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Londonderry High School seniors celebrate after receiving their diplomas on Friday night at the Verizon Wireless Arena. Photo by Chris Paul

## Londonderry High Sends Class of 2016 into the World

MATT RITTENHOUSE  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School community filled the Verizon Wireless Arena on Friday, June 10 to celebrate its seniors as they graduated from the school and 12 years of public education.

An excited crowd watched the young people receive their diplomas and listened to their peers speak about what their education has meant to them, what they've accomplished and how they will tackle where they're going next.

Principal Jason Parent welcomed the group to the event after a well-received rendition of the National Anthem by Alyson Aramento.

Parent said that this was his 13th year as an administrator and the class that sat before him in their white and blue caps and gowns meant much to him, and to many of those at Londonderry High.

Parent built his speech around quotes from the recently departed Muhammad Ali, noting a poster he kept in his office of the heavyweight champ.

Every step of the way the Class of 2016 stepped up to the challenges the school presented to them on every level, said Parent, citing examples from academics, athletics, civic involvement and charitable outreach.

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## Candidates File for State, County Elected Offices

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The following people have filed for the seven open Rocking District 5 State Representative posts in Londonderry:

- Republicans Alfred Baldasaro, Martin Bove, Roger Fillio, Franz Honer, Daniel Lekas, David Lundgren, Betsy McKinney, Sherman Packard, Robert Rimol

and Douglas Thomas; and  
• Democrats Edward Combes, Alexander Rego, Paul Skudlarek, Robin Skudlarek, Gary Vermillion and Anne Warner.

Filing for Rockingham State Senate District 14 are: Republican incumbent Sharon Carson and Ludwig Haken, both of Londonderry, and Tammy Siekmann, a Democrat, of Londonderry. The Senate District cov-

ers Londonderry, Auburn and Hudson.

Filing for delegates to the Republican state convention are: Alfred Baldasaro, Judith Baldasaro, Martin Bove, Gregory Carson, Sandra Geisler, Ludwig Haken, Wayne MacDonald, Elizabeth Thomas and Douglas Thomas.

The filing period closed June 10. The State Primary election is Sept. 13.

## Planning Board Sets Direction for Master Plan Committee

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Master Plan Implementation Committee has a new charter and new members.

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux and John Vogl, Geographic Information System (GIS) manager and comprehensive planner, brought the news to the Planning Board at its Wednesday, June 8 meeting.

During its last several meetings, the Planning Board acted to update the charter and mission of the Committee, which was described as in need of direction from the Planning Board.

"Given the (Master) Plan's emphasis on walkability and connectivity, and the seeming desirability of bicycle/pedestrian projects and trails in Londonderry, this is an appropriate subject matter for the Committee to review," Vogl said.

The mission might be to identify local opportunities and/or challenges with implementing plan recommendations, in addition to the core task of monitoring and reporting on overall Plan implementation. As such, specific tasks for the Committee can include:

- Review and examine issues surrounding walkability and neighborhood connections;
- Review and examine the Complete Streets programs with an analysis of the needs of the Town and identify possible funding sources.

- Review tools and options for the expansion of sidewalks, trails or other neighborhood connections.

- Continue the coordination of tracking implementation activities with a focus on trails, and an examination of opportunities that exist for the Town, such as possible funding sources and grant

money.

Vogl introduced Kyle Durso, who told the board he is an engineer and since he has decided to settle in Londonderry, he wanted to become involved and thought the Master Plan Implementation Committee would be a suitable place to start.

The Planning Board itself has an opening for an alternate, and after a brief discussion, decided he could hold a seat on both committees without any conflict of interest.

The Board voted to appoint Durso to the Master Plan Implementation Committee and encour-

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School Board member Dan Lekas congratulates his son Nicolas after handing him his diploma.



Abigail Espailat and Yini Liang celebrate after receiving their diplomas. Photos by Chris Paul



Julia Thorpe can hardly contain the excitement as she exits the stage with her diploma.

## Graduation

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"Four years ago we challenged the senior class to get involved in every aspect of the school. To be leaders; to work to your full potential; to show compassion; to strive for

excellence; to be models for classmates and underclassmen, and every step of the way you did these things marvelously and left a legacy for others to follow," said Parent.

Parent pointed to academic excellence, and how the graduates contributed

to Londonderry High School's standing, in a variety of measures, as one of the best high schools in the state. The principal applauded the class for establishing a new record for grade point averages, with 14 percent of the class having a GPA

of 4.0 or higher; having the most college bound students in the school's history and helping keep the school's dropout rate one of the lowest in the state at .37 percent.

Londonderry seniors established records for their generosity as well. They helped establish a school and National Record in the school's annual Day of Giving, as students cut eight inches or more of their hair for the Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign, which collects the donated hair to make wigs for cancer patients. They collected new hats for cancer patients at Massachusetts General Hospital, made the holidays better

for underprivileged kids and much more, according to the principal.

And the class excelled in creative pursuits as well, said Parent, from theater to band to Destination Imagination.

But the principal summed up all of these accomplishments this way: "It's been such a pleasure to be around every one of you in these last four years," said Parent.

The principal concluded by saying, "The Class of 2016 has done so much for Londonderry High School. You care about each other. You care about your country. Thank you for being the kind-hearted, genuine, positive people that you

are. We love you. We care about you. We wish nothing but the best for your future. And keep living every day like it might be your last."

An empty chair was reserved among the graduates for the late Craig Fairweather, who had been a beloved member of the class of 2016.

Student representatives also applauded their peers for their hard work through the years, and urged them to look forward with confidence and continued open-mindedness and determination.

Valedictorian Katherine Gore spoke about how many graduates are bom-

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# Athletic Council Plans to Revive LHS Hall of Fame

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Athletic Leadership Council is spearheading a project to revive the LHS Hall of Fame.

Nine of the student-athletes, adviser Crystal Rich and Athletic Director Howard Sobolov spoke at the June 7 School Board meeting to present the initiative.

Rich prefaced the presentation by stating that the Council consists of nine seniors and one

junior, who will be continuing next year. "This is one of the best groups we've had," she said.

Sobolov said the Council has grown each year, in programs and community service. He explained that coaches and administrators nominate the student-athletes and are looking for multi-sport students who are academically successful and well-rounded, and involved in community service. He, Rich and Principal Jason Parent then cull the results and choose the

nominees.

Students on the council are responsible for the Varsity Sports Banquet and have been involved in other initiatives, such as Coaches for Cancer, he said.

"Our major project this year," he said, "was resurrecting the Hall of Fame."

Sobolov explained that the Hall of Fame was originated in 1985, but fell dormant around 1996, when the teacher who started it retired.

Nick Donnelly, one of

the seniors resurrecting the program, explained that the Hall of Fame is located in the 100 Hallway, and students walk by it every day on their way to math classes. He and his fellow Council members wanted to see it a more viable part of the Lancer community.

