagnost said.

One of the accelerators was moved to the Buttrick Road location and housed in 15,000 square feet, with another 29,012 square feet to treat cancer patients and the whole complex called the Northern Cancer Center.

“We built on what the demand was,” Anagnost said, “and we were right on what the demand was. What were we wrong on? How soon it would be needed?”

Phase 3, a pediatrics building, is now complete and open to the public, he said.

The Anagnost Co. and the Elliot are about to embark on phases 4 and 5, he said. A 60,000-square-foot parcel abutting the Coach Stop will be divided into 34,000 square feet, Phase 4, and 26,000 square feet, Phase 5. They will go forward with Phase 4 in 2012, he said, and when it’s done Londonderry will have $50 million of taxable property from the hospital and a total of 300 jobs.

The Elliot Hospital announced 182 layoffs this week. Asked how that would affect the next phases, Anagnost said they were still “in the planning stage.”

Anagnost said the Elliot has been receiving inquiries from other communities about its “innovative and cutting-edge” health care model. Patients can have everything except surgery at the Londonderry location, though they can’t stay overnight. “Bifurcating” ambulatory and acute care is good business, he said, adding, “You can get them in and out faster, and charge less.”

Anagnost noted that people from northern Massachusetts are flying out of Manchester when they can find a flight that suits them. They don’t want to hassle with Logan Airport in Boston, he said, and he predicted that medical centers like the Elliot at Londonderry would also draw their share of Massachusetts patrons.

“I need one of you to find me another nine or 10 acres somewhere,” Anagnost said to laughter.

Superintendent of Schools Nate Greenberg will be the speaker at the Londonderry Rotary Club Aug. 3 breakfast. For more information, call Reed President George Brooks Clark, public relations at 537-1144.

Bedford developer Dick Anagnost makes a point as he addresses the Londonderry Rotary Club last week. Photo by Kathleen D. Bailey
Shelter Box
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set out on his mission. “He was older than the other volunteers,” Dennie Dyer said, “and he started running 10 miles a day with a 40-pound backpack to get in shape.”

In Somalia, Mark stayed in the Somalian version of a five-star hotel, Bill said, explaining, “It had no bugs, a working shower, a working toilet, and Internet one hour a day. In Japan, he slept in the basement of a church.”

He went to a Latin American country, Bill said, and spent two weeks floating on a gunboat, trying to find a safe place to land. “On one side of the river there were the victims of the floods, on the other side the drug lords,” Bill said, shaking his head at his son’s courage. “The sides of the mountains were coming down, too.”

“Mark,” Dennie Dyer said, “is our hero.”

The Dyers have been local representatives for Shelter Box for about a year, they said. Their main responsibilities are education and fund-raising, and they’ll go anywhere. Though most of their speaking engagements are with Rotary groups, they presented the program to children at Matthew Thornton Elementary School and the students raised $1,000, the cost of a complete Shelter Box.

But, Dennie Dyer said, they’ll take any size contribution and put it toward a full box.

A call to action
Shelter Box was founded by Tom Henderson of Cornwall, England. Henderson, retired from the British Navy, was watching a television program about a relief effort to a disaster-stricken country. When he saw relief workers throw bread off the truck and recipients scramble for it in the dirt, he was moved to action, according to Bill Dyer.

“He thought, ‘What would my family need?’” Dennie Dyer said. Henderson eventually developed the box system and the charity’s motto, “Shelter, Warmth, Dignity.”

Henderson knew what he wanted in a charity, and he didn’t want people throwing bread off trucks - or worse, the bread never getting to the recipients. He developed the system of SRTs, where volunteers deliver the goods personally, avoiding fraud and making sure the boxes get to the people who need them.

Bill Dyer said you won’t see a CEO driving a luxury car with Shelter Box. Henderson, he said, lives on his Navy pension, and 85 percent of all donations go directly to the people served. The charity in the U.S. is based in Florida, with six paid employees for the entire United States, he said, plus 75 to 100 SRTs.

In the Haiti earthquake, Shelter Box provided emergency housing for “one-third of a million people,” Bill said.

In Japan, Dennie said, they had a person on the ground in 24 hours, and were shipping boxes in 48 hours. “We are in the Horn of Africa right now,” she said. “There are people displaced by drought, people displaced by conflict.”

Shelter Box also helped in New Orleans during the Katrina disaster, providing 1,800 boxes of emergency help for 18,000 people, she said.

The organization has no religious or political position, Bill Dyer said. It does not take money from governments, but will accept assistance. On a recent mission to China, the Chinese government was “right there” with trucks, gasoline and Chinese Army members to help distribute the boxes, he said. They’ve been in North Korea, Iran, Pakistan. “We go where the need is,” he said.

“Wherever it’s safe for our people,” Dennie added. And though the closest they get to a disaster is through their son, they identify with the SRTs and the people they serve: it’s “we,” not “they,” in the Dyer household.

Thinking inside the box
Bill Dyer led the way through his ‘man cave,’ a collection of den with sports memorabilia and a wet bar, and out into his garage. He doesn’t spend a lot of time in the den these days - he’s out promoting Shelter Box. In his garage, he immediately began putting together a collapsible, child-sized woodstove, while Dennie unboxed the rest of a typical Shelter Box.

“It’s what a family of 10 would need,” Dennie said. “The tent holds 10 people.” It doesn’t have to be a literal nuclear family of 10, but an extended family or anyone you’d want to share your tent with.

“Obviously, you’re not going to turn down a neighbor,” she said.

