Upset with Dispatch Committee, Fire Union Seeks Council Emails

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T he Londonderry Fire Department has requested the emails of Town Council members in order to answer issues regarding the combining of dispatch services and a recently-formed committee to study that issue.

Anthony Maccarone, president of the local firefighters union, said the union filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on Sept. 29 for council members’ e-mails.

The firefighters have several issues with the Council, including the make-up of the committee, the length of time needed for a report, and the existence of the committee in general, Maccarone said.

The current Dispatch Study Committee arose after Town Manager Dave Caron was directed by the Town Council to combine town functions to save money. Caron researched moving the town’s fire dispatch services to the Derry Fire Department. In a vocal Council meeting July 11, townspeople objected to the move, and more than 1,000 signatures on a petition were presented to the Council.

At that time, the Council voted to discontinue plans for contracting with Derry, and agreed to establish a committee to further study dispatch options. Prospective committee members were interviewed Sept. 19 and were appointed at the Monday, Sept. 26, Council meeting.

The idea of a dispatch study committee isn’t new, Maccarone said, and there was one this past autumn. That group consisted of both police and firefighters, he said. One of the issues they explored was a combined police/fire dispatch center.

The consensus of that committee was that a combined center was possible, Maccarone said, but would be expensive in a year of tight budgets.

Fire Captain Doug Cardwell, who served on the previous committee, said a figure of $50,000 was given to the committee for a transition budget.

Baldasaro Deflects Criticism Over ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ Remarks

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W hat he meant to say was...

State Representative Al Baldasaro, R-Londonderry, faced criticism this past week over comments he made about a gay soldier’s appearance at a recent Republican Presidential debate. But Baldasaro is not backing down, saying his remarks were misinterpreted and misreported, and he has no intention of resigning his post.

Baldasaro made his comments after a Town Hall meeting for Presidential candidate and Texas Governor Rick Perry, held last week in Derry. He was interviewed by the liberal blog thinkprogress.org.

Baldasaro said his issue with Hill had to do with Hill’s political activism rather than his sexual orientation. “He spoke out publicly as a member of the military. That’s why I was glad they booted him,” Baldasaro said.

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Without Funding, Future of Exit 4A Remains Unknown

Members of the Move Derry Forward Task Force raised the subject once again of the long simmering Exit 4A of Interstate 93.

Town Councillor Joel Olbricht leads the advisory Task Force, which includes Town Administrator John Anderson and about 20 local business leaders, citizens and department heads and focuses on economic issues. It was created in 2010 to give the Town Council new ideas and practical suggestions to advance the economic prospects of Derry.

Exit 4A has been in the works for over 20 years. No timetable for construction exists.

“The big issue is where does the money come from,” said Derry Town Administrator John Anderson at last week’s meeting.

Asked about the proposed exit after the meeting, Londonderry Town Manager Dave Caron explained, “The significant hurdle exists in identifying adequate funding.”

Both Derry and Londonderry have committed to spending $5 million each on the project. “Given the feedback we have received in the last few years from voters, it would be difficult to envision Londonderry voters will increase their investment in the project,” said Caron.

Derry Town Councillor Kevin Coyle, contacted after the meeting, said he does not want to see Derry spend “a dime beyond the promised $5 million.”

For the project to proceed, a source of financing must be demonstrated, Caron said.

According to Anderson and Caron, their towns have both spent about $1.5 million on the 4A project to date. CLD Consulting Engineers, the company handling the federal Environmental Impact Statement, splits the bill evenly each month and sends half to Derry and the other half to Londonderry, Anderson said.

Anderson told the Task Force, “This firm (CLD Consulting Engineers) has made a lot of money on this engineering plan, and when I got here, I started looking at the bills and said, ‘what’s this line, what’s this line, what’s that line,’ and they would go, ‘Oh, well we’ve agreed to do this, or agreed to do that,’ and I said ‘I can’t pay a bill unless I see a product. You’re giving me a blank invoice here, show me what got done for that amount of money. I need to see progress reports for that amount of money,’ which changed the dynamic for them to the point where they put in information on what’s actually being done.

In addition to the money committed by the two towns, Hyrax Derry Partners LLC, formerly Boston North, also dedicated $5 million.

Hyrax, which was deeded the right to be Boston North’s successor in interest, was created in 2009. While the two towns are paying for the federal Environmental Impact Statement, the $5 million from Hyrax is to be used for engineering and construction costs, which have yet to begin.

Coyle said a completed Exit 4A would benefit Hyrax by opening “up lots of land that Hyrax owns.”

“If you are going to attract business to Derry, you need to get people in and out of Derry in a timely fashion... people hate traffic,” said former Derry State Senator Bob Letourneau, a member of the Task Force. “You need to move on 4A.”

Coyle said he believes Exit 4A would not only fail to attract new customers to Derry businesses, but would hurt businesses already open in downtown Derry. “I think it will kill downtown Derry because it would add a competing commercial area in Londonderry,” he said. “If people are going shopping, they will go to the new area in Londonderry, not old downtown Derry.”

“(Exit 4A) does nothing for Derry except cost us huge,” he added. “All the developed land is in Londonderry, and the land it opens up will be nice in Londonderry but it will provide no tax relief for us.”

Bill Boynton of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) said Exit 4A is on DOT’s 10-year plan, but is only budgeted for engineering and construction costs, at $1 million in the current 10-year plan and $1,099,000 budgeted for the upcoming revision, Boynton said the $10 million commitment in the 10-year plan, which is revised every two years, has been cut from over $4 billion in 2006 to over $1 billion currently.

The result is that the current 10-year plan focuses on maintaining the roads that are already built and not on new projects. Boynton said, “Funding has always been an issue for Exit 4A.”

Boynton noted that the current I-93 widening project is $240 million short of the funding necessary to finish construction.

Caron said he hoped the federal Environmental Impact Statement will be completed next year. Anderson, however, said he would not be able to give a firm estimate. But he agreed the Environmental Impact Statement is in its final stages.

That may not mean the project can go forward, as officials from both towns and Hyrax are faced with whether a westbound exit should be included.

The original plan for Exit 4A did not have a west exit. Caron said London derry originally did not want a westerly exit but that was so long ago that he doesn’t know if attitudes among Londonderry voters have changed. He said Londonderry’s $5 million commitment is only for an easterly exit.
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Editorial

See You at the Library

The Londonderry Leach Library hopes to add back four hours of staff time into next year’s budget, half of what was cut last year. The reason is simple: Patrons want more open hours at the library.

The Hampstead Library Trustees are working on their budget as well, and plan to increase the amount spent on book purchases. Why is that? More residents are using the public library.

Those are only two examples of what is happening at libraries around the state. And while at a casual glance those actions could be interpreted as ignoring the economic hardship taxpayers face, a more accurate response is that as times get tough and money gets tight, residents are using their libraries more and more.

And that’s a good thing.

As we don’t believe newspapers will disappear, we don’t think books will, either. But as the cost of books increase and bookstores close, libraries become even more vital. Reading a good book brings a lot of satisfaction, something that’s hard to duplicate.

We’ve heard town officials question the usefulness of a library — or a book — in today’s digital age. We think they’re totally off base. But libraries aren’t stuck in the 19th century; with audio books for the commuter, downloadable books for e-readers and computers, technology plays a major role in their offerings these days, meeting the needs of both the tech-savvy and those who want to hold a book in their hands.

Think back. How many of us introduced our children to a love of reading when they were toddlers, sitting with them at library story time sessions, then heading home with lots of picture books?

These days, most of us can’t afford to spend money on entertainment. But the numerous free programs offered at our public libraries — ranging from movies to lectures to art shows — give us options to get out of the house, spend time with others, and maybe learn something in the process. Often with a snack thrown in.

And when hometown entertainment just won’t do, most libraries offer free or reduced admission passes to museums in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Remember where people gather when the power goes out in winter storms? At the library. Kind of a definition of “community,” isn’t it?

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Disingenuous Democrats

To the editor:

I’m sure of my facts and if you’re uncomfortable with them, try Googling and reading the information instead of spending time talking to yourself, painting signs and spewing hatred.

The Bush era tax cuts, which now really should be Obama’s tax breaks for the rich, got signed into law on Dec. 17, 2010. President Obama signed it. This law took effect on Jan. 1, 2011.

What was the makeup of the Congress at that time? The House was held by 233 Democrats (majority) to 198 Republicans. The Senate was 57 Democrats (majority) and 41 Republicans and two independents.

Since the election was over, many of this group knew that their stay was over so they had nothing to lose. Why didn’t the Democrats pass a tax law that fairly taxed the rich?

It would have become law on Jan. 1, and there would be nothing the Republicans could do about it. Since they only controlled one house, they could never get enough votes to override any veto, as two-thirds of both bodies are needed to do that.

Was it to create an election year issue? Or maybe it was even more sinister than that? Was it to try to have Americans have something else as a wedge between us? Was it to continue the Thelma and Louise monetary philosophy practiced by the administration in trying to drive this country over the cliff?