Erica Tssetsilas, the only junior on the council, said, "We wanted to give an opportunity to those people who have not been inducted. We wanted to honor their impact, their legacy on the community."

Senior Max Hastings said that anyone can submit a nomination, and

there is not a limit on the number of candidates.

Their first order of business was to choose a Selection Committee, and the nomination process closed last week. They are looking for, in addition to Rich and two Athletic Leadership members, at least one LHS administrator, at least one community member, two faculty members, two current LHS students and one LHS alumnus. Committee members will be notified by June 25 and announced by June 30.

Then the real work begins. Applications for the 2016 Hall of Fame are due Aug. 30. The 2016

inductees will be announced at the Mack Plaque football game, which is at LHS this year, and the induction ceremony will be Nov. 26.

Board member Leitha Reilly asked if the Hall of Fame was specifically for athletes. Donnelly said no, it was for any community member who had an impact on LHS.

Reilly also questioned what they would do on the alternate years when the Mack Plaque game was played at Pinkerton, and Rich said it would most likely be announced at the pep rally. "It will be in some kind of public forum," she said.

## Man Accidentally Shoots Self at Fish & Game's Firearms Class

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Fish & Game Club President Rick Olson announced that on Saturday, June 11, a 52-year old man accidentally shot himself in the thigh at approximately 12:20 p.m. during a special training class at the club.

The man was in the process of re-holstering his weapon when the incident happened. The unidentified man was said to be new to firearms and relatively inexperienced.

Londonderry and Litchfield Police and emergency personnel responded and the man was transported to Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, where he was treated and released.

"Irrespective of one's experience level with firearms, there are four cardinal rules that must be strictly followed when handling firearms - treat every firearm as if it is loaded, never let the muzzle of a firearm cover anything you do not want to shoot, keep your finger off

the trigger until the firearm is on target and ready to shoot, and, know the target and what is beyond," Olson said.

"In this case, the individual did not adhere to keeping his finger off the trigger when not on target and we bear witness to that sobering consequence today," Olson added.

The Londonderry Fish & Game Club Board of Directors and officers will be examining the incident this week.

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# Editorial

## An Annual Annoyance

Most of us would not rev up the chain saw or start a struggling lawnmower engine at 5 a.m. on a Saturday. We recognize that we have neighbors, even in the more rural areas of our communities, and part of our quality of life involves showing consideration to others.

But once the snow goes away and the open road calls, vehicles with mufflers that have been tinkered with and zooming motorcycles head out, sounding as if they are inside our homes, scaring the animals, waking the babies, and sending our blood pressure and our tempers soaring.

We understand the safety concerns of motorcycle riders – with noise a necessary evil to alert other vehicles on the road – but endless engine revving in the backyard, sending neighbors the odor of exhaust – and outrageously loud noise on the road do more to suddenly unsettle people than to encourage safe driving.

Most of us like to spend at least some of the summer outdoors. Whether it's running the grill, enjoying a backyard pool, working in the garden or just taking a summertime nap with the Red Sox on

the radio, we enjoy the quiet, the scent of flowers and the song of the birds.

And then we're jolted into reality by the shockingly loud sounds of a souped up truck or motorcycle exhaust pipes. And if we're on or near a hill, the noise is even more jarring.

We know this is the "Live Free or Die" state, but there needs to be a happy medium between ensuring the safety of the motorcycle rider while keeping the dishes – and the nerves – from rattling on private property.

Towns struggle repeatedly over noise ordinances – when fireworks can be shot off, how to regulate barking dogs, what construction hours work best for both builders and neighbors. Finding a compromise is never easy. Towns have an unsteady line to walk between an individual's enjoyment or livelihood and respect for the rights of others. But using rural residential roads as speedways is definitely a bit much.

What it all comes down to is respecting the people around us, regardless of who they are. And sadly for many, that does not seem to be a priority.

# Letters

## The Biden 'Rule'

To the editor:

In the June 2 edition of the Londonderry Times a Democrat operative is asking Kelly Ayotte to do "her" job. That is advice and consent as a Senator to Obama's choice for Supreme Court Justice.

You may have noticed several of these letters in various publications in the state. All say pretty much the same thing.

Apparently, these operatives have never heard of the "Biden rule" or Sen. Schumer's lament.

Written in the Washington Post of February

2016, Senator Biden in 1992, then chairman of the Judiciary committee (held now by Senator Leahy), stated "pragmatic conclusion that once the political season is underway, and it is, action on a Supreme Court nomination must be put off until after the election campaign is over."

Senator Schumer went even further than Senator Biden. He stated "we should reverse the presumption of confirmation," which means the onus should be on the nominees to prove they were in the mainstream of political thought, not on

the Senate to prove otherwise during the hearing process.

He essentially was saying that in the midst of a political campaign for President, the Senate should not "advise and consent" to a Presidential nominee. Plus, the nominee had to prove... they were not out of the mainstream of political thought. Again meaning... Democratic/Progressive political thought.

As the old saying goes, "What comes around goes around!" And the ever popular "Payback is a bitch."

Martin Srugis  
Londonderry

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## Graduation

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barded with questions about what they plan to do with the rest of their lives, from college to career, and while many know what their plans are, it was OK if they were still looking forward to figuring it out. More important, said Gore, referencing a scene from the Disney movie "Lion King," is the question about who each of them are and who each of them were going to be.

Gore took time to say that who she wanted to be was often represented by the teachers she was educated by at Londonderry High, naming many and their qualities.

The valedictorian urged her peers to try new things and get out of their comfort zone. "Don't put yourself in a box in the coming years," said Gore. "Take chances with the new things that come along and you might just be surprised at where your life leads and the things that move you."

"Every one of you is more talented than you could ever imagine," said Gore to her classmates. "If you don't believe me, it's only because you're too hard on yourself to recognize it."



Class of 2016 valedictorian Katherine Gore addresses the crowd at her graduation Friday night.

Class President Maxwell Hastings spoke about the good character of those he'd met along the way at Londonderry High. Remembering when he first moved to Londonderry, then assuring his mother he was going to dislike the new things coming his way, he found a school that was welcoming and warm and helpful.

And he saw that character throughout his years in school, explained Hastings, pointing to various outreach efforts, small and large, that he had witnessed in the halls of Londonderry High.

"No one in this school just looks out for them-

selves. Everyone looks out for one another. I feel incredibly blessed with having the opportunity to share a class with you," said Hastings. "I wish you all the best of luck. Thank you, guys. Congratulations, Class of 2016."

After the Class Gift was presented by officers, Brady Wall performed the class song, "Found A Way," the theme song from a Nickelodeon show, and then to waves of applause, cheers and air horns the Londonderry High School Class of 2016 was called by name, received their diplomas and concluded their careers in Londonderry schools.

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# Class of 2016 Has Highest Ever College Acceptance Rate

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

**L**ondonderry High School has seen its highest-ever acceptance rate to two- and four-year colleges.

Principal Jason Parent gave an update on the school, particularly the Class of 2016, at the June 7 School Board meeting.