Though the basic elements are the same, the box is customized for different regions. The stove Bill was setting up ran on wood. “We’d obviously not send this one to Africa, there’s very little burnable wood,” he said. Instead, there’s a substitute stove that will burn other fuels. The mosquito net wouldn’t be needed in a northern European country: Dennie showed off a fleece hat, glove and scarf set that would help instead.

Reversible blankets are water-resistant, she said, draping one around her shoulders, and the ground-cloth is waterproof. There are ponchos for 10 and a set of stainless steel cups, bowls and utensils.

The water purification system, LifeStraw, is a necessity in most disasters, Dennie said. “You dump water in the top, it gets purified and it comes out here,” from a tiny rubber hose at the bottom, she said. It can purify enough water to hydrate 10 people for a day, she said, and lasts six months to a year. The SRTs carry a smaller, individual system.

A small tool kit, including rope, hammer, axe, saw, wire cutters and pliers, can help the family set up camp, Bill Dyer said. “There’s even a small shovel whose handle snaps out,” he said, demonstrating.

And Shelter Box hasn’t forgotten the littlest survivors, Dennie said. The “Kids’ Pack” includes paper, pens, crayons, coloring books, chalk and a tiny chalkboard, all in a bright yellow bag. “It gives them something that’s theirs,” she said.

“Some of the kids sleep with their packs - and it gives them something to do while their parents are...putting their lives back together.”

The Dyers are active volunteers. Bill belongs to Londonderry Rotary and most recently worked the summer blood drive; Dennie is a volunteer and docent at the Currier Museum in Manchester. They have a large home to tend and other hobbies. But they drop it all for Shelter Box.

Recently, they were planning a getaway to Stowe, Vt., when they got a call from the Rutland Rotary Club. “They wanted us to speak at a 7 a.m. breakfast,” Dennie said. “We’ll get up at 5:30 and drive across the state to promote Shelter Box.”

For more information on the charity, visit: www.shelterboxusa.org. For local speaking engagements, call the Dyers at 434-8794.
Dawn Hodges, one of the site directors for Londonderry Summer Recreation, herded the last of her campers to the bleachers in the South School gymnasium. As counselors Nicole Newman and Bonnie Margolin fiddled with the CD player, Hodges blew her whistle one last time.

Londonderry Recreation held its annual Talent Show last Friday, a long-standing tradition in the summer day camp program. The children were supportive of their peers, and while there were no official prizes, every young performer walked away with the “award” of accomplishment.

“It’s so long-standing,” counselor Alex Trammell said, that he performed in it when he was a Rec child.

“The last time Alex was in it, he did magic tricks,” Hodges said with a smile.

Many of the acts were a combination of talent, as when two girls hula-hooped to a Taylor Swift song while two of their friends sang back-up.

The children on the bleachers had fun identifying the performers, with one boy calling out, “She was in my kindergarten class!”

Gymnastics and tumbling predominated, with several acts involving everything from simple somersaults to walkovers. A jump-rope routine featured several variations on the venerable children’s game, with two girls crossing ropes, jumping in the same rope and jumping while holding the end of the rope.

Several acts brought spontaneous clapping and stomping on the bleachers, and when two boys break-danced, the audience clapped along to their music.

Magic tricks and a stand-up comedy routine rounded out the program.

There were surprise performers too. When a small girl froze before her dance routine, a friend joined her from the audience, and Newman gently brought her through her steps. And when two girls momentarily forgot their hip-hop routine, Newman and Margolin joined them for an energetic dance party, including the new popular dance, the “Doug-e.” The two counselors dragged Trammell out on the floor, but he declined to dance. The students in the bleachers screamed for Trammell to dance, while fellow counselor Adam Greenberg stayed on the bleachers surrounded by kids.

What is the “Doug-e”? “It’s a modern hip-hop dance, popular at dance-offs and break-dancing sessions,” Newman said, adding, “There is no ‘Doug’ per se.”

Camper Jake MacInnis said he was content to watch, though he’s been in the show before.

This Friday’s special activity will be a dance party. For more information on Londonderry Rec, call 437-2675.
Londonderry Artist Aaron Slater Does Glass with Class

When Aaron Slater was a child, the Londonderry native watched a PBS show on glass-blowing. It changed his life.

“I was 12 or so, and I went in the basement and tried to use my dad’s plumbing torch to melt beer bottles,” he said.

Fast-forward to 2011, when Slater is making a full-time living at his craft. Working out of a space in a rehabilitated Manchester mill, he makes everything from beads and rings to vases and goblets, and teaches classes. But the heart of his work is in glass marbles grown up, the elegant spheres he’ll exhibit at the 78th annual League of New Hampshire Craftsmen’s Fair opening this weekend at Mount Sunapee.

Wearing safety glasses, Slater turned a glowing orb slowly in the flame of a blowtorch. He was making a marble, he said, and he’d been working on this one most of the day. He rolled it in a graphite “marble mold,” then placed it back in the flame, where it seemed to catch fire. He manipulated the marble from the end of a glass rod, noting that “the flame is so hot, it would melt my metal tools.”

His space in the mill building at 12 West Auburn St. is reached by a maze of corridors and stairs. High windows let in the sun, and high ceilings accommodate his equipment. It’s a space made for creativity - on the way in, one passes the lots of jewelry makers and graphic artists.

Slater’s loft is filled with examples of his work, from a single glass flower to vessels and a champagne glass. Pine cones and seashells are scattered around “for inspiration,” he said. And a large table, with individual lighting over each spot, allows him to teach classes and pass on his art to others.

But on this weekday afternoon Slater was working for himself, trying to get enough inventory for the League fair. Finally satisfied with his marble, he twirled it on the rod, to shake off any excess dust or other particles, and then placed it in a kiln.