When the election was over in 2008, I began to hope and pray for our new President because I’m an American first. My concerns grew when the Chief of Staff announced the new policy “never waste a crisis,” and they started on the Democratic dream of spending to force a tax increase. The President deepened the recession by constantly telling everyone how bad it was, which shook consumer confidence, believing the administration could turn it around in 2010 and 2011 to gain applause in 2012.

When the 2010 summer of recovery didn’t materialize, the chief of crisis bailed out to run Chicago. The 2012 election was not shaping up the way they hoped. They changed direction into election mode, herding their minions and beginning to call for “fairer taxes.”

I could have supported and even understood moving the tax level back to the Clinton era levels, had the Democrats not been so disingenuous in December 2010!

James M. Sievert
Londonderry

Welcome Back

To the editor:

I suppose every town has both good people as well as a few bad people with personal agendas that often get in the way of objectivity, and we in Londonderry are certainly not exempt from that.

As a resident of Londonderry, I am embarrassed that a town, boasting to be welcoming to citizens and businesses alike, treated the Londonderry Times as they did. C’mon, did they really need a parking spot that...
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New Southbound I-93 Off-Ramp at Exit 5

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces a new southbound off-ramp configuration was to take place at Exit 5 of Interstate 93 in Londonderry on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Traffic was to be switched from the current temporary off-ramp to the newly constructed highway segment. This work is part of the construction of four new I-93 Exit 5 bridges, New Hampshire Route 28 reconstruction, and I-93 general contractor for the $37 million project, which is scheduled for completion in June 2014.
Fire Safety Featured at Fire Department Open House

Kathleen D. Bailey
Londonderry Times

Londonderry Fire Marshal Brian Johnson has two words for anyone planning to burn wood, corn, pellets or other alternative material this fall: keep it clean.

He and the Londonderry Fire Department staff will expound on this and other fire- and safety-related topics at the department’s annual Open House Sunday, Oct. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Central Fire Station on Mammoth Road from.

Johnson said one of the biggest mistakes wood stove owners make is to fail to clean their chimneys annually. Most chimney fires are caused by creosote, a substance that builds up inside. It’s not always readily spotted or removed by the layman, Johnson observed, so a professional chimney sweep is a better choice.

Because of the economy, more local residents are using wood or other substances as their primary fuel, Johnson said. But they’re also skimming on cleaning their chimneys. “They push the envelope,” Johnson said, sometimes skipping a needed cleaning for one year.

“It’s just like a car,” he said. “You can only go so long without an oil change.”

People also think they don’t need their chimneys cleaned because they’re burning “clean wood.” Not so, Johnson said. “Any wood will produce some creosote.”

Ironically, those who burn wood as a primary source often have less creosote than those who burn it occasionally. “If you burn often and hotter, you usually burn out the creosote,” he said.

How dirty is your chimney? You don’t know until you have it cleaned or have a fire, Johnson said.

The other mistake homeowners make is not putting enough distance between their stove or fireplace and the material to feed the blaze. Many people buy decorative holders for their combustible materials, and roll newspapers, put them in the holder, then put it next to the fire. However, fire code requires 36 inches between the stove or fireplace and any combustible material, and moving it closer, he said, is asking for trouble.

The code also requires 12 inches of non-combustible flooring in front of the burning unit, Johnson said. This is to prevent a spark coming out and smoldering in a combustible material, and other issues Sunday, Oct. 16. The Open House has something for everyone, Johnson said. The Salem Fire Department is bringing a “smoke trailer,” in which they smoke up an artificial room and people learn what it’s like to be in a smoke-filled building. There’s also a sprinkler demonstration on the truck, where a T-shirt is set on fire and doused with a sprinkler system, he said.

Londonderry ALERT - A Londonderry Emergency Response Team - will be on hand to talk about its work. There will also be a facade of a house with wooden “flames” in the windows, and children can knock down the flames with a hose, he said. Children can also sit in the fire trucks.

For the grown-ups, there will be a raffle of a smoke and carbon monoxide detector donated by Home Depot. Liberty Mutual Insurance will present a safety presentation, and the ladder truck will be demonstrated.

Food has been donated by Papa Gino’s, Shaw’s, Dunkin’ Donuts, Mack’s Apples and the Blackberry Bakery, Johnson said.

It’s a day of fun, food and fire safety, and everyone is welcome, Johnson said. “If someone walks out with knowledge they didn’t have before, we have done our job,” he said.

For more information, call the Fire Department at 432-1124.

But Londonderry residents don’t have to wait until Sunday to celebrate fire safety. Domino’s Pizza in Derry is joining the Londonderry Fire Department for a special promotion Friday and Saturday.

Domino’s owner Mark Morris said eight Londonderry customers chosen at random will receive their pizzas delivered in a fire truck, plus a free inspection of the family’s smoke detector. If their detector is in good working order, they’ll get the pizza free, Morris said; if not, they will receive either free batteries or a new smoke detector courtesy of the Londonderry Fire Department.

The pizza promotion will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Morris said Domino’s as a chain is doing the promotion throughout the country, and he’s been interested for a couple of years. “The LFD approached me and they were all over it,” he said.

To order a pizza, call Domino’s at 432-6605.
Vicky Thickins, 11, carefully penned her message inside a greeting card. It’s not the first time she’s written to a service person, she said, noting, “We did it at school.”

And it won’t be the last, Vicky added. Though she doesn’t have friends or relatives at the front, she said, “I just like doing it.”

The Maidens of St. Joan of Arc, a Catholic girls’ group, put their markers where their hearts are in a recent meeting. They created cards of encouragement for the troops, cards that they will deliver to representatives of the MooreMart organization at Nutfield Publishing’s MooreMart fund-raising rally Oct. 22. Nutfield Publishing publishes the Londonderry Times.

The Maidens sat at small desks in a classroom in St. Jude Church on Mammoth Road as they created their cards. Advisers are Kathy McKenney and Kim Fudala.

The Maidens, for girls 10 to 18, is primarily a service organization, Fudala said. They are involved in the community, helping with events such as the Old Home Day Senior Barbecue. Her daughter Ashley, now 17, is the “Lead Maiden” for the group and has been involved for five years.

“She has learned to give of herself,” Fudala said. “It’s good for her spiritually too, to connect her with the church.”

McKenney reminded the girls not to put their names or addresses in the cards, and they set to work.

Sarah Heinrich, 11, concentrated on her drawing. “I feel like I’m really helping someone,” she said. “I feel good emotionally when I do something for the troops.”

Though Sarah doesn’t have a relative currently deployed, she has had uncles and grandparents in the service, she said. She often thinks about the people who will receive her cards, Sarah added. “They don’t get to be with their families, and not everyone appreciates what they’re doing,” she said.

Lexanne Mecklenborg, 16, said she wasn’t sure what she would write. “But I’m going to say ‘thank you’ in some way,” she said, adding, “They’re doing so much for the nation, to keep the nation intact.”

Thirteen-year-old Erin McKenney said she has a brother in the Air Force. He just graduated from intelligence school, she said. He won’t be on the front lines so it’s not as bad for him, she said, but added that she is concerned about other service people. And it didn’t bother her, she said, that her card would go to a stranger. “I can make another one for my brother,” she said.

Lizzy Stubbs, 12, made an intricate design of purple, green and pink swirls surrounding the letters “Thank you.” She originally just did the letters, but it kept growing, she said.

“It’s brave of them to not go in normal jobs, but to do what they do every day,” Lizzy said of the troops.

As she marked straight lines with the edge of a notebook, Lizzy’s sister Vicky, a freshman at Londonderry High School, said, “I think this is really special - we get to show them our appreciation. They are protecting all these incredible freedoms we have.”

Vicky’s wish for her card’s recipient is, “That they can realize that we still think about them here, and that they know it’s not pointless that they’re over there.”

MooreMart is a Nashua-based nonprofit sending care packages to deployed troops. The MooreMart fund-raising event will be held from 2 p.m. to dusk Saturday, Oct. 22, at Woodmont Orchards in Londonderry. For more information or to volunteer, call Nutfield Publishing at 537-2760. For more information on the Maidens, call 432-3333.
State Representative Al Baldasaro, R-Londonderry

Baldasaro's comments generated some concern.

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Sergeant, Baldasaro said, he understands military law, but most people “don’t have a clue.” The Department of Defense Directive 1344.10 prohibits active members of the armed forces from speaking before a “partisan political gathering, including any gathering that promotes a partisan political party, candidate or cause.” They are allowed to register to vote, vote and express an opinion on political issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.

Baldasaro said Hill was wearing part of his uniform, a gray Army T-shirt, and claimed he thus was speaking as a member of the service rather than as a private citizen.

“I am not backing down,” Baldasaro said. “I am not losing my freedom of speech. I’m going by the Constitution, which I protect as a member of the military.” “They are making it into a liberal political issue,” Baldasaro said of the furor around his words.

While a press release from the state Democratic Committee called for Speaker of the House Bill O’Brien to order Baldasaro to resign from his chairmanship of the Veterans Affairs Committee, Shannon Shutts, a spokesperson for the Speaker’s office, said O’Brien didn’t have the power to remove him. “The Speaker is a duly elected representative, just like everyone else,” Shutts said.

