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Flags Retired

Life Scout, Anthony Iovino, of Londonderry, lends a hand in retiring over 2,500 flags on Flag Day. The annual event was held at the American Legion Post 27. Members at the post collected the flags throughout the year.

Photo by Chris Paul

Junkyard Owner Questions Second-Hand Dealer Status

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council has postponed a decision on a local metal recycling firm's status, while reviewing an extensive information packet from the owner and his legal counsel.

In the June 20 meeting, the Council heard from

Patricia Panciocco, an Auburn-based attorney representing Vito Solimini, owner of S&S Metals on Rockingham Road. Solimini was also present along with Bruce Crawford, executive director of the Auto and Truck Recyclers of New Hampshire.

At issue is the town's requirement that Solimini register as a second-hand dealer along with his reg-

ular junkyard license. The ordinance is Title IV, Chapter XII, Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers License.

"This license is duplicative," Panciocco said. "It allows him to do what he is already allowed to do according to RSA 3:22."

Panciocco, representing Solimini, asked that

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Police Department Looks to the Future With Strategic Plan

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town of Londonderry is changing, and Police Chief Bill Hart wants to be ready.

Hart and Capt. Chris Gandia appeared before the Londonderry Town Council in its June 30 meeting to present a Five-Year Strategic Plan for the department. The plan is a living document that will change along with the changing times.

Hart told the Council, "About 10 months ago, we began considering the challenges we are facing internally." He referenced the Woodmont Commons development "and a myri-

ad of other projects." The heroin problem in New Hampshire is also a factor, he said (see related story).

Hart said, "We need to get started and develop a plan. We want to be as transparent as we can."

Hart and Gandia's document should be good for the next five years, he said, adding, "But it's an organic document and subject to change."

The strategy includes long-term thinking about personnel, equipment, budgeting and services, Hart said.

"We are focusing our vision and putting it on paper," Gandia con-

tributed.

The document addresses four areas: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, Gandia said.

Gandia said he and Hart are aiming for a collaborative approach, discussing the plan on various levels throughout the department. "That allows for a buy-in," he said.

Gandia, who heads the Services Division, gave an example. "We have annual, semi-annual and monthly meetings," he said. On the monthly level, that's where they "get into details," according to Gandia.

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Conservation Plan Would Make Areas More Recreation Friendly

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission has signed off on a tentative plan for engineering services with the intent of making up to four of the town's conservation areas more recreation friendly.

At the June 14 Conservation meeting, the Commission approved allowing Chairman Marge Badois to sign a "scope and fee services" letter from Stantec Consulting Services. The proposal will be forwarded to the Planning Board for approval, to the Town Council upon Planning approval, and to be included in the next Capital Im-

provement Plan (CIP) if the Council gives its nod to the proposal.

The Stantec proposal includes preparing a conceptual plan and cost estimate for engineering design, permitting fees, construction cost and engineering services for one or more of the sites owned by the town or Commission.

The cost for each site is \$7,000 including the services of a landscape architect and \$5,500 without the landscape architect. The Commission agreed by consensus that it didn't need landscape architect services at this point.

The plan for the work is broken down into com-

prising a base plan, taking at least two site walks, identification of environmental permits, developing a conceptual site plan, and a conceptual construction cost estimate for budgeting purposes, according to a letter from Stantec Project Manager Michael Leach.

Member Mike Speltz suggested the Commis-

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Zoning Board to Hear Driving School Case Again

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The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has voted unanimously to rehear the Complete Auto Driving School request that the board denied last month.

At its Wednesday, June 15 meeting the ZBA was short handed, with three full members and an alternate sitting. James Smith chaired the meeting, attended by members Jim Tirabassi and Jacqueline Benard and alternate Suzanne Brunelle.

At its May 18 meeting, the ZBA denied the driving school's request for a variance to allow the school to operate as an accessory use at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 126 Pillsbury Road, at the corner of Mammoth Road. After discussion, the board voted 2-3 at that meeting to deny, with Bill Berardino and Benard voting to approve.