The piece needs to stay hot, he said, and if he exposed it to room temperature right away, it would shatter. So he starts the kiln at 1050 degrees and sets it to “ramp down” to room temperature very slowly. “The ramp lasts about 50 hours,” Slater said.

It takes six hours to make a marble 3 inches in diameter, and for the last four of those hours, he can’t stop, Slater said. “That’s one of the things I like - the immediacy,” he said. “It demands my entire attention.”

“Any little thing I do could compromise it.” He said it forces him to be involved in the process - but he could face loss at any point. I hate it and I love it,” he said with a smile.

Slater’s marbles are like paperweights, only without the flat side, he said. The designs inside are made of colored glass, and he has his design planned before he starts. Why marbles? “Because they’re round,” he said with a shrug. He has little interest in the child’s game of off any excess dust or other particles, and then placed it in a kiln.

Slater’s work, visit www.aaronkslaer@hotma-
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Precious little has remained the same in Londonderry since the 1970s. But it was back in those long ago days that Londonderry Recreation Director Art Psaledas put his beloved father, Pete’s, wise words to work in a labor of love that has now touched the lives of thousands of kids.

“What I learned from my dad was that if you don’t like something, get involved and change it. And if you like something, get involved to keep it that way,” said Psaledas, who has been the town’s recreation director since the late 1970s.

But in fairness, it needs to be pointed out that Psaledas has been involved with town sports and recreation ever since he moved his family to town from his native Manchester in 1975.

People back then told me, ‘Why don’t you apply for the recreation director’s job? You do all of the stuff anyway.’ So I did,” he said.

Psaledas has seen Londonderry go from being a farming community in the 1970s to its present, far more populated state. And although a huge amount has changed in the Londonderry he knew then to the one he sees now, the recreation director and Londonderry High School assistant principal thinks that some vital things have remained basically the same.

“When I moved here it was a caring community, and it still is,” he said. “People have compassion for their neighbors, they truly care about their kids, and the town always comes together when there’s a crisis of some kind. And it’s still a really good place to bring up kids.”

Psaledas’ desire to get involved in something about which he felt strongly was exemplified not only by the words but the actions of his dad, who was the founder of Manchester South baseball in the mid-1950s. Pete Psaledas was known to folks in that part of the Queen City as “The Chief,” and he was deeply involved in the establishment of South baseball and its growth from 1955 right up to his death in 1969.

“They started with four teams and one field, and they built more fields and added teams as time went on. And my dad instituted the minimum play rule, which stated that every kid got the chance to play,” said Art with obvious pride.

Those lessons of being involved and showing fairness at every possible turn weren’t lost on the younger Psaledas, who was a four-year varsity baseball and football player at Manchester Memorial High School before graduating in 1966 and moving on to the University of New Hampshire.

After obtaining his undergraduate degree in health and physical education from UNH, Psaledas did a year of grad school at Michigan State University, and then returned to the Granite State to teach for 17 years in the Pelham School district.

Psaledas later returned to his old high school - Manchester Memorial - to teach health classes for seven years and serve as the Crusaders’ varsity football coach during six of those years. He and his wife had their children - Peter, David and Beth - all graduate from Londonderry High, and Art moved on to teach health and physical education classes at LHS in 1995.

He never intended to take on an administrative position in education, but finally decided to do so when he applied for a vacant assistant principal job at the high school in 1999.

“You don’t do this for 40-plus years because you want to get rich,” said Psaledas as he sat behind his desk at LHS. “Kids have been at the heart of what I’ve done in my career, as a teacher, as an assistant principal, and as a recreation director,” he said.

One of Psaledas’ chief goals as a recreation director has been to have the parents of the kids involved in leagues and activities step up and participate with their youngsters.

“It’s really been designed that way, so that the town isn’t actually running the programs, the parents are,” he said. “Kids want their parents to be proud of them and see them doing well.”

One of the most rewarding parts of Psaledas’ recreation job has involved seeing kids who were in the Londonderry summer recreation program or a baseball program come back as adults with a desire to pay a little back.

“Right now you have Peter Misiaszek and Timmy Tsetsilas and Jim Perkins, and people like that, who were involved in town programs when they were younger and thought enough of their experience to come back and give back. That’s a great thing,” said Psaledas.

Psaledas directed the recreation department’s popular summer program himself up until 2000, when he handed the reins over to Londonderry High graduate Meredith Duggan (Class of 1995). But he still has more than enough on his plate year-round, to be sure.

Along with his recreation department post and his assistant principal position, the grandfather of three finds the time to take in plenty of Londonderry High games and even serve as a “consultant” to LHS varsity football coach Jon Rich during the grid season.

Art Psaledas has been the Londonderry recreation director since the late 1970s, while also working with the Londonderry High School football program for a number of years.
Cassie Burbine Snags a Second Crown at 2011 Ball Tennis Tourney

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Playing in and attending matches at the annual Dana Ball Love Tennis Tournament in Derry just about every summer has been important to the members of Londonderry’s Burbine family through most of a couple of decades now.

And that name - Burbine - was front and center during the 20th annual Ball tournament at Pinkerton Academy over the last two weeks.

Cassie Burbine, who enjoyed a superb freshman season on the Londonderry High School girls’ tennis team this past spring, followed up her recent Ball title with a repeat of a 2010 doubles title this past weekend.

Burbine, who worked with doubles partner Beth Huard for the 2010 doubles championship, had to find another partner for the 2011 event as she looked to snap a repeat of that success because Huard wasn’t available this time around. Enter LHS junior singles and doubles tennis stalwart Amanda DePasquale, and the Burbine/DePasquale combination proved to be no less lethal than the Burbine/Huard one had been at this time last year.