She added that to her knowledge, there was no official movement by the Republicans to oust Baldasaro.

Tammy Siekmann, chairman of the Londonderry Democrats, said she has had two “amicable” phone conversations with Baldasaro since the remarks were reported. Her husband is a former Marine and served in the Gulf War, she said, “and I know where Al’s trying to come from.

“We need to look at what he said as a whole,” Siekmann said.

Though Baldasaro has said he has no problem with gays outside the military, Siekmann pointed to another of his political activities, his support of HR 443 and the repeal of gay marriage. “He can’t say he has no bias against gays,” she said.

But as chairman of the House Veterans Committee, he should be “completely unbiased,” Siekmann said, and she doesn’t see that from his words or the bills he supports. “His true feelings,” she said, “are evident in the bills he sponsors and the comments he’s made.

“I think he stuck his foot in it, and he should apologize,” Siekmann said.

She said his own party should be responsible for asking him to step down, or censuring him.

An on-line petition to remove Baldasaro from the chairmanship of the Veterans Affairs Committee had more than 500 signatures on Tuesday.

Harrell Kirstein, press secretary for the New Hampshire Democratic Party, said the petition originated with the Democratic party. The party officials decided to take the step, he said, because they were frustrated that neither Speaker O’Brien nor Majority Leader D.J. Bettencourt had commented on Baldasaro’s remarks.

“It is pretty clear,” Kirstein said, “that he is unwilling to be an advocate for all New Hampshire veterans.”

Kirstein said that if the state Republicans weren’t willing to act, “it becomes incumbent on the other leaders of the Republican party.” He said Congressmen Charlie Bass, 2nd District, and Frank Guinta, 1st District, along with U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte, all Republicans, should take a stand regarding Baldasaro.

Shutts, spokesperson for O’Brien, said she was not aware of the petition and doubted that the Speaker knew of it because the office had been closed all weekend.

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Town’s Leach Library to Offer its First Default Budget

Kathleen D. Bailey
Londonderry Times

The Trustees of the Leach Library will present a working budget of $1,358,898 to the Budget Committee Nov. 19, an amount that includes restoring four hours a week of staff time, back by popular demand.

Library Director Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp presented her proposed budget to the Trustees in their Oct. 5 meeting.

Ostertag-Holtkamp said the draft 2012-13 budget includes four hours of staff time, to replace part of eight staff hours lost in budget cuts last year. The hours were restored due to the request of patrons, she said.

Ostertag-Holtkamp said the four hours amount to $22,348 on the new budget. Instead of adding staff, which would mean salary, Social Security and Medicare, she opted to increase the hours of staff she already has.

“I have gotten feedback from the public that they want the hours reinstated,” she said.

Trustee Bill Bringham asked Ostertag-Holtkamp why she didn’t add back the full eight hours that had been cut. Ostertag-Holtkamp said, “With the economy the way it is, I didn’t think we’d get it.”

The default budget, the first in library history, will be $315,376.

The budget will be presented to the Budget Committee during a day-long workshop Saturday, Nov. 19.

In other business, Ostertag-Holtkamp and the trustees discussed technology. Ostertag-Holtkamp said she was responding to a resolution by the Town Council to share her technology plan.

She said the library has many electronic services, including e-books, which it has had for years. Patrons can now download books to the Kindle service, she noted. Previously, Kindle users could only download books from Amazon, the parent company, but that has changed, she said.

Trustee Bill Feldman expressed concern that with e-books, the physical use of the library would decrease and they would be asked to lower their budget. Ostertag-Holtkamp said she and her staff were always tracking use and did a monthly report. “Let’s say suddenly 80 percent of our circulation was e-books and the like,” she said. “At that point, we’d adapt. We’re always adapting.”

The trustees and Ostertag-Holtkamp discussed improving the technology of checking out, with a system where patrons could self-check. Trustee Betsy McKinney said she had seen one in Haverhill, Mass., but Ostertag-Holtkamp said that needs a compatible system. She said she had tried for about eight months to get similar software on her current system, but it didn’t work. And purchasing a new system will be $65,000 to $80,000.

“If the Budget Committee sees it as a priority and they put it in, I’m willing,” she said.

Trustee Pauline Caron reminded the group that if they get a new system, all the books would have to be re-coded.

The new checkout system cannot go in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) because it’s under $100,000, Ostertag-Holtkamp said.

Ostertag-Holtkamp said there are currently 16,353 Londonderry residents with library cards.
Londonderry High Graduate Dies in Nashua Stabbing

Kathleen D. Bailey
Londonderry Times

A 2003 Londonderry High School graduate was stabbed to death Sunday night outside his Nashua home. Paul Frontiero, 27, of 13 Spruce St., was transported to Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

The attack took place at 10:30 p.m. Jill Arnold, 29, and Kathryn Libby, 29, were also injured, with Arnold suffering minor cuts and Libby suffering serious stab wounds. As of Tuesday, Libby was in stable condition and recovering at a Boston hospital.

The alleged assailant, Matthew Packer, 19, of 36 Carlene Drive, Nashua, fled the scene and was later arrested Oct. 10 in Wareham, Mass., at the home of a relative. He was arraigned in Wareham District Court on Tuesday on fugitive from justice charges.

He is being charged with the second degree murder of Frontiero and the first-degree assault on Libby.

The attack is being investigated by the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office. Those with information may call the Nashua police at 594-3500 or the Nashua Crime Line at 589-1665.

Officials at the Nashua Police Department declined to comment, referring all calls to the Attorney General’s office.

Former Londonderry Woman Not Guilty of Embezzlement

Kathleen D. Bailey
Londonderry Times

A former Londonderry resident and bookkeeper was found not guilty of embezzlement charges last week after a jury trial in Rockingham Superior Court.

Karen Susi, 48, now of Hudson, was charged with embezzling more than $300,000 from painting company B&K Industrial Services over a four-year period. But in testimony with her attorney Patrick Fleming of Portsmouth, she produced documents that showed that she wrote checks to herself to cover B&K owner Barry Kendall’s questionable business practices.

Fleming believed the paper trail of Kendall’s business dealings “spoke for itself” and helped the jury find Susi innocent.

“As I said in my closing arguments, it’s a matter of who you believe,” Fleming said. “The jury didn’t believe Kendall beyond a reasonable doubt.”

Fleming said Susi was “quite happy” about her acquittal, saying, “she now has the ability to rebuild her life, which was on hold while the charges were pending.”

Sonshine Benefit

On Sept. 11, the Stonyfield Employee Golf League hosted a tournament to benefit the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, netting $5,590. Holding the check are Christine Fudala, second from left, program director of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, and Kim Reilly. With them from right are Rob Daziel, Matt Desmarais, and Jeff Clark. Not pictured are Steve Foote, Jade MacDonnell, Mark Wride, Sue Melvin and Carrie Clement. Hidden Valley Golf Park hosted the tournament and Longchamps Electric was a gold sponsor of the event.

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Letters of interest for the committee were originally due Sept. 12. With Councillor Tony Dolan out of town, the council determined to hold the interviews Sept. 19 and make appointments Sept. 26. Noting that four slots remained open for members of the community and there were four councilors other than himself, Chairman Sean O’Keefe directed each member to choose a candidate and bring his pick to the meeting on Sept. 26, after which they would vote in the rest of the committee. Maccarone said the firefighters are especially concerned about one member of the new committee, Steve Chasin. Chasin did not attend either the interview session Sept. 19 or the Sept. 26 meeting, and the final choices were made. According to Maccarone, he and the union are puzzled at Chasin’s appointment when other people showed more interest. In the Sept. 26 meeting Councillor John Farrell also questioned Green’s choice, noting that the council didn’t know much about the applicant. Green defended his action, and Chasin was approved. The Council voted unanimously to approve Chasin; retiring fire officer and library trustee John Velliquette; business executive and former Emergency Medical Technician Linda German; and North Reading, Mass., Police Chief Ed Nolan. Alternates are Brad Osgood, a deputy chief at the Concord Fire Department, and Brendan Burns, a lieutenant on the Manchester Fire Department. Other members of the committee are Capt. Doug Cardwell, Londonderry Fire Department; Lt. Tim Jones, Londonderry Police; Town Councillor John Farrell, representing the Council; Lisa Whittemore, Budget Committee; and Steve Young, School Board.

Regarding the email request, O’Keefe said, “The Town Manager will provide the emails to Mr. Maccarone and the Fire Department. We don’t know why or what they are looking for.”

O’Keefe defended the selection process. “It was a legitimate process,” he said. “Each guy picked one person, and I took care of the paperwork.”

“Had no problem” with Chasin or his application. He said they thought Chasin would be a good addition to the committee.

“He made some comments when we were originally discussing this, and challenged us to think outside the box,” O’Keefe said. “I think he’ll be fine, fair and level-headed.”