Parent said the acceptance rate to college for last Friday's graduating seniors is 94 percent. "I credit (Superintendent) Nate (Greenberg) and the board for helping us promote being college- and career-ready," Parent said. Of these, 22 percent are accepted at two-year colleges and 72 percent at

four-year schools.

Some students have gotten the jump on college, with five students participating in the Early College program with Nashua Community College. Parent said one student spent his entire senior year taking college courses at NCC, while two juniors are on track to

receive associate degrees. The cost of a course at NCC is \$250 for high school students, compared with the \$200 per credit charged to adults, so the price is right, according to Parent.

Traditional academics thrived at LHS, with one National Merit finalist, three National Merit Com-

mended Students, and one Presidential Scholar applicant.

Thirteen students are entering the work force directly from high school, and nine will be joining the military, Parent said, adding, "I am very proud of them."

Students are attending college in 22 states, with

the following breakdown: 46 percent, New Hampshire; 22 percent, Massachusetts; 5 percent, Rhode Island; 4 percent, Connecticut; 4 percent, Vermont; 4 percent, Maine; and 2 percent each in Virginia and Pennsylvania.

"It is a wonderful week and a culmination of all their efforts," Parent said.

## Rabbi, Episcopal Priest Host Coffee Shop Meeting to Build Community

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**E**tz Hayim Synagogue Rabbi Peter Levy and the Rev. Ray Bonin, priest of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, share an Interfaith Campus on Hood Road in Derry. They have discovered that by working together, they find many new areas of agreement, and even where their viewpoints diverge, learning takes place.

This successful and intellectually invigorating interaction between two very different individuals and congregations led them to wonder if they

could step outside their religious roles and meet with members of the Greater Derry community to hear residents' concerns and interests. And they decided to give it a try.

They looked around for a place to put their idea of being available to talk with community members into practice and decided on Coffeeberries in the Apple Tree Mall, off Route 102 in Londonderry.

"We are looking forward to talking with people and to getting to learn about them and understand where they are coming from," Bonin said.

Levy emphasized they

are not pursuing this from a religious perspective.

"We aren't doing this to proselytize anyone," he said. "We just want to learn about each other and try to understand community concerns and interests and develop relationships based on trust and mutual respect. There is another world beyond the church and synagogue parking lot, and we are curious about it and interested in meeting members of that world and getting to know them."

Bonin pointed out he is a step ahead in that he works at Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry. He said he has an interest in talk-

ing with non-church affiliated groups who work at the Soup Kitchen, seeking to understand why they volunteer.

Both men fear that in a world driven by electronic connections and social networking, "me and you" is replacing "us." "We are hoping people will come and chat with us to disagree or agree on a variety of topics that are important to them and to forge connections and learn from each other," Bonin said.

Levy said they seek civil discourse in a safe forum. They have scheduled the second and fourth Thursdays of the

month through October from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Coffeeberries, starting with June 23.

"We have no agenda," Bonin said.

"We aren't out there to solve problems," Levy added.

But they said they know people can connect through conversation and that learning does take place, something they have experienced at their Interfaith Campus.

"We want to move this

outward from our respective congregations to the public community," Bonin said.

One thing they are curious about is why many people say they are not affiliated with any particular church but describe themselves as Catholic, Protestant or Jewish. But even more important than that is the hope that through these chats they will develop relationships, a process that will develop into a connection.

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# School Board OKs ESOL, North, Moose Hill Teachers

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board received an education last week, as members and the television audience learned what is and isn't provided by ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for the district's five schools.

The June 7 discussion stemmed from a request by Superintendent Nathan Greenberg to add a third ESOL teacher to the district's team of two. It was part of Greenberg's request for 1-1/2 new positions in the district, which he hopes to fund with the savings from 27 retirees.

Greenberg noted that in February, eight additional children came into the district requiring these services. He has received information about "multiple children" moving into the district in the near future who will also require ESOL.

Currently, Greenberg said, there are 24 students in the program across the three levels of school. Nineteen require direct instruction, while five more are on a monitoring program, which requires a case management piece and a C average or better, but does not require direct inter-

vention, according to Greenberg and Student Services Director Kim Carpinone.

Three full-time ESOL teachers would place one each on the elementary, middle and high-school levels, Greenberg said.

Board member Leitha Reilly asked how many languages are spoken by the ESOL students, and Carpinone said eight. The ESOL teacher isn't required to speak any of these, she noted. "They need the background to help students acquire English while working through the curriculum," she said.

Carpinone added, "We are not required to teach them English."

The ESOL situation is tight right now, with the eight new students coming in February and more predicted. Carpinone said the third teacher would meet the current need, and leave room in the event of more students moving in.

"Do students 'grow out' of this need?" Reilly asked.

Carpinone said they do, and they can be phased out of the program. But they still have to be monitored for those two years and maintain a "C" average.

"How do we know they're prepared to move

out?" chairman Nancy Hendricks asked.

Carpinone said the students take a test called the ACCESS test, which gives data on their mastery of the curriculum.

"But there is no requirement that they become fluent in English," she added. "We don't require it of them."

This had board members scratching their heads. "How," Hendricks asked, "can they possibly succeed in college if they don't know English?"

The students could be well-versed in the content area, due to the education system in their home countries, and could use translation "apps," Carpinone responded.

Carpinone said ESOL students frequently do well at science and math in college because of the nature of the content, "but not always in English."

Greenberg added, "High school level students are usually able to grasp the facts of science and math, even if they are not fluent in English. And elementary students catch on quickly."

"Kids are social beings," Carpinone said. "They want to communicate with their peers."

"What about college application essays?" Hendricks asked.

Greenberg said, "It depends on their level of education when they come to us." If a student

enrolls in LHS as a senior, with limited English skills, it's not likely that they'll be able to write a college essay by June.

"Also, the courses in their home country don't always match up to ours," he said. With that in mind, it may take an international student longer to obtain an LHS diploma.

Hendricks said, "So you're telling me a student could go through grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 with a translator, and graduate without reading or writing our language?"

"Not necessarily," Greenberg said. "It depends on the point in time they come here. If they move in as a senior, do we expect them to be fluent by June? That's unrealistic."

Also, he said, many families decide to pick up language instruction on their own. LHS has teachers who are fluent in French, Spanish and German and can help students adjust, though other languages are trickier.

"It's a work in progress," Greenberg said. "It depends on the child's age, level of skill when they come here, how quickly they are able to pick up languages. There is no magic wand."

Board member Steve Young said he would support the request, and Reilly said, "I'll support it, but I'm not sure I understand."

"I won't not support it," Hendricks said. "But when we say we teach English, then we say we don't teach English - that's frustrating."

Greenberg reassured her that "We have never had a student graduate from Londonderry High School that did not speak English."

"But you've never had this many," Hendricks countered.

Carpinone said many of the students have had formal education in their native language, and they do well in math and science, whose concepts are universal. American History? Not so much.