The two current Lady Lancers plowed their way to the 2011 Ball tournament women’s title, defeating the team of Laurel Saladay and Rae-Dawn Chong (yes, “The Color Purple” actors) by scores of 6-4, 6-3 in the championship match.

And Cassie Burbine also ended up being presented with a “Dana Bear” as one of the tournament’s exemplary players where sportsmanship and attitude toward tennis were concerned.

Alex Burbine - who snared his first Ball tournament men’s singles championship the same day his sister won the women’s singles title - combined with his dad, Skip, to compete in the men’s doubles tourney. But it wasn’t the Burbines who walked away with that particular crown but former Pinkerton Academy tennis stalwart Todd Cuthbert and his partner, Mike Besser.

The talented tandem of Cuthbert and Besser snagged its third consecutive Ball tournament doubles title by besting the duo of Chris Das and former Lady tennis stalwart Sam Eaton by scores of 6-4, 6-4 in the final match.

DePasquale’s dad, Rick, and his doubles partner, Mark Lyman, won the men’s consolation title match, defeating Londonderry resident Dave Rauzeo and his dubs partner, Gary Roberts, 6-2, 6-3.

And Londonderry youngster Zach Gould also did himself proud, winning the 16-and-under boys’ consolation match in a 6-2, 6-4 decision over Pinkerton player Mike Thomson. Gould also collected a ‘Dana Bear’ for his great sportsmanship and demeanor during the tournament.

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- PROVIDER ON CALL -
MEDICATION MISTAKES THAT CAN KILL
(PART 2)

July’s article talked about the number of people that suffer due to medication mistakes. We reviewed five areas of concern when taking medications. This week we review the other five.

Insurance companies mandate that the use of generic drugs is preferable whenever they are available. The generic form of Lexis is furosemide, both used as a common diuretic. A patient may have a bottle of each, not know they are the same drug and take both of them thus doubling the dose.

Make sure when your provider prescribes a new medication that you go over the details, whether there is a generic, what it is for, the dosage and how often to take it.

When you get something off of the grocery store shelf, you think it is safe. Even aspirin is something you have to watch out for since it thins the blood. If you are having a surgical procedure and have taken aspirin, it could lead to life threatening bleeding. Reimind your provider, whenever they are writing you a new prescription, what other OTC or prescription medications you are taking.

Grapefruit is harmless, right? Perhaps not if you are taking anti-seizure drugs or statins used to lower cholesterol. A crucial enzyme is inhibited and does not allow it to break down and metabolize many drugs. Coffee does not allow the absorption of iron or foreign substances. Make sure you read the fine print and ask your provider if you need screening tests.

Even age can make a difference in the way a medication reacts in your body. Conditions such as dementia, diarrhea and filling or high blood pressure can cause more of a reaction with medications that have these side effects. Look up the “Beers List” (named after Dr. Mark Beers) which is a set of criteria for medications that may not be safe for patients over 65 and review it with your provider.

To help you and your provider to prevent these things from happening, take all your medications with you to your appointments or at least a detailed list, as I recommend to my patients. That way, your medications can be listed and reviewed at each visit.

As a Family Practitioner for over 20 years in Southern New Hampshire, I have treated new borns to individuals in their Golden Years. My staff and I believe that prevention is the best cure. And we like to do it the old-fashioned way, by listening and caring for each patient as if they were our own family. At the same time, we do not ignore the innovations that are taking place in medicine and participate in the EPIC electronic medical records in conjunction with the Elliot Hospital.

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First Londonderry Middle School Tryouts Announced

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Middle School’s preparations for the fall, 2011 season will begin with the first day of tryouts. The boys’ and girls’ cross-country squads will meet at 3 p.m. that day behind the school, boys’ soccer players will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. on the LMS practice field, field hockey players will go from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and meet in the LMS gymnasium, and girls’ soccer will meet from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the LMS game field.

Questions should be directed to the Londonderry High School athletic office at 432-6941, ext. 2306. Folks can also get more news and updates on the Londonderry sports programs on twitter at Londonderry_ath.
Six Londonderry Kids End Up in Top Three Spots at Fun Runs

The Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) closed out its 2011 Summer Fun Run Series last Thursday night, July 28, by recognizing the top finishers in multiple age groups and by giving some determined young runners one final opportunity to exhibit their skills and have fun doing it.

And no fewer than six runners from Londonderry ended up being top-three overall finishers in their respective age groups for the season, with an age group championship being snared by Jake Donnelly in the 10-year-old boys’ division.

Two kids from town ended up collecting second-place overall finishes in their divisions, with Brendon Banks (10-year-old boys) and Cam Dickson (13-year-old boys) managing that fine feat.

And third-place overall finishes for the 2011 campaign were claimed by Londonderry youngsters Cailin Borovicka (9-year-old girls), Jake Holland (10-year-old boys), and Matthew Judge (11-year-old boys).

A total of 69 young runners participated in that final night of races, bringing the total number of competitors during the 2011 season to 784.

The youngsters who took part on that final evening for running brought 520 pounds of non-perishable food with them as their registration fees, and the total amount of food collected by the fun run program this summer ended up at a stellar 1,807 pounds. That food contribution was handed forward to Derry’s St. Thomas Food Bank to help out in these trying times.

All fun run participants finished with a medal and a T-shirt, compliments of the GDTC.
Ex-Lancers Help the Silver Knights’ Squad to First Place

**CHRIS PANTAZIS**
**LONDONDERRY TIMES**

The success of the Nashua Silver Knights in the fledgling Futures Collegiate Baseball League (FCBL) this summer has come due, in no small part, to the contributions of several former Londonderry High School Lancers.