O’Keefe said he wasn’t surprised at the request from the firefighters, but was disappointed. “I think someone is playing politics, and that’s not the right thing to do,” he said. Councillor Tom Freda said he wasn’t on the council when the previous study took place. He added that he doesn’t necessarily negate the current group.

Freda also contested the fact that there weren’t “professionals” on the current committee, pointing out that the study team contains a Londonderry police officer and fire captain, as well as safety officials from other communities.

“Don’t understand where he’s coming from,” Freda said.

Lt. Tim Jones of the Londonderry Police Department, who chaired the committee last fall, said that committee’s focus was bringing the fire dispatch services to the police building and combining efforts. He said from start to finish, the estimated cost was $754,065 for combining the two functions.

Caron said Tuesday, Oct. 11, that he was committed to the project and would remember the requested emails and would be with the firefighters’ legal counsel, Dick Mullen, by the end of the day.
Sara Dadian, a 1998 graduate, is in the process of creating a student exchange program between her college alma mater, Boston University, and Cuba. In the process, she remembered her high school and conceived a plan to broker “pen pals” between LHS and second-year students in Cuba. With the help of LHS Spanish teacher Tom Wilson, she took her first envelope of letters to Havana this past week.

When Dadian studied at BU, she took on study abroad opportunities, she said, relaxing in Wilson’s classroom. She went to France and to Cuba on two different programs, neither of which was sponsored by BU. She studied art history, French and Spanish, and developed an interest in bringing cultures together.

Dadian called LHS and talked with curriculum coordinator Kim Lindley-Soucy, who put her in touch with Wilson. Five segments of Wilson’s Spanish classes wrote letters and posed for group photos, which will be delivered to their new friends. They wrote in Spanish, and are expecting the Cuban students to practice their written English in return.

Mike Bolduc, a sophomore, has been studying Spanish since seventh grade, but admitted he doesn’t know much about Cuba. “I was really excited,” he said of the proposal by Dadian. “It’s a rare opportunity to communicate back and forth with a Communist country, and I’m glad to be a part of it.” Bolduc said he wrote about LHS and his personal interests.

Junior Tristan Roarty has been studying Spanish since freshman year, and thought the exchange sounded interesting. He wrote about what he looks like and what he likes to do, and asked his potential Cuban friend about his or her interests, he said. He admitted he didn’t know much about Cuba but added, “I really like their music!”

Most Americans don’t know much about Cuba except for the negative connotations, Dadian said, adding, “They have a remarkable history, a vibrant culture, a lot to offer. The island has the highest doctor-patient ratio of any country in the world, and a lower infant mortality rate and higher literacy rate than the United States.”

Most major universities have a “study in Cuba” component, Dadian said. She’d like to see BU sponsored by BU. She put his students to work. “I’m all about trying to give my students as authentic an experience as possible,” he said. "We watch the news in Spanish, on Spanish TV channels." Wilson currently teaches sophomore Spanish II and Advanced Placement Spanish to seniors. The students are excited too, he said, and he’s already answering questions about “How old will they be? Where do they go to school?”

His standard answer, he said, is “We don’t know yet.”

With the quick response needed for the first letters, he didn’t have time to find gifts for the Cuban students, he said. His students are considering Lancer lunch bags from the school store, he said.

Dadian and Wilson debated how to best get the Cuban responses to Londonderry. The mail is “iffy,” Dadian said, so they decided she should bring the responses back with her.

“It’s the small changes, people to people, that will change the world,” Dadian said.

Sara Dadian, a 1998 Londonderry High School alumna, looks at some of the photos and pen pal letters LHS Spanish teacher Tom Wilson collected.

Photo by Kathleen D. Bailey
Nutfield Publishing’s move back to Londonderry was made brighter by the efforts of dedicated community volunteers.

Four members of the Derry Garden Club planted flowers and bulbs around the antique Colonial at 2 Litchfield Road. The members came at the request of Nutfield Publishing owner Debra Paul, according to Pat Mulone, publicity chairman for the club.

Nutfield Publishing publishes the Londonderry Times, as well as the Nutfield News in Derry and the Tri-Town Times.

She said when Paul asked for help with landscaping, Mulone and her group did not hesitate to form a committee.

Most of their work is on civic properties and not private businesses, Mulone said. “This is not something we’d do normally - we’d be out seven days a week,” she said. But Nutfield Publishing has been “really good to the club,” she added. The company received the Community Star award from the club for its support of the group, she said.

Mulone and her team, Kaye Nugent, Betsy Wolfe, and Marie Toomey, plus Toomey’s young daughter Elizabeth, planted yellow daylilies, sweet William, daisies, coneflower, yellow evening primrose, astilbe and some “giant” daffodils she’s looking forward to seeing in the spring. “We felt very satisfied,” Mulone said of the result. “It looks a little barren now, but come spring, it will be beautiful.”

The club takes care of the gardens at the Robert Frost Farm, the Marion Gerrish Community Center, the Pocket Park on Manning Street, and other locations around Derry. It holds several fund-raisers, including a plant sale in May, she said “We can’t bring enough hostas - we have 100 pots and they’re all gone,” she said.

The club has 50 active members from Derry, Londonderry, Chester, Hudson and Manchester. New members are welcome, she said. For more information, call Mulone at 432-9215.

Derry Garden Club Helps Beautify Nutfield Publishing

Derry Garden Club members Pat Mulone, Kaye Nugent, Betsy Wolfe and Marie Toomey were busy last week spicing up the entrance of the newly renovated Nutfield Publishing office at 2 Litchfield Road in Londonderry.
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Andrew Zavorotny is pictured with some of the new and gently used Halloween costumes collected by the MOMS Club of South Londonderry to be donated to The Upper Room in Derry. The MOMS Club is a non-profit support group for stay-at-home mothers in town, who meet several times a week to perform service projects, participate in play dates, and attend field trips. Mothers who are looking for friendship and daytime support are always welcome. Visit www.momsclublondonderry.org for more information. Courtesy photo

School Nurses Offer Latest Information on Head Lice

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONNDERRY TIMES

It’s every parent’s nightmare, or at least one of them.

The early school years bring exciting new subjects to master, new friends, tons of “first experiences” and, sometimes, head lice.

The Londonderry school nurses are ready to help, while warning that the best barometers for a lice-infested child are the parents who wash and comb that child’s hair every day. The school nurses sent out a memo Sept. 30 reminding parents that the American Association of Pediatrics no longer recommends mass head screenings for lice, reasoning that most head lice is found by parents. “That has been their recommendation for a while,” Matthew Thornton Elementary School nurse Kelly Boucher said.

She, along with fellow school nurses Sarah Brown and Marilyn Sullivan, have anecdotal evidence to support that. “Usually,” Boucher said, “the parents find them first. They will call us and say, ‘Can you double check?’ If a child is found to have lice, then they’ll screen the entire class, Boucher said.

Boucher said parents have some misconceptions about lice. The biggest, she said, is that their child got lice because he or she was “dirty.”

“They like clean hair,” she said of the bugs. Also, Boucher said, lice don’t carry diseases and they don’t fly.

But head lice can be spread by contact with items from an infected person, she added. All scarves, hats, coats, towels, bed linens and clothing an infected child should be machine washed and dried for at least 20 minutes on the hot cycle of a dryer. Any thing that can’t be machine-washed should be dry-cleaned, or put in a sealed plastic bag for two weeks. Combs and brush es should be soaked in hot water, above 130 degrees, for 5 or 10 minutes.

Adult lice are grayish brown and wingless and shy away from light, making them hard to see. Nits, the infant form, are shiny whitish oval and “glued” to the hair shaft. They hatch in seven to 10 days and leave an empty, transparent-looking casing.

To check for nits, use natural or bright light, the nurses advise. Begin by lifting and separating hair, and use a fine-toothed comb or pull with tweezers.

They also recommend calling one of the three nurses for verification, and treating the lice with an over-the-counter product. Children will be checked before being allowed to return to class, they said.

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Lady Lancer Spikers Experience Both Ups and Downs

Chris Pantazis
Londonderry Times

A win on the road and a loss at home last week left the Londonderry High girls' volleyball team contemplating its 6-8 record and where that placed the locals in the congested Division I standings.

The Lady Lancers swept the host Alvirne High Lady Broncos in three games in Hudson last Wednesday, Oct. 5, but fell by a 3-1 count to the extremely tough Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals of Nashua at LHS two days later.

In the Alvirne match, coach Peter Willis’ LHS crew won by scores of 25-12, 25-13, and 25-23 to move to 6-7 on the campaign.

Amanda Marett tallied 11 kills for the victors, Jaime King contributed 14 service points and six digs, Kirsten Malloy collected eight assists, and Kaitlyn Holland snagged five blocks.

“A good win tonight over a team that’s right where we are in the standings, and a nice continuation of what we did against Hollis on Monday,” said LHS coach Peter Willis, referring to his team’s slim loss days earlier.

In the loss to BG, the Lady Cards won game one (25-10), game two (25-19), and game four (25-17), and the host Lady Lancers claimed game three (25-21).