For three of the ZBA members the prevailing reason was the fact that the school is a commercial, for-profit business, which is prohibited in that zone. Berardino and Benard both argued that the request was for classroom use and as such was not contrary to the public interest. They both said substantial justice would be done by granting the request.

Benard said the request met the spirit of the ordinance, as the classroom was used just for assembly, and none of the members thought that granting the variance would have a negative impact on surrounding property values.

However, the three voting against the request said that because it was a commercial business, there was a direct correlation making it an unreasonable use.

The minutes of the meeting reflect that "During the deliberation of these criteria, not one member voted in favor of the Appli-

cant successfully meeting all five of the criteria; When the final vote was taken to deny the Applicant's request for a variance, the members were split in their vote, 3-2-0 (the Applicant's request for a variance was denied); It is unreasonable and/or unlawful for a member to vote in opposition of the motion to deny the request for a variance, if such member voted against the Applicant on one of the five criteria."

In this case, as the minutes states, the results of the vote were unlawful and/or unreasonable where the two members, Benard, and Berardino, who during deliberations did not vote in favor of the Applicant meeting all five of the criteria, voted in opposition of the motion to deny the request for a variance; Based on the above, the ZBA, Jacqueline Benard and Bill Berardino, request that the ZBA rehear and/or reconsider Case No. 5/16/18-3 to correct the unlawfulness and/or unrea-

sonableness of the results of the vote in that matter."

At last week's meeting, however, the ZBA requested a rehearing or reconsideration of the case in order to correct what was referred to as "the unlawful or unreasonableness" of the May 18 vote. The board voted 3-0-1, with Smith abstaining because he had not been at the May meeting, to rehear the case.

In other business:

- The board heard a request of the Moreau Living Trust for a variance to allow a subdivision of an 8-acre lot with a right-of-way to Colonial Drive into two single-family lots, each with 50-foot frontage. Eric Mitchell presented the case for the owners.

Richard Canuel, Senior Building Inspector, told the board the lot was a landlocked piece and when the Colonial Road subdivision was put in, the parcel in question was

given a 50-foot right-of-way access. This was done before a Conservation Overlay was put in place, so as an existing lot of record the property could be developed for a single-family dwelling without needing a variance or coming to the ZBA.

The property has substantial wetlands and Mitchell said the owner's preference is to put in a driveway to two lots; an alternate plan could be to put in a road and develop from three to five lots.

A half dozen abutters spoke in opposition to the plan, claiming diminution of their property values, loss of conservation land and wildlife, and objection to the 50-foot frontage when their properties were required to have 150-foot frontage. Several said the plan was squeezing houses in behind their homes, and others were concerned about the impact on the wetlands and

drainage.

Smith took the board members through the five variance criteria: the variance will not be contrary to the public interest; owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship; the spirit of the ordinance will be observed; substantial justice will be done; and the variance would not diminish the value of surrounding properties.

The board members did not see any diminution of property values to the abutters from the proposed subdivision and thought the subdivision into two lots would activate the conservation overlay restrictions, providing greater protections for the wetlands and for abutters.

The board said the proposed subdivision was a reasonable use of the property and voted 4-0 to approve the request.

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Council Reviews Contract for Drug Abuse Services

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The town of Londonderry is focused on getting residents what they need to combat the drug crisis in New Hampshire.

In its June 20 meeting, the Council reviewed a proposal from Greater Derry Community Health Services to provide addiction support services to residents of Londonderry.

Town Manager Kevin Smith reminded the Council and television audience that in the voting this past March, residents approved allocating money to fight the opioid epidemic and finding an agency to help. Smith said he reached out to Greater Derry Community Health Services, an agency which has administered the town's General Assistance

needs for several years. "They have been stellar agents of the money we have given them over the years," Smith said. "We asked them if they could come up with a proposal."

While voters approved up to \$50,000 for services, GDCHS will do a program for \$8,500 for the first year, Smith said. "They told me it's best to take baby steps first, to assess the needs of the community."

This in itself speaks to their ability, Smith said, noting, "Some vendors would have jumped at the chance to use all \$50,000. But they honored the spirit of the warrant article."