Hendricks said, "I want to see them speaking, reading and writing English before they graduate."

The second request was for an additional elementary classroom teacher for North School, to keep up with an increasing enrollment in the younger elementary grades. According to Greenberg, North's first grade has 101 students, five classes and an average of 20.20 per classroom. Matthew Thornton Elementary School has 93, five classrooms and an 18-19 average, while South Elementary School has 68 students, four classes and an average of 17. Second grade is North, 83, four classrooms with a 20.75 average compared to Matthew Thornton, 93, five classes, 19/21 average and South, 76, four classes, 19 average. Third grade is North, 92, four classrooms, 23 average compared to Matthew Thornton, 109,

five classes, 20-22 and South, 95, five classes, 19 average.

"We are getting new registrations on a daily basis," Greenberg said, and with the completion of the Wallace Farms subdivision, he anticipates more. Granting the request would give Principal Paul Dutton the flexibility to put the teacher where he needs him or her, Greenberg said.

An elementary registration night June 22 will give them a handle on enrollment and help them to "see if there are any other students out there."

Greenberg also requested a half-time kindergarten teacher to take on a new afternoon section at the Moose Hill School. Moose Hill's afternoon kindergarten serves the north end of town, and Greenberg is anticipating increased enrollment from the new development.

It's part of the new demographics, Greenberg said, noting that as their children age-out of the Londonderry system and graduate college, many residents want to downsize from the homes that comfortably held a growing family. "Who's going to buy a four-bedroom house?" he asked rhetorically. Not the empty-nester.

Greenberg said he has asked the town's GIS (Geographic Information System) director John Vogl to be a guest at an upcoming meeting to talk about population projections.

The board voted 4-0 to approve Greenberg's three hiring requests.

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# Londonderry Fire Department Gets Pet Oxygen Masks

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Fires can be deadly - to people but also to family pets. Fire Departments need pet oxygen masks to be able to help pets they rescue from fires, and such a mask isn't a piece of equipment that most fire department budgets cover.

But thanks to the Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, based in Derry, Londonderry Fire received a donation of pet oxygen masks.

Londonderry Fire Battalion Chief Michael McQuillen called the donation "fantastic. We've used these kits a couple times in the last year or so. Pets are exposed to fire and smoke a couple times a year. We get the



Merrimack Valley Kennel Club member Sheila Johannesen demonstrates how a pet oxygen mask, donated to Londonderry Fire by her club, works on her 8-year old dog, Preston.

Photo by Penny Williams

people out and then go in and find the animals, and these kits are wonderful to have to support the animals.

"We have pet oxygen kits on each of our three Engine Companies and now we will have backups and not have to re-order when we use one," he explained. "It will be good to have them already in stock. We appreciate this donation."

The Merrimack Valley Kennel Club was founded in 1963 and is a member club of the American Kennel Club. Its Web site describes it as "a group of purebred dog enthusiasts who recognized the need to meet regularly to promote the advancement of canine knowledge." One of the club's goals is to meet community needs regarding dogs.

Hampstead Dog Con-

trol Officer Sheila Johannesen, a member of the Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, expressed pride and pleasure that the fundraising efforts of the club have made possible donations of pet oxygen mask kits to several area fire departments, including Londonderry.

"The money has been raised through the dog show match that I chair each year at Anheuser-

Busch in Merrimack," she said, noting Londonderry Fire will receive two sets of pet oxygen masks. The kits cost \$65 each.

"The Merrimack Valley Kennel Club's goal is to make sure every fire department in New Hampshire has their vehicles equipped with these pet oxygen masks," Johannesen said. "The club has donated a total of 27 pet oxygen mask kits."

## Londonderry Suspect Arrested in Raymond Home Invasion

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Raymond Police Detective Sgt. Scott Payne arrested one of two home invasion suspects on Monday, June 13.

The suspect, Michael Whalen, 27, of 122 Hovey Road in Londonderry on

January 19 was one of two persons who invaded a Chester Road (Route 102) home in Raymond.

Raymond Police Officers responded to the address, where the homeowner sustained injuries during the home invasion when two male suspects attacked him and attempted to restrain him with duct tape. The man was able to fight off his attackers, who stole a number of small items before fleeing in his car.

During the last five months, Raymond Police Detectives have been working to follow up on evidence, information and interviews in this incident. Information reveal-

ed in the investigation suggests this was not a random act and the victim was targeted by the suspects.

Whalen was charged with the following felony crimes: Robbery, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Burglary, Conspiracy to commit Burglary, Theft, Attempt to Commit Kidnapping and Second Degree Assault. Each felony crime carries a possibility of up to seven years imprisonment.

Whalen's bail has been set at \$2,500 cash with an arraignment date of Aug. 15. Raymond Police Detectives are continuing their investigation.

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## LHS Seniors Return to School Roots



On the morning they were to graduate, Londonderry High School seniors were invited to attend a breakfast at the local elementary schools they had attended in first grade. Those attending a breakfast at North School saw their former teachers receive clippings that had been saved, toured their old classrooms and spoke with their former Principal, Richard Zachilli, who now heads Londonderry Middle School. A brief service in memory of two members of the LHS Class of 2016 who have died, Craig Fairweather and Brandon Durst, followed breakfast, and their mothers, Paula Fairweather and Kim Durst, released balloons in memory of the boys.

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# Master Plan

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aged him to send an email requesting appointment as an alternate to the Planning Board if he were inter-

ested in doing both.

In other business:

- In a public hearing, Vogl reviewed proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance Amendments and Proposed Site Plan Amendments related to

Parking and Loading Standards.

The Town seeks to amend the Zoning Ordinance to relocate parking and loading standards to Site Plan Regulations. The Town also seeks to amend

the Site Plan Regulations to include the parking and loading standards that are currently in the Zoning Ordinance. Amendments, which include renaming/re-numbering sections and inserting updated content

from the zoning ordinance, are proposed in the following sections: 3.08 Streets/Driveways, 3.09 Landscaping Design Standards, 3.10 Soil & Wetland Identification and Parking Lot Design Standards.

The full text of the proposed amendments can be found on the Town's web page at [londonderrynh.org](http://londonderrynh.org) and is available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, Planning and Economic Development Department, and Leach Library during regular business hours.

Only the final changes and corrections were reviewed, as the board had done a line by line review previously.

Vogl said the changes are ready for adoption and recommendation to the Town Council. He asked the board to first adopt the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Parking and Loading changes and then approve adoption of the Proposed Site Plan Amendments related to Parking and Loading. The board did so, with the changes to become effective upon Town Council adoption.

- Vogl discussed proposed amendments to the Site Plan Regulations, noting these have several objectives. The first is to codify current Planning Board processes and actions through amendments or additions to the land use regulations not covered at this time. The second is to update the regulations in response to changes in state statutes, and the third is to revamp the regulatory process to be more equitable, predictable and flexible in order to enable desirable community and economic development in concert with the Master Plan.