Marett notched 15 kills, Taylor Collins contributed eight, and Karisa Magoon also snagged eight. Collins also had three blocks, Malloy notched 16 assists, and King tallied 10 of them.

“Jess Reynolds made 19 digs her contribution to the LHS performance.

“Not our best effort tonight on serve-receive, as in every game BG got somebody on a service run that put us in catch-up mode,” said coach Willis. “The third game got us some momentum, with Jaime King giving us some solid serving and setting, and Jess Reynolds had nine digs. We also did better covering them as the match went on.”

Athletes of the Week
Week of Oct. 3, 2011

Annie Stuart, Senior, Field Hockey
This talented captain moved to the sweeper position midway through the season and has excelled, using her block-tackle to stop breakaways while also being a force at clearing the ball from the circle.

Taylor Simpson, Junior, Golf
This skilled golfer is fiercely competitive with unlimited talent. His best round of the season was a 33, and he was the only Lancer to qualify for the state tournament’s individual round, in which he finished 11th after 98 golfers played in the team competition days earlier.

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With the regular season rapidly winding down to a close, the Londonderry High field hockey squad certainly wants to head toward the post-season tournament with a head of steam.

And while the now 3-8-2 team's impressive defensive work in last week's slim 2-1 count, Devon Hickey potted the lone Londonder ry goal with an assist from Madelaine Koon, and netminder Mary Kate Breen kept 17 of Salem's 19 shots out of her net. The hosts smacked a total of six shots on the Lady Blue Devils' cage.

Two days later the Londonderry bunch played host to the sub-.500 Concord contingent (2-8-3), and on this day neither the Lady Lancers nor their opponent was able to put a shot home in what ended up being a scoreless tie.

That outcome pushed the Londonderry squad's current winless streak to six games since its last victory over the Nashua South Lady Purple Panthers back on Sept. 20.

Lady Lancer Stickers Fall, Tie in a Pair of Contests

LHSH field hockey player Kelsey LeBlanc - wearing plenty of pink in support of breast cancer awareness - works to carry the ball up the field during the Lady Lancers’ tough loss to Salem last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer Field Hockey Team Raises Money for Cancer Research

The Londonderry High School Field Hockey Team was “in the pink” this past week as the girls raised money and awareness for cancer research and cures.

Jessica Fleet, a member of the field hockey team, said the team wanted to show support for cancer patients. October is Breast Cancer Month and the color for breast cancer is pink, so she and her teammates planned a “pink day” for their Oct. 5 game against the Salem Blue Devils.

The girls ordered pink shorts and bandanas and wore them at the game, she said.

In addition, the girls sold pink ribbons during lunches and had a bake sale at the game. While they wore pink because October is Breast Cancer Month, Fleet said the collection was made to support all cancer patients and the money was given to the American Cancer Society.

Fleet said their goal was $200 and they raised $127.

Members of the junior varsity field hockey team were on hand during the home game against Salem on Wednesday, Oct. 5, selling baked goods and beverages to raise money for breast cancer research. Pictured are Alyssa Pre-court, Justine Rouleau, Jen McQueeney, Gabby Flagg and Michaela Kewley. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lady Lancer Booters Left Blue by the Lady Blue Hawks

Chris Pantazis
Londonderry Times

A goal against them in the 90th minute of play left the Londonderry High girls’ soccer team and coach Derek Dane lamenting just their second loss of the season in Exeter last Thursday, Oct. 6. Exeter Blue Hawk Katie Day became her side’s hero during the second overtime of the 4-3 match between the strong LHS and Exeter contingents by notchng the tally that moved the Lady Hawks’ excellent record to 10-1 and lowered Londonderry’s mark to 9-2.

The talented squads were knocked up at 3-3 at the close of regulation time, and the 16 minutes of extra play were required to decide the matter.

This back and forth battle featured a bunch of tie scores after the Lady Hawks began the scoring in the seventh minute of the first half.

Londonderry bagged the equalizing goal 10 minutes after their hosts had gone up 1-0 when Aliza Simpson was set up by Alexa Bedell. However, just two minutes later the Lady Blue Hawks busted the 1-1 tie and went up 2-1.

But Kayleen Walberg knotted the score again for Londonderry in the 24th minute of the half on a set-up by Meghan O’Regan. However, Exeter surged back into the lead in minute 32 to carry a 3-2 advantage into the halftime break.

But coach Dane’s LHS girls potted the only goal of the second half just four minutes in when Simpson was set up by Walberg, and the score was all locked up again at 3-3.

That didn’t change until the dramatic 90th minute, when Day was set up by teammate Abby Short.

Shots on net tallies were extremely even in this hard-fought match (Exeter 14-13), and LHS goalies Kelsey Derhak and Colbert’s LHS team’s winning marker in the 1-0 Colbert’s LHS team’s fourth consecutive victory since its tough, 2-1 loss to the Concord High Crimson Tide back on Sept. 20.

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No one knows what causes prostate cancer, but several factors may increase your risk. These include age, race, diet and family history. Even though scientists don’t understand exactly what causes prostate cancer, there are things you can do that may help prevent it. Exercise, watch your weight (seriously overweight men are much more likely to die from prostate cancer than thin men), and limit alcohol to no more than two drinks a day. When it comes to diet, recent research is turning up exciting new findings. Brazil nuts, tomatoes and broccoli, soy, and green tea show tendencies to shrink tumors or prevent certain types of cancers.

Common signs of prostate cancer may be caused by other conditions as well. Talk to your provider if you have any problems such as frequent urination (espe- cially at night), trouble urinating (such as frequent starting and stopping), pain or burning during urination, blood in your semen or urine or pain in the back, pelvis, or hips.

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LHS Gridders Fall Just Short of Their First 2011 Victory

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There were only seconds gone in the fourth quarter, but the members of the Londonderry High School football team still had reasons to feel proud of themselves as they stood in unfamiliar territory last Friday night.

The Lancer gridders haven’t held too many leads in games so far this season, so the 10-7 advantage they had over the Manchester Central Little Green at LHS on that Oct. 7 evening was certainly noteworthy.

Unfortunately for the locals, Central overcame its deficit during the final minutes, 34.11 seconds). The senior running back ended up carrying the football 28 times, gaining 132 rushing yards and scoring his team’s lone touchdown. He also kicked the field goal, which gave the hosts that aforementioned, 10-7 lead.

“He’s a great player, a very good athlete, and like the rest of the kids he worked really hard over the summer,” said LHS coach Jon Rich of O’Gorman. “He definitely makes a difference for us, but we still came up four points short.”

The Lancers slid to 0-5 in the tough division with the defeat, while Central moved to 3-1 within D4.

Along with O’Gorman’s impressive play, Londonderry got excellent work from senior running back/defensive back Dee Hoggard, who snagged two big pass interceptions and ran for nearly 100 yards out of the offensive backfield as well in the tough defeat.

“This might be the best game he’s played all season,” said coach Rich. There were only seven points scored in the first half, and that touchdown came on an offensive miscue by the host Lancers as Central defensive back Junior Brown intercepted a Dylan Cole pass deep in Londonderry territory and ran the football into the end zone.

The Lancers reeled off a long drive that began with 1:22 left in the first period but ended with 5:43 remaining in the second when O’Gorman lost his handle on the football at the Little Green’s 3-yard-line, and the visitors collected the fumble.

O’Gorman tallied 72 rushing yards on 14 carries in the first half, and he got his squad its touchdown late in the third quarter by capping off a 12-play drive by sprinting into the end zone from three yards out. His extra-point then knotted the score at 7-7.

Hoggard, who had intercepted a pass in the second quarter, pulled off that feat again minutes after O’Gorman’s score to hand the ball back to the LHS crew at the Central 29.

The Lancers got as far as the Central 17 and in a fourth down, nine-yards-to-go situation with 11:47 left in the game, they elected to have O’Gorman attempt a 34-yard field goal. His kick was good, and the hosts were up 10-7.

But Central responded with a determined effort on its next drive, which began at the Green’s 35 and culminated with a 1-yard scoring push by quarterback Riley Cote with 7:19 showing on the game clock.

Londonderry then answered with a strong offensive series of its own, which included a 57-yard sprint by Hoggard that placed the football on the Central 15. But soon thereafter, the Lancers attempted a pass play into the far left corner of the end zone, and Little Green defensive back Troy Pelletier picked the ball off to get it out of the host team’s hands.

The Green was then able to run out the remaining time, leaving the Lancers to wonder about a win which got away.

“At times we do some things well on both sides of the ball. But we need more consistency,” lamented coach Rich.

Lancer Harriers Run Hard in the Big Apple

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School boys’ cross-country squad tested its skills and its mettle against some of the top high school contingents on the east coast at the Manhattan College Cross-Country Invitational in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx last Saturday, Oct. 8.

Coach Matt Smith’s LHS crew took part in the 2.5-mile Peter Aquilone Boys’ Eastern States Championships at the event and finished 14th out of 18 teams in that high-powered race.

A total of 126 harriers crossed the finish line in the championship race, and Londonderry was paced by talented veteran Mitch Sroka in the 49th spot (13:29.21), and Ryan Winn in the 71st position (13:51.76).