Councilor Joe Green observed, "This could get expensive if there's a big issue." But Smith said

GDCHS has agreed to cap expenses at \$8,500 for the initial services. "They are," he said, "hedging their bets."

"We can always go back to the \$50,000 if more is needed," Council Chair John Farrell observed.

Green also asked if the program was being leveraged by any state funds and Smith said no. "The money is coming from Londonderry, and it will assist only Londonderry families," he said.

A proposal from Community Health Services Director Donna Tighe included the following:

- Discreet outreach;
- Prompt case management support; and
- Ongoing services as needed.

Tighe wrote that the "discreet outreach" in-

cludes placing referral materials and information in Londonderry's five schools, with first responders, at area hospitals and clinics, with faith communities, county courts and the Leach Library.

While public forums offer a "faster and broader outreach to residents," public forums also draw press and observers and may deter the truly needy from accessing the services, Tighe wrote. She wrote, "First-line contacts are the most reliable source of appropriate referrals."

Through a confidential referral, GDCHS case managers will meet with

any Londonderry resident who needs guidance and support around addiction options and services, Tighe wrote. This will include circumstance assessment, identification of priority needs, identification of resources, outreach to possible treatment partners, application help for public assistance programs, and follow-up.

Ongoing services are provided, with Tighe writing, "Often it is the consistent and reliable relationship that is built between client and case manager that fosters a sense of well-being and vision that success is possible."

Tighe warned that

there are no "magical solutions." "Perspective, courage and calm are critical and CHS works with each individual to help them maintain momentum and balance throughout the relationship."

The March warrant asked the voters "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to establish an addiction and counseling program for families in need with said funds to come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance." it was unanimously supported by both the Budget Committee and Town Council.



Taking Notice of Our Veterans Peabody Funeral Home and American Legion Post 27 recently worked together to acquire branch of service magnets which will be placed on the hearse that would take a veteran to their final resting place. Member Joe Stowers of Derry brought the idea up to Peabody who was more than willing to accommodate. Pictured are Craig and Erik Peabody, left, and Post Comander Bob Stuart with Joe Stowers.

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Editorial

Welcome Summer

Remember when it was time to buy notebooks and pens and new shoes to get kids ready for school? Could it be that the school year has ended already and summer officially arrives on Monday?

Well, Monday is indeed the first day of summer, and the weather is finally catching up with the calendar. While it's been a little cooler than we're used to and the garden may be a bit more yellow than we like, it's clearly summer. Soon we'll be eating fresh cucumbers and salad fixings.

So we shift gears, and send the kids off to summer enrichment classes offered by local school districts or town recreation programs, and make plans to visit local farm stands and historic sites.

The Robert Frost Farm in Derry is one example of a gem close at hand. If you've never taken a tour of the famed New England poet's farmhouse, make this the year to do so. And if you want to take a peaceful walk through the orchard where Frost spent time, that's a free offering of the Farm as well.

The Rail Trails are calling as well, and are easy ways to get out into the woods via accessible walking paths. They're a good way to enjoy the rural scenery as well as

get some exercise.

Local farm stands are opening for the season, ready with hanging plants and vegetables – of the kinds both ready to eat and ready to plant.

Local products and local people come together at these venues, turning shopping for food into an opportunity to visit with friends, perhaps pick up a couple of new recipes, find out about produce you might never have tried, and get a bit healthier in the process. And it's strawberry season, a good time to pick up some of the fresh berries grown right here at home.

Why not make this the year to grow some of your own food as well, even if it's a few herbs on a windowsill or a tomato plant in a pot.

And for those stereotypical lazy days of summer that we know are ahead, check out your local public library's Summer Reading Program. Most libraries offer programs for all ages, including adults, with incentives and prizes to encourage everyone to read more – one of the best ways to slow down and enjoy the season.

Here comes summer – it's a welcome treat.

Letters

Sanders and Israel

To the editor:

Socialist Sanders appointed two anti-Israel people to his platform drafting committee. Cornel West espouses anti-Israel views, and James Zogby, president of the Arab American Institute, has denounced Israel. Sanders also appointed Representative Keith Ellison of Minnesota, an anti-Israel Muslim, to his plat-

form committee.