And the team - which closed out its regular season this past Sunday by clinching the FCBL regular season championship - is just a couple of wins away from snaring some serious hardware.

Manager Mike Chambers - an LHS and Franklin Pierce University standout prior to several years in the Boston Red Sox system - and his squad will look to close out their league’s first season by defeating the Torrington Lancers.

Former Londonderry High pitcher Geoff Fisher closed out a truly exceptional regular season for the Nashua Silver Knights last week by snagging his sixth victory and lowering his earned run average as well.

So, in 10 games (eight starts) during the FCBL campaign, Fisher has pitched a league-best 59 innings, allowing 50 hits and just 10 walks while striking out 31 batters (eighth best). Third baseman/designated hitter Kyle Newman - who plays his college ball at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. - continued to scuffle at the plate recently but kept working diligently.

The former Lancer played in all but one of the squad’s 44 regular season games, batting at a .209 clip with five home runs (third on the team) and 21 runs batted in.

And just another ex-LHS hardball standout - Brian Finnegan of Keene State College - has played multi roles for the Silver Knights this summer, seeing time both as an outfielder and as a pitcher for skipper Chambers. Most recently, the right-handed hurler pitched one-third of an inning in the final regular season contest against the Seacoast Mariners on Sunday.

Another Keene Stater - Chris Crutchner - pitched in three games for the Nashua contingent earlier this summer.

Talented Local Trio Helps Keep its Elite Softball Squad Rolling

**CHRIS PANTAZIS**
**LONDONDERRY TIMES**

Local high school softball standout Lindsey Bolduc from Londonderry High School and Heather Pelletier and Kayla Komaridis from Pinkerton Academy continued to show how much Lancers and Astros can get done when they combine forces recently.

The talented trio plays for Plymouth State College softball coach Jim Rines’ New Hampshire Diamond Gems’ Elite Orange U-18 contingent, and that crew has had a productive summer.

The Elite Orange crew has also been a force to be reckoned with every tournament in which it has played, including the New England Tournament in Lowell.

Bolduc, Pelletier, and Komaridis have helped the Diamond Gems to tournament titles in Lowell and Nashua as June 11-13 and at a Gems’ Classic tournament from June 18-20.

The team ended up being the runner-up to the Rochester Stammers in the New Hampshire ASA State Tournament in late June, and it posted a respectable 5-4 mark at the Virginia Beach Show- case down south from June 30 to July 3.

The Granite Staters claimed wins over the New York Brewster Rockies, the Delaware Gold Diamonds, and three different Virginia squads at that southern tournament.

Then at the New England Regionals from July 8-10, the Elite Orange bunch finished fifth overall with a 4-2 record, with two of its victories coming on no-hitters by pitchers Michaela McGowan and Kaitlyn Johnson.

Starting shortstop and number-three hitter Bol- duc was a major offensive contributor in Johnson’s no-no against the New England Storm, going 3-for-4 with a home run, two doubles, three runs scored, and two runs batted in.

“She’s the real deal, no question,” observed Gems’ assistant coach Tony Scalzi.

At the Lowell All-American Tournament from July 15-17, the talented local trio helped its New Hampshire team post an 8-2 record to take home the runner-up honors.

Infielder Bolduc and Lady Astros Pelletier and Komaridis - two outfielders who have both drawn starts and entered games as key substitutes this summer - then helped the Diamond Gems to strong performances in their two most recent tourneys in Nashua and Lowell as well.

At the New England Diamond Gems’ Challenge at Ruby Park in Nashua during the weekend of July 22, coach Rines’ crew posted a 4-3 overall record and wound up as the tournament runner-up after losing to the South Shore Stealers of Massachusetts in the championship game.

Then this past weekend at the American Soft- ball Association Open back in Lowell, the Diamond Gems posted a 2-1 record on Saturday, July 30, won their first game on Sunday to move to 3-1 overall, but were knocked out of the tourney by the Central Massachusetts Apple Ciders.

The locals and their teammates have now amased an impressive, overall record of 36-15 this summer, and they will wind up their campaign by playing in the Battle at Burnham tournament in Methuen, Mass., this coming weekend.
I t was a wild and won- derful ride, but the Lon- donderry Lightning U- 10 softball squad ended up falling just a few steps short of a New England title.

Head coach Peter Misiaszek’s Londonderry bunch, which snagged the New Hampshire championship in exciting fashion to advance to the regionals in Burlington, Mass. last weekend, ended up win- ning one game and drop- ping two at that major event.

“We never really got it going at the regionals, but based on the full year, it was a super season. It was way beyond my expecta- tions, and this was just a great group to work with,” said Miasziek.

The talented and de- termined Londonderry squad ended up compiling a superb, 29-7-1 over- all record over the sum- mer.

The Lightning dropped its first contest at the regionals last Friday after- noon, July 29, falling to the Pittsfield, Mass., entry by a 10-7 score.

But the Londonderry bunch rebounded nicely with a 17-6 drubbing of the Maine squad later that day to even its record at 1-1.

However, coach Miasziek’s young ladies were knocked out of the com- petition by a 10-4 loss to the host Burlington con- tentent on Saturday morn- ing despite having driven out to a 4-1 lead.

Along with head coach Miasziek and his assis- tants Chris Raza and Mark Mayo, the team included players Cassidy Raza, Bethany Costello, Kiera Wright, Megan Fedele, Jocelyn Mayo, Maryellen Leach, Sarah Fawcett, Emmy Dumasenq, Lauren Miasziek, Courtney Shay, Delaney McGurn and Kalin Gregoire.