Other LHS finishers were James Mercier in 77th place (13:55.18), Josh Leahy in the 90th spot (14:09.99), and Ryan McClure in 95th place (14:13.36).

He was followed by teammates Andreas Geiger in 52nd place (13:35.33), Devereux Geiger in 70th place (13:51.20), and J.R. Wynn in the 71st position (13:51.76).
Londonderry Woman’s Clothing Ministry Keeps Growing

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

LIKE MANY MOTHERS, Liz Neville is no stranger to volunteer work. But most people’s projects don’t take over their entire garage. Neville’s did.

The used clothing she collects for families down on their luck gradually filled her Londonderry garage, bin after bin. But instead of complaining, her husband, Bill, built two new garage bays. "How many husbands," Neville asked, "would let you take over the garage?"

Neville is the founder and operator of St. Gianna’s Closet, a service connecting needy children with gently-used clothing. It’s been a family affair at their Londonderry home for seven years, and a deep calling for Neville’s passions, her family affair at their Londonderry home reflects her passions, her family’s projects don’t take on as much work into her head, she said, "are my thing."

When she went out on her own, Neville didn’t have a name for her ministry. "The first thing that popped into my head," she said, "was St. Gianna."

Gianna, she explained, is a saint from the modern era. She was a pediatrician living in Italy in the 1950s and ’60s, married with three children. That in itself was unusual for the time, Neville said. But Gianna made her mark in history when she was pregnant with her fourth child.

"She was diagnosed with cancer and the doctor said, ‘There’s no way you’re going to be able to have this baby - you’ll have to abort,’” Neville said. "Her answer was, 'Absolutely not.' She had the baby, and died two weeks after the baby was born."

The Catholic Church canonized St. Gianna Molla, who "gave her life for her unborn child," Neville said. Molla’s husband and children attended the canonization, she said.

Neville, said, embodied the attitude of Jesus when he said, "No greater love has any man than when he lays down his life for another." It’s the guiding principle of her work, she said.

Though Neville attends church in Hudson, she has ties to other churches in the greater Londonderry community. In particular, St. Mark’s and St. Jude’s in Londonderry regularly provide her with clothing, and St. Thomas Aquinas in Derry holds periodic drives.

She also networks with other ministries. She is in frequent contact with Sr. Irene Marie, a Manchester nun who works with the immigrant community. "I call her the ‘Mother Teresa of Manchester,’" Neville said with a smile. "She’ll call me and say, ‘I need size 7 boys clothing, size 14 girls, and three coats, and I’ll get them to her,” Neville said.

"Sr. Irene’s constituents usually need furniture too," Neville said, noting, "The government supplies them with an apartment, but nothing else." She tries not to get too heavy into furniture, but when someone doesn’t know what to do with their discarded children’s furniture, she does.

Neville also takes donations of strollers, walkers and swings. "I bring them to Sheri Radzelovage, a volunteer with CareNet in Manchester," she said. And she works with Karen Livernas of Londonderry, who collects items for disabled children. "The special needs network is huge," Neville said.

Neville’s children attended the canonization. Her son, Evan, a 10th-grader, attends Holy Family Academy in Manchester. Her daughter, Clair, a high-school senior and Emma, a seventh-grader, are home schooled while Claire, a 10th-grader, attends Holy Family Academy in Manchester. Her two youngest, Marycatherine and Daniel, both 6, are also home schooled.

Neville takes no salary and doesn’t want one. "My reward," she said, "is from the Lord."

But there are perks, and they usually come from her satisfied clients. "The people," she said, "are such loves. They want to give back. They’ll bring me clothing and say, ‘My son has outgrown this and that.”’

She has never knowingly been taken advantage of, Neville said. And if someone has taken advantage of her? "It’s not my problem," Neville said. "I am called of the Lord to do this."

When someone leaves her yard with a bag of clothing, she said, she gets "a feeling of satisfaction, a feeling of peace. It’s all good."

Neville collects clothing year-round, from birth to teen sizes. Donations may be dropped at her home at 5 Isabella Drive, Londonderry.

She is currently also collecting gently-used toys for a toy sale to be held Dec. 3 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry. Proceeds from that sale will benefit local food pantries.

For more information, call Neville at 437-6678.

Liz Neville, director of the St. Gianna’s Closet clothing ministry, shows off a prom dress donated to the service she runs from her home. Photo by Kathleen D. Bailey
Churches Collect Gifts for Children of Incarcerated Parents

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONONDERRY TIMES

The Episcopal Diocese is in its 34th year of helping to provide gifts for the children of incarcerated parents. The local Episcopal churches - St. Peter's in Londonderry, St. Christopher's in Hampstead and the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Derry - all participate.

The diocese and these churches recognize that the children are the innocent victims of crime and without the help they provide, these young people will not only be missing a parent at Christmas but very likely be missing Christmas gifts as well.

The program is known as ChIPS - Children of Incarcerated Parents. Church members hold bake sales, ask for donations of gifts appropriate for specific ages, and undertake other fundraising efforts to make sure gifts for these children are available. The youth groups as well as the adults work hard each year to collect as many gifts and as much money for more gifts as possible.

Maggie Mackie-Ciancio, a member of Transfiguration, said, “ChIPS has my vote for being the most important outreach program of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire because it touches the lives of the people society would prefer to forget: incarcerated parents and their children. When these parents return to their families, they find that there are stronger bonds because of the yearly program that provides them with the opportunity to be givers, not just takers. Last year we provided over 700 gifts for parents who are in the New Hampshire prison system.”

Gifts or donations of money for the program can be dropped off at any of the above Episcopal churches. The individual church delegates to the Diocesan Convention will bring the gifts and donations to the Convention on Oct. 29, where they will then be taken to the Blass Clubhouse at St. Paul’s School for sorting. The tentative date for this year’s sorting is Nov. 13 through 16.

Individuals can purchase a gift or contribute $20, making out the check to the Diocese of New Hampshire, with ChIPS on the memo line. Others can help by volunteering to collect the gifts and serve as their church’s contact. Help is always needed for the sorting process and for wrapping the gifts, something that takes place at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men in Concord. No date for wrapping has been set yet.

Gift guidelines are: value of $20 or less, a $20 gift is preferable to four $5 gifts, books - the program tries to provide every child served with an age-appropriate book, gifts that would work for either a boy or girl of a set age, and batteries included when the gift item requires them.

No used or handmade items and no gift cards can be accepted. Jewelry, balloons, crayons, play dough, glue, bubbles, make-up, knitting needles, crochet hooks, paint brushes, glass items, clothing, sharp tools or toy weapons are not considered appropriate.

The age groups are 2 to 4, 5 to 7, 8 to 11 and 12 to 15.

In The Pink

Senior gridder Connor Richard and his LHS football teammates showed their support for breast cancer awareness during last Friday night’s game against Manchester Central by donning pink articles of clothing. Unfortunately for Richard, he had a cast to decorate for the occasion. Richard suffered a broken knuckle on his left hand early in the season, and wore a protective cast so he could play.

Photo by Chris Pantazis
People bury pets because they have to. People bury pets because they want to.” Thus says the owner of Hoegh Industries, a pet casket company that sells its products to many of the country’s approximately 600 pet cemeteries. Although pet cemeteries have been around since ancient times, it wasn’t until 1896 and the establishment of New York’s Hartsdale Canine Cemetery that they came to exist in America. Once thought of as resting places for pets of the rich, famous, or eccentric, the past few decades have seen increased use of these facilities for the furred, feathered and scaled loved ones of thousands of ordinary people.

Londonderry’s Pet Cemetery is located off Delta Drive near the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport and was a legacy from Minnie McGuire of Manchester. Minnie was a life-long resident of the city and widow of George McGuire, a cigar maker known locally as the “Father of Labor Day.” The couple had no human children but Minnie’s feelings for her pets were made clear when she provided quite specifically and generously in her will for her three cats. That document also specified that part of the estate was to be used for the purpose of establishing an animal graveyard in the local area so that “lovers of domestic animals in Manchester may have a suitable place for the burial of their animal friends.”

After Minnie passed away in 1950, land in Londonderry was purchased from Floyd and Helen Willey for what became the McGuire Pet Cemetery. The roar of airplanes taking off and landing, interspersed with the sound of birdsong, does not detract from the appeal of the place, which is high on a knoll with a spectacular view of the western hills. The monuments rival those seen in any human cemetery and run the gamut from full-size markers with elaborate engravings to small, animal-shaped statues. Some newer graves are marked only by wooden shingles, with their occupants’ names printed in permanent marker.

There are odes to the pets buried within, photographs of dogs and cats and of course, many references to the Rainbow Bridge (if you aren’t familiar with the Rainbow Bridge, Google it and have a box of tissues handy). Among the special graves in the yard is that of Sly, a Londonderry police dog that died in 1996. Sly was the Department’s first K-9 officer and during his eight years with the force, he participated in the handling of hundreds of incidents. It’s fitting that he’s resting forever within the borders of the town where he faithfully served.