Sanders, who honeymooned in Russia, and his left wing followers epitomize a major shift in the Democratic Party concerning Israel. A recent Pew Research Center survey showed "liberal Democrats were twice as likely to sympathize with Palestinians over Israel than they were two years ago."

The dumb Jew haters have come out of the

woodwork to demonize Israel. Their hatred makes them overlook the huge role Israel plays in projecting U.S. interests in the Middle East.

Thankfully, Hillary Clinton and the Republicans and Libertarians are strong supporters of U.S./Israel relations, and they have a deep understanding of world affairs.

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Junkyard

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the ordinance be amended to exclude scrap metal and vehicle parts.

Panciocco added, "This ordinance is an unreasonable burden with no corresponding public benefit."

The ordinance in a nutshell, according to Panciocco, imposes "one size fits all" requirements on pawnbrokers, secondhand dealers and scrap metal dealers. But they are all different entities, Panciocco maintained. Pawnbrokers are strictly regulated according to RSA 398-A, and secondhand dealers generally do not deal in scrap metals.

While the ordinance was created in part to deal with the theft and resale of scrap metal, such as copper piping from construction lots, Panciocco pointed out that while pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers work mostly consumer to consumer, S&S is 75 percent business to business.

Crawford said the real problem with metal theft is precious metals, antique jewelry and the like, and not scrap metal repurposed for recycling purposes. Further, Crawford said, the commodity price for scrap metals has dropped sharply.

In addition to Londonderry, only Manchester and Nashua include scrap metal in their ordinances,

and Nashua exempts business-to-business.

"At the end of the day, someone could steal scrap metal in Londonderry and go across the line to Derry and sell it," Panciocco observed.

Crawford, also a member of the Commission to Study the Regulation of Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers and Junk or Scrap Metal Dealers, authorized by the Legislature in 2015, said, "You can't regulate yard sales or flea markets." And, he said, "Thieves are not dumb."

In recent years, according to Crawford, many metal thefts were "crimes of desperation, by otherwise hardworking folks." Others were crimes of opportunity, when a house lot was left unguarded. But the scrap market is flat now, he said, and with the economy better, there's not as much risk.

Also, Crawford said, not just anybody can steal metal. "It takes work," he said. "You need the tools of the trade."

Crawford said, "We recently went through this in Rochester. They dropped the scrap metal part of the ordinance."

In addition, he said, with auto parts harvested for scrap, there is a paper trail. And most dealers "don't have a problem reporting parts that come into the shop."

Crawford concluded, "We want scrap metal to be exempt."

Chairman John Farrell said, "We vetted this ordinance six months ago, and nobody came in." The Council needs time to review Panciocco's inch-thick packet, he said, and to discuss the issue with Town Manager Kevin Smith and Police Chief Bill Hart.

"We will not make a decision tonight," Farrell said.

In other junkyard-related business, the Council reviewed a request to remove Social Security numbers from the town's junkyard license application. The License Renewal Application is part of the Junkyard Dealers Ordinance in the Municipal Code, Title IV, Chapter IV. All Londonderry junkyards must be licensed by July 1. Building Inspector Richard Canuel wrote in a memo, "The application presently requires the applicant to include their Date of Birth and Social Security number. That information has no relevance to the approval of a renewal license."

Canuel provided a draft application form for the Council's consideration. The Council agreed to waive a first reading and to have a second reading and public hearing in its July 11 meeting.

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Sunnycrest's Strawberry Season Gets Early Start

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The Pick Your Own strawberry fields at Sunnycrest Farm had local residents patiently waiting to get to picking at the fields on Adams Road.

And by mid-morning, on Thursday, June 16, the strawberry fields were full of busy pickers and the parking lots were at capacity.

At the farm stand, Maddie Hicks, whose parents own the farm, said, "The strawberry season started early this year. We opened on Sunday, June 12, which is about a week earlier than usual. The

early start was brought on by having had cool nights and warm days."

As several young mothers with toddlers in tow came in, Hicks smiled and stepped away momentarily. She came back and said the farm stand has had consistent traffic since the strawberry season opened.