"The amendments also propose to modify requirements and associated application checklists from the current 'one size fits all' format to better accommodate the scale of individual development projects," he said. "Every regulation update considered how that provision impacted the 'public good' in determining whether or not it should be deleted, amended or included."

- The board briefly discussed the status of the proposed 600-plus-acre Woodmont Commons development and learned that its next filing is not likely to happen before fall.

- A concept design review for a proposed 22-unit elderly housing development at 7 Litchfield Road was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

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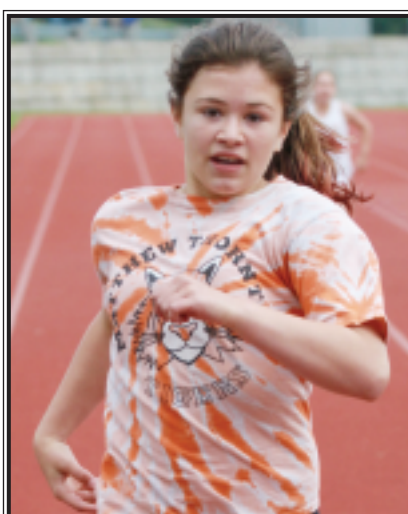
## Londonderry Elementary Students Compete on LHS Track



Mike Crowley of North School rifles a softball to win the event.



Emily Ouelette of Matthew Thornton takes on the long jump.



Amanda Fawcett of Matthew Thornton won the 200 dash.



A determined Quinton Delorey ran the last leg of the 4x100 relay. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A healthy level of competitiveness and track and field skills were on display Wednesday, June 8 when students from Matthew Thornton Elementary and the North and South elementary schools took part in the fifth annual Londonderry Elementary Track and Field Meet at Londonderry High.

South physical education teacher Scott Lohnes once again served as the director of the event, which had hundreds of local youngsters exhibiting their considerable running, jumping, and throwing talents.

The top five finishers in the 50-meter dash were Jake Perron (time of 7.40 seconds), Kiera Batten-

wich (7.49), Alexa Viola (7.52), Nathan Kearney (7.60), and Ashley Doucette (7.66).

Three students tied for first in the 100-meter dash, thanks to the efforts of Sarah Abladian, Andrew Kullman, and Andrew Soucy (all at 15.1), with Meghan Daileanes and Margaret Edwards tying for fourth (15.2) by finishing right on the heels of the three victors.

In the 200 dash, Amanda Fawcett wound up being tops with her time of 31.6, with the second through fifth spots being occupied by Michael Crowley (31.9), Nathan Pedrick (32.2), Anthony Amaro (33.6), and Olivia Troncellito (33.8).

The 400-meter dash winner ended up being Brandon Robbins with his

superb time of 1 minute and 12.8 seconds. Jordan Furlong and Quinton Delorey tied for second (1:14.6), Jack Drabick snagged fourth (1:13.8), and Sam Thibodeau ended up fifth (1:16.4).

The competition in the softball throw was impressive, with Michael Crowley rifling the ball 136 feet and 3 inches to win that event. Sergio Cabeza finished second (133'2"), Nathan Kearney bagged third (132'3"), Connor Fennell claimed fourth (130'1"), and Anthony Troncellito collected fifth place (128'4").

And in turbo javelin action, Sarah Abladian finished first (63'11") with Nathan Pedrick (63'4"), Andrew Soucy (6'2"), Cam Brutus (60'8"), and Conor William (55'3") notching

the second through fifth positions.

There were also 4x100-meter relay races, but those results were not available.

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# Despite Gutsy Tourney Effort, LHS Spikers Tripped by Timberlane



Junior Mike Vivian was a real assist machine for the LHS boys' volleyball squad this spring.

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' volleyball team entered their Division I quarterfinal-round tournament match in Plaistow on Tuesday, June 7 facing a defending state champion that, perhaps, might have been ripe for the picking.

The top-seeded Timberlane Regional High Owls stepped into the tournament having dropped two of their final three matches of the regular season - finishing at 14-2 overall after a 13-0 start - by falling to the Hollis-Brookline Cavaliers and the Pinkerton Academy Astros. The Owls then drew a bye in round

one of the tourney while the eighth-ranked Lancers were busy dominating number-nine Keene in a 3-0 shutout in the prelims.

So Timberlane looked like it might be quite beatable when it played host to the Lancers in the quarters, and Londonderry appeared to be poised to pull off the mammoth upset after three games had been played.

The locals - who were vanquished by Timberlane by a 3-0 tally at LHS on May 2 despite giving the Owls a real battle - drove to a 2-1 lead in the tourney match. But when the final point was scored the defending state champs had snagged a 3-2 match

win to advance.

The Lancers bagged a 25-20 victory in game one, fell by a 25-17 tally in game two, and then moved to the cusp of tournament advancement by winning game three by a 25-22 score.

However, the battle-tested hosts then kicked their game into a higher, championship gear and won game four handily (25-13) and the decisive game five quite handily as well (15-8).

Londonderry received some 27 assists and three service aces from Mike Vivian, 17 kills from all-stater Nick Anderson, 16 digs from Ryan Crowley, and 13 kills from Riley Treanor.

Anderson was named a second team all-state selection by the state's volleyball coaches at the end of his superb senior season.

The youthful but skillful Londonderry squad wound its way through a peaks-and-valleys regular season. The Lancers split their first four matches to sit at 2-2, then won two consecutive matches to advance to 4-2 before dropping three straight matches to slip under the .500 mark.

They then bagged two consecutive wins to advance to 6-5, but the local contingent lost four of their final five regular season contests to end up at 7-9.

# LHS Track Program Renames Spring Invitational for Founders

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There are so many areas in life in which people are reminded to "Remember your roots." And the Londonderry High School track and field program did precisely that recently by renaming its annual spring outdoor invitation-

al for several of the men who played vital roles in getting LHS track and field off the ground and on to huge successes in the late 1970s and for decades thereafter.

From the springs of 2012 to 2015 the Londonderry High School Spring Track and Field Invitational was held under that moniker. But this year it was decided within the

LHS track program that that annual event would be called the REAL Track and Field Invitational in honor of program co-founders Rich Nagy, Ed Daniels, Al Halpern, and Larry Martin.

The unexpected passing of Nagy in Florida several months ago stung the Lancer track and field family mightily, so when the first REAL event was held at the end of the 2016 spring track regular season recently, the feelings of the locals at the event were somewhat bitter-

sweet.

The event took place on the Londonderry High track that is named for Martin, who headed the Lancer boys' outdoor track and field dynasty which ruled Class L boys' track through nearly all of the 1990's.