In the state tourney, coach Miasziek’s moti- vated minions powered their way to a decisive victory over the Souhe- gan Valley Storm (22-4), followed that up with a fine comeback victory over the Merrimack Magic (18-17), lost an 8-6 deci- sion to Salem in the quar- terfinals, bested the Litch- field Blast by a 14-10 margin in the semifinals, and managed a hard-fought, 7- 4 win over Salem in the championship game.
Parent Company of Local DaVita Dialysis Center is Sued

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A local kidney dialysis provider is being sued by former employees as part of a Medicare fraud package suit against the company at large and not as an individual agency, according to a spokesman for the parent company.

DaVita Derry is a branch of DaVita, a Colorado-based corporation establishing kidney dialysis clinics across the country. The Londonderry facility is on Action Boulevard.

The parent company, DaVita, is being sued a second time by former employees Daniel Barbir and Dr. Alon Vainer. They originally filed the suit in 2007. The government investigated it over two years and decided not to pursue it this past April, according to William Myers, a spokesman for the corporation.

Myers said in a statement that the new material is actually “old claims” that were already dealt with by the government. He wrote in an e-mail, “There is nothing new in the amended complaint filed by the plaintiffs. These are old claims, dating back to 2007, which the government has already reviewed and declined to pursue.”

Myers wrote, “In fact, the DOJ (Department of Justice) and CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) fully investigated the plaintiffs’ claims, as they are legally obligated to do, and the DOJ publicly announced that it declined to pursue the claims earlier this year.”

The 93-page lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Atlanta, Ga.

The whistleblowers claim the company overcharged Medicare, then threw medication away, as part of a Medicare fraud scam. The former DaVita nurse and doctor claimed Medicare was unknowingly bilked of millions of dollars over a seven-year period.

The lawsuit claims DaVita ordered larger-than-needed doses of medicine, billing Medicare for a 10-microgram of the vitamin D drug Zemplar, instead of 6-microgram doses in three 2-microgram vials. Medicare was charged for all 10 micrograms, according to the lawsuit.

Myers wrote, “DaVita never required physicians to prescribe a particular dose of any medication at any level, at any time.”

Myers said the Londonderry facility opened in April 2010, and currently treats about 30 patients. The company chose Londonderry, according to Myers, because, “We looked at the available data on kidney disease in the area, consulted the area hospital (Parkland Medical Center) and local nephrologists and determined that there was a need for a dialysis center in Londonderry. DaVita constantly seeks to bring its services closer to patients and we determined that Londonderry brought our services closer to a higher percentage of New Hampshire’s dialysis population.”

According to its Web site, DaVita is an adaptation of an Italian phrase meaning, “giving life.” The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. It has a new-age model of business, with the personnel director referred to as the “People Director” and a “Chief Wisdom Officer.” It was listed as one of the “Best Places to Work” by the Denver Business Journal in 2010.

The lawsuit claims the over-ordering was done until January 2011, when Medicare moved to a “bundled payment system.” In bundled payments, Medicare will pay a fixed amount to avoid overuse of drugs.

Rec Gets Wet

During this Tuesday’s hot weather, the Londonderry Recreation folks broke out the water games for campers to cool down with. At left, Kayle Longua is soaked by Krista Fletcher during arelay race; in center photo, Tara Wright swings through a watery obstacle course; and at right, program counselor Nicole Newman hoses down a group of appreciative kids.

Photos by Chris Paul
Londonderry Police Log
Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Thursday, July 28
7:10 a.m. Vandalism to equipment at Brook Hollow Pit, Auburn Road.

Friday, July 29
8:33 a.m. Theft of gas grill covers on Delta Drive.
10:16 a.m. Criminal mischief on Hunter Boulevard.

Saturday, July 30
8:51 a.m. Theft of GPS from unlocked car on Fair-Londonderry Times

Connor Costello, a junior at The Governor’s Academy, Byfield, Mass., has been named to the Academic Honor Roll for the second semester of the 2010-11 school year. He is the son of Mike and Kathleen Costello of Londonderry. To be eligible for Honors, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and no grade lower than a C+.

Home Invader Eludes Apprehension

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Derry Police responded to a home invasion at 40 Derryfield Road that occurred Monday around 10:19 p.m. Residents of the duplex told police they were robbed at knifepoint of belongings in the home, including expensive electronics. The victims described the suspect, who was wearing a ski mask, as a large male, about 6 feet 1 inch tall and about 225 to 250 pounds, according to Police Capt. Vern Thomas. Derry Police contacted the Londonderry Police Department for a K-9 track to locate the suspect, who fled on foot. Thomas said while police were working to track down the suspect, a similar home robbery occurred in Londonderry. Police are investigating the robbery. Londonderry police were unavailable for comment at press time.

Student Named to Honor Roll

Londonderry Times
Amedisys Hospice Services, day from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at.

Aber A bereavement Support Group meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Amedisys Hospice Services, 1E Commons Drive. Registration is not required, and attendance is free. The focus of the group is on providing mutual support, and learning about the grieving process and ways to cope with loss.

For more information, contact Laurie Klotz, Amedisys Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 421-0414.

Night Out
Orchard Christian Fel lowship is hosting a “Night Out” for parents of special needs children the second Saturday of each month from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Londonderry United Methodist Church. The free program offers parents a three-hour respite and the opportunity to socialize with like-minded others while their children and siblings enjoy dinner, crafts, games and playtime. For more information or to register for the program, contact Pauline or Pat McKivergan at 425-6231 or send e-mails to pmckivergan@orchardnh.org.