There are many possible reasons for the popularity of pet cemeteries in our society today. More and more, people are regarding their pets as members of the family. We as a society are becoming increasingly mobile and no one wants to leave a beloved pet buried in the back yard of a former residence. There is less self-consciousness these days associated with the sentimentality and grief over the loss of a pet and finally, perhaps we’re simply affording (other) animals the respect they deserve as fellow inhabitants of this planet.

So, to Sly, to Billy “the Kid” and Buffy Sullivan, to the Galloway clan - Casey, Smokey, Alex and Princess - to Sargent, “King of the Mountain,” to Sandi the Wanderer, Brandy, Pepper, Calamity, Popi and all the other pets buried there - thank you from this stranger for the love, companionship and faithfulness you provided to your humans, and may you forever rest in peace, sweet creatures.

To learn more about local history, visit our website at www.londonderryhistory.org or attend a meeting, held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M. at the Leach Library. If you value Londonderry’s history, consider becoming a member. A family membership is $20 a year and will help us to fulfill our mission of preserving the town’s past. We look forward to meeting you!
Drama Students Prepare for Annual ‘Haunted Woods’

A variety of witches and ghouls will be roaming the Haunted Woods for the LHS Drama Club’s annual Halloween fundraiser.

Londonderry High School Drama Coach Val Psoinos freely admits she’s not a fan of fright. Last year, when the LHS drama students were putting on their annual Haunted Walk in the woods behind the school, she was scared.

“I go through it with a flashlight, and that day someone came up behind me,” Psoinos said. “I don’t personally ‘do’ Haunted Houses.”

But she will cheer her drama students on from the safe sidelines, helping them to raise some much-needed funds from the Haunted Woods, planned this year for Oct. 18, 19 and 20.

TheHaunted Woods is a five-year tradition at LHS, Psoinos said. The 145 students in drama stage it in the woods behind LHS, Londonderry Middle School and Matthew Thornton Elementary School. They create skits and divide the woods into different “scaring areas,” she said.

Each year they keep some of the skits, but also change things up, she said. “This year we’re doing a haunted hospital, a haunted house and a haunted circus, among other things,” she said.

Psoinos said the students on the Drama Club board discuss what they want to do and take it to her and the other advisers, Becky Finer and Serge Beaulieu. Unlike Psoinos, Finer is a lover of “all things haunted,” she said. The three advisers review the ideas and take them to the larger drama population.

They haven’t really had to nix anything, Psoinos said. The students are respectful of their customers and of good taste, she said. There are also several run-throughs before the big day, and she has the chance to remove any offending material. But there’s usually not a problem, she added.

Students take one of three roles - ‘scarers,’ or people who jump out from behind trees and the like; skit participants; and set-up.

The teens are mindful of the town’s younger children, and have a Goblin Garden for them. There are seasonal handcrafts, games and a “little treat” for the little ones, Psoinos said.

Though Psoinos doesn’t have a favorite skit or character, she said she’s always “blown away” by the creativity of her young actors, and especially by their makeup. “They use liquid latex to create scars,” she said.

The LHS Drama Haunted Woods will be held Oct. 18, 19 and 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is $5 per person and includes free refreshments. For more information, call the school at 432-6941.
**Salvation Army Plans Kettle Kick-Off at Nov. 4 Luncheon**

Penny Williams
Londonderry Times

Fall has officially arrived, and that means the Holiday Season can’t be far behind. And one of the signs of the holidays is the Salvation Army Kettle. Lt. Kiley Williams of the Derry Salvation Army has issued an invitation to local businesses, organizations and individuals to join the Derry Salvation Army and its Advisory Board at the third annual Kettle Kick-Off Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 4, at Whippersonnapper’s Restaurant, 44 Nashua Road, Londonderry at noon. Tickets are $25 per person, and they support Salvation Army fundraising for food, clothing, backpacks, disaster relief, outreach programs for youth, families and seniors and Christmas assistance.

“The kettle campaign is our biggest fundraiser of the year,” Williams said. “The money raised is used to assist many families and individuals who request assistance at Christmas and throughout the year. We are hoping to get as many sponsors as we can. For this year, we are planning on having around 30 kettle stands in front of stores in the towns of Derry, Londonderry, Windham, Salem and Plaistow.”

A Kettle Campaign sponsorship costs $100. Williams noted the Salvation Army is involved in a variety of community programs. She has already started working on the Christmas campaign to help families with food and gifts, and is collecting food for Christmas baskets. The baskets will include boxed potatoes, stuffing, canned vegetables and sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and gravy.

She noted the Salvation Army is in need of items for teenagers. Buying Christmas gifts for teens is never easy, she said, and items for Christmas baskets for teens include: Axe products (boys), bath and body products (girls), make-up, iTunes, clothing, Game Stop, fast food restaurant and music store gift cards, hair straighteners, blow dryers, sports teams hats and equipment.

Locally, the Salvation Army is involved in a multitude of programs and projects. “We have two days of after-school programs - Tuesdays are Sunbeams, similar to Girl Scouts; Boys’ Adventure Troops; and Creative Arts,” Williams said. “Wednesdays are Traditional Supper Club, which includes a Bible lesson, crafts, and games. Both days include a family-style dinner. There is also a Family Game Night and potluck dinner on the first Friday of each month. Sunday School is every Sunday at 9 a.m., and church is held at 10 a.m.”

Williams said the Salvation Army’s first Summer Feeding Program provided a free lunch to children at the Fairways Apartments and Country Club Estates one day a week from the end of June to the end of August. And the Salvation Army’s Back To School Backpack Program gave every child who applied a new backpack filled with school supplies.

“The Salvation Army of Derry’s largest assistance program is the Christmas Assistance program,” she continued. “Families that apply for this program receive food to make a Christmas meal, toys, stocking stuffers and winter coats for children newborn to age 18.”

The Derry Salvation Army, serving Derry, Londonderry and Windham, is at 18 Folsom Road. For more information, call 434-7790.
Londonderry Pack 901 Cub Scouts donating a product or skill to a local grocery store, or donating a gift card to a group know about job opportunities can help by letting the club or the Potluck Dinner contact Trish at 421-4566. 

Women’s Club
The second general meeting of the Londonderry Women’s Club is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m. for a Potluck Dinner. Anyone interested in joining in the club is welcome to bring their favorite dish and join in on the fun. The Londonderry Women’s Club is a civic and social organization that has been involved in the community for over 30 years. The club meets the third Wednesday of each month from Sept. to May and is a great way to meet new friends and get involved in the community. For more information about the club or the Potluck Dinner contact Trish at 421-4566.

Job Seekers Support
Residents struggling with issues of unemployment, which brings on financial insecurity, strained relationships with family and friends, as well as discouragement and depression, are invited to attend the Job Seekers group, sponsored by Orchard Christian Fellowship and meeting Mondays at 9 a.m. upstairs in the Robbie House, 183 Mamothon Road. Contact Lee Carvill at 425-6231 or lcarvill@orchardnh.org for more information. Others can help by letting the group know about job openings, donating a gift card to a local grocery store, or donating a product or skill to the unemployed.

Voter Information
The last day for voters to change party affiliation before the Presidential Primary is Friday, Oct. 14. The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet that day at the Londonderry Town Clerk’s Office from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to accept party changes and to correct the checklist. Any one who has not previously done so may register to vote with proof of citizenship, such as a passport or birth certificate, a photo ID, proof of age and proof of residency. There are affidavits for those without documents.

Bereavement Group
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Frederick Place Celebrates 25 Years
The Frederick Place, a Family Resource Center, is celebrating its 25th year of service to the southern New Hampshire area. On Wednesday, Oct. 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., supporters, board members, staff, volunteers and community leaders will gather at 36 Tsienette Road to honor and recognize The Frederick Place’s 25 years of providing people with the resources to live healthier lives.

The Frederick Place encourages past board members, staff, and volunteers to attend.

The reception will inform people about how their support helps the community and also gives The Frederick Place a chance to say “thank you” to everyone who has supported and continues to support the mission of The Frederick Place.

The evening will also include presenting the Bill Burke Award to an individual recognized for outstanding community service and dedication to improving the lives of children and families. “The development of a really good organization is not a natural process, it is an achievement,” said Kimberly Bavaro, executive director. “Coming together was the beginning, keeping it together is the progress, working together is the success. Our 25th anniversary is a time to reflect on the good times, but also a time to look ahead to continue our mission of providing people with the services and resources they need to live happier, healthier and more self-sufficient lives.

For more information on the celebration, contact Kim Bedard at 437-8477, ext. 17 or email her at: kbedard@urteachers.org.
Senior Holiday Fair
Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc. hosts its eighth annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road. The fair features a raffle table with themed baskets and two separate raffles for a handmade quilt and international basket of restaurant certificates. Also featured will be handmade craft items and floral arrangements, a “cookie walk,” white elephant table and a luncheon of homemade corn chowder, minestrone soup, pan pizza, hot dogs and beverages. Call Jan at 432-7360 to reserve a table for $25 or space for $20. Call Gladyss at 432-8522 for more information or to make a donation. Proceeds support the continued needs for the Senior Center.