"Larry himself would be the first to acknowledge that that dynasty rose out of the hard work and devotion of many. Now that this meet is well established, we would like to honor those individuals," said longtime Lon-

donderry High girls' track and field coach and teacher Sue Johnson in dedicating the meet. "We are all indebted to and grateful for the contributions of Rich Nagy, Ed Daniels, Al Halpern and Larry Martin. Throughout their many years of coaching, they impacted hundreds of young men and women, guiding them to excel in their athletic and academic careers. Most importantly, far beyond the athletic fields and the school, these individuals were teaching adolescents how to be productive, caring, and successful adults, able to be good family members, valuable employees, and citizens who would impact their communities in a positive way."

First LHS athletic director and current LHS track and field assistant coach Bill Newcomb was also

recognized at the meet for his contributions to the sport at the local school, and individual awards that will be given out at each REAL meet were introduced.

The boys' 100-meter dash winner will receive the Al Halpern Award; the girls' winner of the 200 dash will receive the REAL Invitational Award; the boys' 3,200-meter run victor will get the Larry Martin Award; the girls' 1,600-meter run winner will get the REAL Invitational Award; the victorious boys' and girls' 4x100 relay contingents will receive the Rich Nagy Award; the boys' and girls' pole vault victors will receive the Bill Newcomb Award; the boys' discus winner will get the Ed Daniels Award, and the girls' shot put champ will receive the REAL Invitational Award.

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# LHS Softball, Baseball Standouts Receive All-State Recognition



Jimmy Zimolka



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Lauren Misiaszek

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While neither the Londonderry High School softball nor baseball squads got quite as close to a state championship as either would have liked, both contingents had quite a bit of the talent on their rosters recognized with all-state honors after the season had been completed.

The Lady Lancer softball crew had three players garner all-state honors, and the coach made a great case for the fact that at least one more of his charges probably should have. And the LHS baseball squad had four of his highly-deserving players collect all-state recognition.

## SOFTBALL

All three of the Lady Lancer players who received all-state honors were pre-seniors, a fact that bodes well for what the 2017 LHS contingent

might look like and achieve next spring.

Junior infielder and co-captain Elizabeth DeVoss was named a Second-Team All-Stater after leading her team in home runs with three and finishing with a great batting average (.367) and plenty of runs batted in (12).

Sophomore outfielder Lauren Misiaszek - whose dad, Peter, was a multi-sport star and a baseball-bashing stalwart at LHS for four years several decades ago - showed that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree by collecting Second-Team All-State honors herself after batting at a .339 clip with 11 runs batted in.

And Misiaszek's fellow standout 10th-grader - the versatile Ila Brown - was named an Honorable Mention selection after a stellar 2016 season. She posted a 9-2 pitching record with a 2.27 earned run

average over 84 innings. Brown struck out batters 100 times, and when she had a bat in her own hands she led the team in RBI with 19 and hit .373, which was good for second on the team.

But coach Wayne MacDougall felt strongly that another Londonderry High sophomore should have received all-state recognition as well.

"Interestingly enough, my best hitter was Sarah Fawcett, who batted .538 and had an on-base percentage of .607," he said. "That's the second highest batting average I've ever had in 20 years of varsity coaching. Only Lindsey Bolduc at .543 had a higher average for a single season. I nominated Sarah for all-state at our meeting, but she didn't get enough votes."

## BASEBALL

The Lancer hardball team's all-state selections included first-teamer Jimmy Zimolka, second-teamer Jonny Meskell, and honorable mention recipients Noah Tavano and Ricky Perry.

Of senior outfielder Zimolka, LHS coach Brent Demas said, "On the field he was one of the most talented players. Very fast, instinctual, and passionate. He had 61 hits in two years, a very impressive feat."

Regarding the versatile Meskell, Demas stated, "The soul of the team. Jonny excelled at third base even though it is not his natural position. The hope is that he returns to catching after his off-season surgery. At the plate and mentally, Jonny has made major strides. He is

a special player and plays the game with fire."

Speaking of reliable senior left-handed pitcher Tavano, who had two older brothers play in the LHS baseball program before him, Demas said, "Noah made a huge jump from his junior to his senior season. He went from the bullpen to the number one starter and had a great year. He controlled three pitches with great control and was very difficult to hit."

And regarding his youngest all-stater - sopho-

more Perry - Demas stated, "Ricky's work ethic was the kind you wish every kid would emulate. He started 0-21 on the season, and rather than give in to pressure and going off to work with some hitting coach, he asked (assistant) coach (Jimmy) Lauzon to work with him and a tee after practice. The patience paid off and he went 15 for his next 22 to finish the year as one of our better hitters. Defensively, he was solid most of the time, only making a few 'young' mistakes that he will play through."

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# Lady Lancer Kate Balcom Claims Another Basketball Honor

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It seems that anybody who came in contact with Kate Balcom during her four-year basketball career at Londonderry High School wound up with great things to say about her athleticism, skills, intensity, hoop IQ, and sportsmanship. And that includes the officials who directed the Lady Lancers' games.

The recent LHS graduate - who won a number of New Hampshire basketball honors in the wake of the 2015-16 season in March - recently received another one when she was named the recipient of the John E. Burke Sportsmanship Award, which is presented by New Hampshire's chapter of IAABO, the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials.

The Burke award is presented annually to a high school senior boy or girl who exemplifies the principles of sportsmanship, integrity, and dependability on and off the court.

Candidates for that award are nominated by IAABO hoop officials from around the state and the recipients are picked by a vote of the group's state executive council.

Senior swing player Balcom - who saw time at both guard and forward for the Lady Lancers - was a constant source of steady and impressive play for her Lady Lancers throughout the 2015-16 campaign. And she subsequently earned Second-Team All-State honors for her efforts.

Additionally, Balcom's basketball abilities, academic talents, and her willingness to give to oth-

ers earned her the prestigious Division I Girls' Jack Ford Basketball Scholar Award for the 2015-16 season.

And now this spring comes the Burke award as the honors keep rolling in for a young woman who also decided to participate in track and field for the first time for the LHS girls' outdoor team this spring and excelled.

Balcom, a home-schooled student who played important roles for the Londonderry High girls' basketball teams that won 2013-14 and 2014-15 championships, has drawn praise from LHS girls' hoop coach Nick Theos for her abilities, attitude, and importance to his squads.

"Kate began playing organized basketball in her freshman year. Over the next four years, she has improved by leaps

and bounds, culminating in career highs this season in points, rebounds, assists, and steals," said Theos after the 2015-16 campaign. "Kate also led the team in rebounding this season, even though she is only 5 feet 6 inches tall. She is respected by both teammates and coaches for her tireless work ethic and her team-first attitude. Kate is a special athlete, but more importantly she is a special person. She has always put the needs of others ahead of her own."

The Burke award was created in honor of the late John E. Burke, a former IAABO president who was revered as one of the top high school and college hoop officials in all of New England during 33 years as an official.



Recently-graduated LHS basketball standout Kate Balcom receives the Burke Sportsmanship Award from a member of the state IAABO chapter.

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Balcom received an individual plaque to commemorate the award, and the permanent plaque will be displayed at Londonderry High for the next year until the 2016-17 Burke recipient is named.