Bereavement Support
An ongoing Bereavement Support Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Elliot Medical Center, Londonderry. The group offers a safe place to express feelings, turn coping skills, and gain a sense of value and purpose. The group is free. To register or for more information, call social worker Barbara Pines at 552-1533.

Checklist Purge
The verification process of the voter list required by RSA 654:39 every 10 years has begun. Anyone on the Londonderry Checklist who has not voted in the last four years will soon receive a removal letter and will be purged unless he or she registers by Aug. 31, 2011. To do so, a person must show proof of citizenship, identity and residency (affidavits are available for those missing documentation).

MOMS Club of South Londonderry
The MOMS Club of South Londonderry is a support group for mothers who are home with their children during the day. The group meets several times a week for play dates and other outings with the children. If interested in participating, contact SLMOMSCLub@gmail.com or visit www.momscluboflondonderry.org.

Library Building
Joppa Frasch, a paraprofessional and soccer coach at LMS, is building a library for the underprivileged children in her homeland of Papua New Guinea, one book at a time. Ongoing donations of reading material appropriate for children in elementary and middle school are now being accepted. Those wishing to send books are encouraged to enclose photos of themselves tucked inside the books, with a few sentences about the donors and their lives in New Hampshire. Books may be mailed to: Amina Primary School (Mararamu Village, Umboi Island), c/o Mr. George Lapu, P.O. Box 3410, LAE, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea. For more information, send emails to Frasch at zolat@zolatanz5.com.

Clothing Ministry
Donations of children’s clean, wearable clothing of all sizes may be brought to 5 Isabelia Drive. In addition, baby equipment, sheets, blankets, backpacks, and kids’ shoes are also accepted. This is the St. Gianna’s children’s clothing ministry in the Londonderry/Derry and Manchester communities, and all items collected are brought to established outreach programs and given to the needy. Call Liz with questions at 437-6678.

Women’s Softball
The Londonderry Women’s Softball League is in its 10th season and has 10 teams comprised of 150+ players, and encourages new players at all experience levels to join s. The season runs June through August and concludes with a banquet. Visit: www.dwsnh.info to download the registration form and find out more information, or call 425-6231.

Outreach Programs
The Londonderry Wildcatters will be selling food, candy, and beverages, and the Friends of Music will be raising money with the sales. While the event is geared to the young teens of the community, all are welcome to attend.

Volunteers Needed
The Volunteer program is looking for volunteers for the following positions: Elite Soccer Camps: one Alternate, three-year position; Londonderry Arts Council, one Ad Hoc position; Planning Board, one Alternate, three-year position; Planning Board of Adjustment, one Alternate, three-year position. If interested, visit: www.londonderry.nh.info and click on “Town Services A-Z” and “V” to find the volunteer form. For questions, contact Margo Lapietro at mlapietro@londonderry.nh.org or call 432-1100, ext. 120.

Garden Club
The Derry Garden Club meets Fridays, Aug. 5, at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. After the business meeting, the program will be “Falling into Fall Fashion” a business casual to weekend casual fashion show presented by Christopher and Banks from the Mall of New Hampshire. The public is invited. For more information, call 432-7195 or visit: derrygardenclub.org. The Derry Garden Club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs.

Leadership Londonderry
Leadership Londonderry is an educational program for Londonderry residents who are interested in learning more about how town and school government works. The curriculum includes presentations by each town department head and representatives of each board or commission. The classes meet once a month from September through May. Although no class is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2011, anyone interested in the program should contact Town Hall at 432-1100, ext. 120.

MOMS Club of South Londonderry
The MOMS Club of South Londonderry will be having its Annual International Soccer Camp run by Dutch Soccer Academy. The camp is Aug. 8-12 at Londonderry’s West Road fields and offers full-day and half-day sessions with professional coaches from Europe and South America. Players will be grouped based on skill level, knowledge of the game and age. Register at: http://www.dutchsocceracademy.co m/jr-camp-camps.html. Contact Pam Williams at 437-5877 or pamwilliams3@comcast.net for more information.

GriefShare
Orchard Christian Fellowship sponsors GriefShare, a weekly grief recovery seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It meets Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the office of Dr. Philip Stebbins at 184 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. For more information, call 425-6231.

Advanced Media Camp
The Londonderry Access Center (LAC) offers its Advanced Summer Media Camp Aug. 8-12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp is open to kids who are entering sixth through ninth grades in the fall, and who have taken the beginner summer media camp or have had complete training on their own at the LAC. Cost is $25. The goal is for campers to produce their own show in four days. Call Erin at 432-1100, Ext. 185 for more information or to sign up.

Middle School Movie Mania
The Londonderry Old Home Day Committee announces a new addition to its festivities this year. The first Middle School Movie Mania event will take place Thursday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. on the Town Common, with a rain location at the Londonderry High School cafe. The movie is “Grown-Ups” rated PG-13, and runs for 1 hour and 42 minutes. The Londonderry Wildcatters will be selling food, candy, and beverages, and the Friends of Music will be raising money with the sales. While the event is geared to the young teens of the community, all are welcome to attend.

Free Dinners
Elkah’s Table, a joint project of Ezt Hayim Synagogue and the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, offers free community Sunday dinners for people of all ages on Aug. 14 and Sept. 11 at the church, 1 Hood Road, Derry, and Aug. 21 and Sept. 18 at the synagouge, 1/2 Main Street, Derry. Meals are from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Backpack Donations
South School is seeking donations of backpacks and/or school supplies for children in need. Please help purchase a Backpack and supplies for a child in need. A full list of items needed can be found on the South School Wiki Page at: https://southschoolpta.wikispaces.com. Drop-off locations are: Bamboo Natural Market, Coffeeberries and St. Mark’s Church. Items will be collected until Aug. 9. The group is working in conjunction with the Salvation Army. Also sought are donations of back to school haircuts for children and gift cards for a back to school outfit. For questions, email Kimberly Lynch at: Kimberlynch4@gmail.com.