Helping Hands Fair
St. Mark’s Helping Hands Fair takes place Sunday, Nov. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a pancake breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Children will receive a gift from Santa. Craft vendors are invited to rent a table for $30. Contact Phyllis at 437-3708 or pgknits@comcast.net for a raffle table.

Teen Read Week
In celebration of Teen Read Week, young adults are invited to stop by the main desk at the Leach Library starting Oct. 1, and pick up a quiz sheet, then answer the questions and return the sheet to the library during Teen Read Week, Monday, Oct. 17, to Saturday, Oct. 22, to receive a small prize and a raffle ticket for the chance to win a gift certificate.

Foot Clinic
Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice sponsors a foot clinic on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Mayflower Grange Hall, 575 Mammoth Road, for individuals 60 years and older who are unable to perform their own foot care. Clients will receive a basic nail trimming and foot assessment, but no treatment of corns or calluses. Appointments are required, and a donation of $30 for the first visit and $15 for subsequent visits is suggested. For further information or to schedule an appointment call 580-6688.

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, Oct. 21. Facilitator is Paul O’Hara, registered nurse and certified diabetes educator. For more information, call 800-540-2981.

Fire Open House
Londonderry Fire Department holds its annual Fire Prevention Week Open House on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Central Fire Station, 280 Mammoth Road. Fun, food and fire safety education will be offered for the whole family.

Silent Movie Night
On Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host a free silent movie performance in its lower level meeting room with pianist Richard Hughes, featuring two short comedy films, including Laurel and Hardy’s “Habeas Corpus.” Hughes is a classically trained pianist who has studied under musicologist Dr. Matthew J. Cunningham and foot assessment, one’s own foot care. Clients will receive a basic nail trimming and foot assessment, but no treatment of corns or calluses. Appointments are required, and a donation of $30 for the first visit and $15 for subsequent visits is suggested. For further information or to schedule an appointment call 580-6688.

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Breast Cancer Awareness
Derry Imaging holds its annual public Breast Cancer Awareness Open House at the Overlook Medical Park lobby, 6 Tsienneto Road in Derry, on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk in mammogram appointments will be available, along with live music, free food, a raffle to win Bruins tickets to a game of your choice, Zumba with Goria Santos, pink hair extensions provided by Revive Salon, massages, and face painting and games for the kids. All donations will benefit the Betty J. Bory Center Retreats, New Hampshire Breast Cancer Coalition and Young Survivor Coalition. For more information, visit: www.derryimaging.com or call 537-1363.

Londonderry Lions Yard Sale
The bi-annual Lions Club Yard Sale is Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lions Hall on Mammoth Road across from the Londonderry Town Common. Items can be donated two weeks before the sale at the Lions shelter. No large kitchen appliances, couches, skis, air conditioners, computers or TVs can be accepted. You may rent spaces for your own sale. Contact Tom at 216-1637. All proceeds will benefit local Lions’ eye care charity efforts.

Ham and Beans
The Parish Development Committee of St. Jude Church is offering a Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. Jude Parish Hall, 250 Mammoth Road. Tickets are $15 and include a meatball sandwich, ham and beans, and dessert. For more information, contact Derek Ball at derekball22@yahoo.com.
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day. Oct. 29, at 5 p.m. at the St. Jude Parish Hall. Tickets are $8 for adults, $4 for children, and $25 for families, and can be purchased after all Masses or from Development Committee members.

Italian Americans
The Italian American Heritage Society meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for Italian language lessons, with a meeting following from 7 to 9 p.m. On Nov. 9, a wine tasting function is planned at 7 p.m., and on Dec. 14, a social will be held at 7 p.m. at the home of the chairman director, and will include Christmas games and refreshments. New members are welcome. For information on joining, call 880-1686 or email: cwpuzzo@comcast.net.

spooktacular halloween program
The Leach Library will be hosting a Halloween program on Monday, Oct. 24, and Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 4 to 5 p.m. each day. Participants will watch the film, hear some not-so-spooky stories and learn about how to stay safe while trick or treating. Those who wish to may participate in a costume parade at the beginning of the program. All children will receive a trick or treat bag filled with prizes, activities and a simple craft. The program is open to all ages, and space is limited to 90 people for each session. Advance registration is required and begins Monday, Oct. 17, at 9 a.m. To register, stop by the library or call the Children's Room at 432-1127.

st. jude fair
The St. Jude Parish Women's Guild will host its 33rd annual Country Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church, 435 Mammoth Road. The fair will offer items hand crafted and designed by members of the St. Jude Women's Guild and Crafters. This year's fair will feature “Country Cupboard,” a room full of baked goods, jams, jellies and preserves, herb dips, candles and a “cookie walk,” as well as aprons, placemats and other kitchen accessories. Lunch will be available, along with an activity rooms for children and a raffle table. A raffle for a queen size “Hunter's Star” quilt will be offered as well.

historical society
The Londonderry Historical Society meets the third Tuesday of each month downstairs at the Leach Library. For more information, visit: www.Londonderryhistory.com.

art in action
Art in Action, held in conjunction with New Hampshire Open Doors, returns Saturday, Nov. 5, and Sunday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists and artisans will be demonstrating their work in two locations - Mack's Apples Farm Market on Mammoth Road in Shadbush #2 and Nursery on the corner of Mammoth and Adams Roads. Admission is free.

band yard clean-up
The Londonderry High School Band offers students the chance to hire a group of five students and an adult for four hours of yard clean-up on Saturday, Oct. 29, Sunday, Oct. 30, Saturday, Nov. 5, and Sunday, Nov. 6. Contact Anne Magrath at 421-5307 or via email annemagrath@gmail.com for details.

flu shots
Parkland Medical Center and Maxim Health Systems are partnering to present flu clinics in Suite 203 of the Nutfield Building (Entrance on the Parkland Medical Center campus, 44 Birch St.), Derry on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. Everyone age 4 and up is eligible. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention encourage anyone who wants to reduce their risk of getting the flu to get the vaccine, including children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions, individuals aged 50 and older, and caregivers. The seasonal flu vaccine is $30, or free with the following insurance plans: Medicare Part B, Medicare Advantage Plans, Aetna, Summer Care, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, MVP Health Plan, Harvard Pilgrim, and Tufts Health Plan. Reservations are encouraged at 1-800-642-2362. Walk-ins are welcome. For further information, visit parklandmedicalcenter.com.

kindle eBooks available
Leach Library is a member of the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium, which provides cardholders access to audio and eBooks through the New Hampshire Downloadable Books website, http://nh.lib.overdrive.com. The Amazon Kindle eReader is now compatible with Overdrive, so Leach Library patrons are able to check out eBooks to a Kindle. The Reference staff is available to answer questions on how to check out books from the website and transfer them to a Kindle.

rock-a-thon
On Friday, Oct. 21, from 4 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army is participating in a Rock-A-Thon to raise money for its after-school youth programs. The participants are asked to get sponsors to pledge to pay the fund for each hour the participant rocks in a rocking chair, or they pledge a flat fee rate. To sponsor a child or participate in the Rock-A-Thon, call 434-7790.

masquerade gala
The Upper Room, a non-profit family resource center, hosts its 10th annual gala auction to support programs and services for at-risk children, youth and families throughout southern New Hampshire, at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at Promises to Keep, 199 Rockingham Road in Derry. The event features food from area restaurants, as well as live music, silent and live auctions, games and raffles. Bill Burke of Dollar Bill’s Discount World is auctioneer. Comcast is the lead sponsor. Last year, the Upper Room served over 14,000 persons. Masquerade attire is optional. Tickets are $35 per person, $70 per couple and $350 for a table of 10. For more information on tickets, underwriting an auction item, or providing an in-kind donation, contact Kim Bedard at 437-8477 or visit: www.urteachers.org.

autism 9-1-1 registration
In partnership with East Seals and the Londonderry Police Department, ALERT - A Londonderry Emergency Response Team will host an Autism Safety Registration on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Matthew Thornton School cafeteria for all Londonderry families who have a member with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The purpose is to register individuals with ASD with local first responders in the event of an emergency. Families will complete a registration form with photo, receive Autism Awareness 9-1-1 safety information and a vehicle ID decal, and have the opportunity to meet with local first responders. Pre-registration is recommended. Contact Colleen at cmo@alcom.net. The Lions Club will sell soft drinks and snacks. Those attending can bring their own beer.

digout club benefit
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baseball booster benefit
A Texas Hold’em Tournament to benefit the Londonderry High School and Middle School Baseball Booster Club, the Lancers

special election day
The Londonderry High School gymnasium was reminiscent of a ghost town Tuesday, Oct. 11, as the School District held a special election to add $1.1 million to the budget. As of 4:30 p.m. that day, fewer than 450 residents had cast their ballots. Results from the election were posted at www.nputb.net on Wednesday morning, Oct. 12, and an article about the election will appear in the Oct. 20 edition of the Londonderry Times.

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