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Institutes of Health and is the second leading cause of blindness in the world as related by the World Health Organization. The estimated number of potential glaucoma cases is suspected to be 65 million worldwide.

Everyone is at risk for glaucoma. Older people (over 60) are at higher risk for glaucoma, but even babies are at risk (approximately 1 out of every 10,000 births). Others who are susceptible are family members of those who have been diagnosed, people who are diabetic and those who are severely near sighted. African Americans are 6 to 8 times more likely to have glaucoma versus Caucasians. If left untreated, glaucoma can cause blindness. Even upon receiving treatment, an estimated 10% of glaucoma patients still experience loss of vision. It must be stressed that there are virtually no symptoms.

No pain is associated with the increased eye pressure that is a detectable symptom. Loss of vision begins with peripheral or side vision. To compensate, people turn their head from side to side not noticing anything until lost vision is significant.

Treatment includes having you eyes examined at least every two years. Examination should occur more often on diagnosis. The best and most effective way to diagnose glaucoma is a dilated eye exam. Taking eye pressures is another method to check for glaucoma as well as having a visual field test.

There is not yet a cure for glaucoma. Any vision lost cannot be regained. Further vision loss can be halted with medication and/or surgery. Preserving your vision starts with diagnosis, however, since it is a chronic condition, glaucoma must be monitored for life.

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CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Anybody who's willing to undertake a 250-mile bike ride over three days for a charitable cause is someone who honestly feels what they're doing.

Londonderry firefighter and resident Michael Roberts and his wife, Beth, are committed to the 29th annual Trans-New Hampshire Bike Ride for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Roberts is a board member for the Trans-New Hampshire event, and he and his spouse have made a pledge commitment of \$5,000 as well as committing their bod-

ies to the grueling ride, which will begin at the New Hampshire/Canada border on July 24 and end on the Granite State seacoast on July 26.

"We ride from the Canadian border to Portsmouth over three days, and we're almost half way to our goal right now, sitting at \$2,370," said Michael. "For those who have donated already, thank you very much. This ride is to raise money for the MDA, and every dollar raised is used here in New Hampshire."

Firefighters - and particularly New Hampshire firefighters - have long been devoted to the MDA cause. And the bike trek is

one more way in which the brotherhood of firefighters is able to contribute annually.

On day one, the Roberts and their fellow cyclists will cover the 100 miles from the Canadian border to Littleton in the New Hampshire north country.

Day two's ride will cover 75 miles from Littleton to the Lakes Region and Laconia, and on day three the cyclists will ride 65 miles from Laconia across to Portsmouth on the seacoast.

Folks interested in contributing to the Roberts and the MDA cause can check out details at [www.transnhbikeride.org](http://www.transnhbikeride.org).

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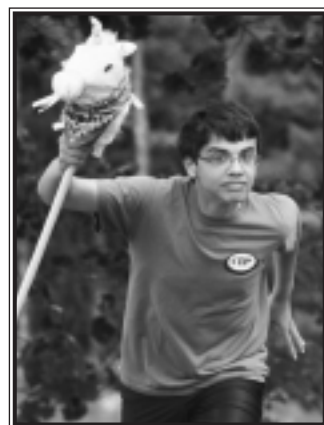
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# Annual Fire vs. Ice Carries On at Middle School



The annual tradition between two of the three pods of eighth grade students at Londonderry Middle School took place on Monday, June 13, in the fields behind the school. The Nor'Easters and the Heat-wave's faced off in a number of athletic completions such as Kickball, Wiffle Ball, Football, Ultimate Frisbee and Dodgeball. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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**Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [calendar@nutpub.net](mailto:calendar@nutpub.net).

## Concerts on the Common

Londonderry Concerts on the Common features the Brian Maes Band on Wednesday, June 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Town Common. Featuring former members of RTZ, Peter Wolf's Houseparty 5 and Ernie and the Automatics, the group is touring New England and recently opened for Pat Benatar, Foreigner and Eddie Money. Concerts on the Common are provided by the Londonderry Arts Council. For a list of sponsors, visit [www.ConcertsOnTheCommon.org](http://www.ConcertsOnTheCommon.org). For a complete schedule and more details visit [www.ConcertsOnTheCommon.org](http://www.ConcertsOnTheCommon.org).

## Budget Committee

The Londonderry Budget Committee has an opening. The Committee's purpose is to advise the Town Council, School Board and

Town on matters related to their budgets, and it meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Londonderry residency is required. Application deadline is Wednesday, June 22 at 5 p.m. For information, contact Kirby Wade at 432-1100, ext. 120 or [kwade@londonderrynh.org](mailto:kwade@londonderrynh.org).

## Historical Society

The Londonderry Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting in the Parmenter Barn at the Morrison House Museum on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in getting involved in discovering Londonderry's past is welcome to attend.

## Beginning Media Camp

The Londonderry Access Center's Beginner Summer Media Camp will be held July 18-29 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The camp is for students entering fifth

through eighth grades in fall 2016. Participants will learn video production and will produce a TV show and have a screening of all their work at the end of the two weeks, for friends and family to see. Early registration is encouraged by calling Erin at 432-1100, ext. 185.

## Relay for Life

The Greater Derry Londonderry Relay for Life takes place beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, June 17 at the Pinkerton Academy track in Derry. Laps take place throughout the night, with closing ceremonies at 7:30 a.m. and the final lap at 8 a.m. The Relay is held each year to raise money for and awareness of cancer. To participate and for more information, contact Liz Riley at 800-227-2345 or visit: [www.relayforlife/derryand-londonderrynh](http://www.relayforlife/derryand-londonderrynh).

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## VA Bingo

American Legion Post 27 plays bingo with patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester from 7 to 8:30 p.m. June 27, and will serve pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. Anyone interested in helping out can sign up at the Post, 6 Sargent Road.

## Movie Night

Young Adult Summer Reading at the Leach Library presents Movie Night on Thursday, June 23, from 5 to 7:15 p.m. "Goosebumps" will be shown. Popcorn and drinks are provided.

## Water Fun

The Children's Summer Reading Program at the Leach Library presents "Come Sail Away" on Monday, June 27 from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is requested the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

## Medieval Story Time

The Children's Summer Reading Program at the Leach Library presents "Story Time - Medieval Times" on Tuesday, June 28 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for stories of kings and queens, knights and dragons. Finger plays and songs are included. No registration is required for this drop-in program.

## Pied Piper

The Children's Summer Reading Program at the Leach Library presents a puppet show comedic adaptation of the traditional folk tale "Pied Piper of Hamelin" with the Cactus Head Puppets on Wednesday, June 29 from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is required the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.

## Craft Time

Children are invited to the Leach Library on Thursday, June 30 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 1 to 1:45 p.m. to create a pennant picture frame. Registration is required the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

## Senior Craft Fair

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 25, local craftsmen and artisans will participate in a Summer Craft Fair at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road. Items include: jewelry, doll clothes, designer jams and pickles, photography, artwork and wooden items. A raffle offers items donated by the artisans. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc., (LSCI), a 501(c)3 organization. Fair proceeds go toward purchasing materials and equipment for the Senior Center. For details, call the center at 432-8554.