Frost Literary Series
The Robert Frost Farm 2011 Summer Literary Series presents poet and
Frost Farm trustee Robert Crawford at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, with "Robert Frost: The New England Landscape as Metaphor." He is co-founder of Hyla Brook Poets. The program is free and is made possible by grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and sponsorship by the state Division of Parks and Recreation, the Robert Frost Homestead Trustees, and the Friends of the Robert Frost Farm. For details, call 432-3091. The Frost Farm, a National Historic Landmark, is at 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry.

Young Adult Summer Reading
The Young Adult Summer Reading Program continues in August at the Leach Library with a movie at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4. The remaining Thursday meetings are from 6 to 7 p.m. August 11 is a discussion of movies versus books. Aug. 18 is a discussion of favorite books, and Aug. 25 is a pizza party and raffle. Turn in all raffle tickets by 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22. Keep reading after that date and turn in reading logs by closing time Saturday, Sept. 3, to be eligible for the Janice Anagons Memorial Prize, which goes to the student who reads the most books during the summer.

Traveling Pigs
Traveling pigs Toot and Puddle will visit the Leach Library's Children's Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, Aug. 17, and Thursday, Aug. 18, from 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m. Hear tales of far-off lands, dance and visit with the pigs. Readers who reached their goals can pick up their prize bags. Those who haven’t reached their goal can also attend and pick up their prize bag from the Children’s Room when they have reached their goal, until closing on Saturday, Sept. 10. Registration for the programs is required and begins Monday, Aug. 15, at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or visit the Children’s Room.

Football Showcase
The Fall Showcase League is holding tryouts for the 2011 Fall Softball Showcase League Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. at Roby Park in Nashua and on Aug. 13 at Sanel Field in Concord. For more information about the Fall Showcase League and to register for tryouts, visit: www.showcaseleague.com. Players can also register at the tryout.

YMCA Open House
The YMCA of Greater Londonderry hosts an Open House to meet this year’s School’s Out Program team on Aug. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a time to meet the staff, ask questions, learn about program highlights and daily routines, and see what’s new for the coming school year. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP by calling Child Care Director Stacy Credit at 437-9622. Visit the YMCA online at: www.ygym.org.

Foot Clinic
Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice sponsors a foot clinic on Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Mayflower Grange Hall, 575 Mammoth Road for persons age 60 and above who are unable to perform their own foot care. Clients receive a basic nail trimming and foot assessment, but no treatment of corns or calluses. Appointments are required, and a donation of $20 for the first visit and $15 for subsequent visits is suggested. For further information and to schedule an appointment, call 380-6668.

Diabetes Support
Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice sponsors a Londonderry Diabetes Support Group on the third Friday of the month from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center. The next meeting is Friday, Aug. 19. Facilitator is registered nurse and certificated diabetes educator Paul O’Hara. Call 1-800-540-2981 for further information.

Scholarship
The Londonderry Women’s Club is taking applications for an Adult Female Scholarship for the school year 2011-2012 in the amount of $500. The requirements are: must be a female resident of Londonderry, and have completed a minimum of half of their credits toward the person’s named graduate degree in her current field of study from an accredited secondary institution, and be enrolled in a subsequent year of study. Deadline for applications is Sept. 30. They are available at the Leach Library.

Supervisors of Checklist
The Supervisors will meet Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon and Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon to correct the check-list. The last day for anyone not previously registered to do so for the Special School Deliberative Session is Aug. 23rd is Aug. 13. The last day for the Special School District Voting is Oct. 11, but anyone may register at either polls with proof of citizen- ship, residency and identification. Affidavits are available for anyone lacking documentation.

Senior Night
The 2011 Londonderry Old Home Day Celebration kicks off on Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 5 to 6 p.m. with a Senior Night Barbecue at the Lions Hall Pavilion. Although the barbecue is free, those attending must continued on page 23
**Soccer Camp**

Londonderry Youth Soccer Association (LYSA) Fall Registration and Summer Soccer Camp Registration is available at: www.lysa-nh.org.

LYSA Challenger summer soccer camp for ages 3-18 will be held at West Road field 2 Aug. 15-19, with morning, afternoon or all day sessions available. For more information, contact Patti at 867-9799 or pscott1960@gmail.com.

**Fall Bulb Sale**

The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library is holding its annual Fall Bulb Sale, with 27 varieties of spring and summer blooming bulbs, including a rock garden collection, Pink Buttercups, Candy Club Tulips, Stargazer Lilies, and Rhody Iris, as well as mixtures featuring Daffodils, Crocuses and Hycanthis. Orders can be placed at the Library’s main desk until Saturday, Sept. 26.

**Hyla Brook Poetry**

The Hyla Brook Reading Series’ monthly writing workshop meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. The next workshop is Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28). For more information, contact Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com or visit: http://www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets.

**Italian Americans**

The Italian-American Heritage Society hosts a trip Aug. 6 to the Feast of Fishermen in Boston’s North End. The group will car pool and split gas and parking costs. For more information on joining the society and its events highlighting Italian culture, call 880-1686 or email cwpuzick@aol.com.

**Book Club**

The Book Club is seeking new members. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at the Klint Clubhouse on Winding Pond Road. For more information, call Barbara Scott at 434-4799 or email: artonthecommon@londonderryculture.org.
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