## Swim Safety Day

Preschoolers and their families are invited to attend a free Summer Swim Safety Day on June 25 from

10 a.m. to noon at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry. Red Cross-certified lifeguards will teach preschoolers how to be safe in and around the water. Participants are invited to stay for free swim at the YMCA outdoor pool following the program. Boy Scout and certified lifeguard Nick Byrne of Troop 109 in Londonderry is holding the program as part of his project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. For more information and to register, contact Nick Byrne at 818-8753 or [nickbyrne104@yahoo.com](mailto:nickbyrne104@yahoo.com).

## King Arthur

On Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host a free illustrated presentation in the first-floor meeting room of "Arthurian Revival in New England: The Clash of the Ideal and the Real" by Clia Goodwin. She will explore two New England interpretations of King Arthur: "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" and the Edwin Austin Abbey mural series depicting the quest for the Holy Grail. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Light refreshments will be served.

## Children's Summer Reading

The theme for Summer Reading Program is "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ." The program includes craft days, trivia contests and guessing games, as well as special events and performers. All reading program participants will work on one team to try to read enough books to walk the Musquash Conservation Area twice for a total of 41,888 yards. Each book read will equal a yard of trail.

## Night Garden

Children are invited to explore a night garden with Hedge at Leach Library on Tuesday, June 21, Wednesday, June 22 or Thursday, June 23 from 11 a.m. to noon, with stories of animals that visit gardens at night, a chance to identify night visitors and time for a hug and picture with Hedge. Each participant will be entered into a raffle for a prize bag. Registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 16. To register, call 432-1127 or

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## Marie's Corner

A John Hopkins study, at the Baltimore Public Schools, found that students can "lose more than 2 months" in reading achievement over the summer break. A survey of 500 teachers, nationally, indicated that more than 60% spend the first 4-6 weeks of the new school term re-teaching math concepts. The other 40%, of the teachers surveyed, spend more than 6 weeks.

Here are some suggestions, which may help to lesson what teachers/educators refer to as "The Summer Slide":

- Reading everyday-have your child read, or you read together, or you read to them.
- Join the Summer Reading Program at the town Library
- Ask the town librarians to assist you and your child with book selections. They will provide techniques to choosing an appropriate reading level for your child
- Speak to your child's teacher about the curriculum for next year-especially the math curriculum.
- Visit teacher supply stores and purchase materials to begin practicing next years math concepts
- Ask your librarian for audiobook suggestions for road trips.
- If planning a vacation, have your child research the vacation destination and plan the excursions for one day
- "Word-of-the-day"- Parents choose a word, tack to fridge. See who is first to correctly use the word. Who can use the word most often during the day?
- The Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge: Scholastic has posted a free, global, reading program. The program encourages students, ages 5-12, to read throughout the summer. Please visit the website for more information. [www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2016](http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2016)

I hope you find these suggestions helpful. If you have ideas to share, please email them to me, and I will post them. We want all our children ready and eager to begin the next school year.

Be talking to you soon,  
*Marie*

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Thursday, June 9**

**1:49 p.m.** Caller on Alexander Road advised that overnight on June 7-8, someone dug up flowers caller planted in a whiskey barrel planter at end of driveway. No damage to planter; flowers neatly taken.

**2:25 p.m.** Keith Mathew Chapdelaine, 46, Pine Street, Londonderry ar-

rested on warrant for Criminal Trespass. Bail set at \$2,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of July 19.

**4:01 p.m.** Tree down on wires at Mack's U-Pick, Adams Road.

**4:06 p.m.** Londonderry Fire reporting tree and wires down blocking road at Adams and Fiddler's

Ridge roads.

**Friday, June 10**

**6:44 a.m.** Criminal mischief to excavator at Charleston and Boston avenues.

**Saturday, June 11**

**12:29 p.m.** Londonderry Police report accidental gunshot wound at Londonderry Fish and Game Club, Musquash Meadow Road. Londonderry Fire

en route.

**1:53 p.m.** Theft of Xbox on Pinyon Place.

**4:10 p.m.** Michael Connors, 30, arrested for Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Possession of Controlled Drugs and Falsifying Physical Evidence at Griffin Road residence. Subject held on cash bail, with court date of June 13 at Derry District Court.

**Sunday, June 12**

**12:18 a.m.** Multiple

callers reporting sounds of gunshots from Mayflower and High Range roads. Fireworks from High Range Road.

**2:42 a.m.** Jonathan Dalpe, 34, arrested for Domestic Violence, Possession of Drugs. Booked, released on \$2,500 personal recognizance bail, with Derry District Court date of June 13.

**10:51 a.m.** Sam Tulley, 21, Otterson Road, London-

derry arrested for Criminal Mischief (vandalism). Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of July 19.

**11:56 a.m.** Caller on Norwich Place reported male and female riding four-wheeler in road.

**1:09 p.m.** Caller on Old Derry Road reports rabid raccoon under deck.

**2:54 p.m.** Tree down on Gordon Drive in roadway.

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Leach Library's Young Adult Summer Reading Program theme is "Get in the Game Read!" Students entering grades 6-12 next September may sign up now through Aug. 8 at the main desk. The program concludes with a Pizza Party and raffle Thursday, Aug. 11. Those who sign up and read the most age-appropriate books by June 15 are eligible to win a gift basket. Read 12 books by Sept. 10 and earn a certificate for extra credit or a homework pass in Grades 6 and 7 at Londonderry Middle School.

### Free Meals

The free Community Meals Program offers the following meals; there is no residency requirement. Dinner, Saturday, June 18, 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry; dinner, Friday, June 24, First Parish Church, East Derry Road, Derry; breakfast, Sunday, June 26, 9 to 10 a.m., Episco-

pal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry; lunch, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry; dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m., Sunday, June 26, Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry; and Mondays through Fridays, 4:30 p.m., Sonshine Soup Kitchen, Derry.

### HU Chant

A Community Eckankar HU Chant takes place Sunday, June 26 at 9:30 a.m. and again Sunday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m., both at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester.

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## Londonderry Police Department Arrests Trespasser in Home

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two Londonderry Police Officers responded to a call regarding suspicious activity on Saturday, June 11 at Griffin Road.

The caller reported that her brother, Michael Connors, 41, of Bristol

Court in Derry was inside her house when he wasn't supposed to be there. The caller said she was hiding in an upstairs bedroom.

Londonderry Police Detective Chris Olson said there was a No Trespass Order out on Connors for that address. Connors was arrested by

Londonderry Police and charged with Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Possession of Controlled Drugs, and Falsifying Physical Evidence.

Olson said the subject was held on \$5,000 cash bail and appeared in Derry District Court on Monday, June 13.

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