"We have a good supply of berries," she said. "The berries are bright red and large and ready to pluck up. People who came on Sunday couldn't believe it was just the first day and we've been seeing the parking lots fill up every day. It's been crazy and continues to be."

Hicks said the strawberry picking season will stretch into the middle of July. As that season tapers off, the blueberry and raspberry seasons will kick in. Shortly after that cherry picking will gear up, leaving very little down time.

The Sunnycrest Pick Your Own (PYO) fields are open daily from 7 a.m. to noon and the farm stand on High Range Road is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week the fields were picked out and closed so that the crop could rebound from the busy weekend.

Sunnycrest is the



Strawberry fields at Sunnycrest Farm on Adams Road are being picked as fast as they grow. Photo by Chris Paul

only farm in Londonderry berries. Elwood Orchards, road, closed their fields a still offering PYO straw- which is right down the few years ago.

Town Council Approves Rezoning of "Split" Neighborhood

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council has approved the rezoning of a Wilson Road neighborhood.

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux appeared in the June 20, Town Council meeting to explain the request.

In May 2015, Mailloux said, the Planning Board gave initial approval to a subdivision creating five lots from Tax Map 16 Lot 9, to be lots 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, 9-8 and 9-9. However, she

said, the subdivision resulted in the creation of five split-zoned parcels.

Mailloux said, "Each lot has 250 feet in AR 1 (Agricultural/Residential) and 150 to 200 feet in IND 1 (Industrial).

Mailloux said that in a public hearing in December, one of the conditions the Planning Board put on the approval was that the developer file a request to rezone the area AR-1.

There were no speakers in a public hearing. Mailloux said that abutters have been notified and her

office received no calls.

The board voted 4-0 to approve the change.

In other business:

The board approved promoting Rick Brideau to the position of Assessor.

Town Manager Kevin Smith reminded the board that Assessor Karen Marchand is retiring at the end of June. Brideau has been Assistant Assessor since 2000, and is a skilled assessor with 29 years of experience.

The board approved his appointment by con-

sensus.

Councilor Tom Dolan addressed residents regarding the new blue recycling bins. While 64 percent of the new bins have been delivered, Dolan warned residents that the automated pickup system does not begin until July 1.

"I have been driving around town and I have noticed the blue barrels at the end of driveways," Dolan said.

The "one-armed bandit" automated system will not be activated until

July, and Dolan expressed concern that humans are not going to be able to lift the larger barrels.

"You are going to be stuck with a lot of extra 'stuff,'" he warned residents.

Councilor Joe Green also asked Smith if he had been able to do anything about arranging a meeting with members of the Senior Center to discuss their needs for transportation. Smith said he has sent an e-mail to all the Councilors asking for their available dates and

times.

Several issues were forwarded to the July 11 meeting, including:

- Discussion with the Conservation Commission regarding spraying the Town Forest;

- Public hearing on the proposed Noise Ordinance; and

- Further review of the status of S&S Metals Recycling (see related story page 1).

In addition, candidates for the Budget Committee will be reviewed at that time.

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Annual Relay Helps with Cancer Fight



The 2016 Greater Derry and Londonderry Relay for Life took place at the Pinkerton Academy on Friday, June 17, with hundreds of participants setting out for a 14 hour walk around the PA track. Participants raised over \$75,000 for research in the fight against cancer. There was food, music and camaraderie during the family-friendly community event. Laps included: A Survivor and Caregiver Lap to start the event; Trick or Treat; Color a Cure - Purple Passion, Luminaria, Glow in the Dark at 10 p.m.; Duct Tape Creation, as well as many more. On Saturday Morning there was Team Spirit final lap. Over 300 participants were at the event.

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Conservation Raises Concerns on Enterprise Drive Proposal

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission quickly approved three building projects, but had reservations about a fourth, at its June 14 meeting.

The Commission reviewed plans for the Remi Fortin Trust subdivision on Mammoth Road, the addition of a shed to the Londonderry Dance Academy on Buttrick Road, a change of use site plan for

Reliable Equipment on Symmes Drive, and a site plan for Gendron Construction on Enterprise Drive.

The Fortin property is Map 17 Lot 7 and the proposal is a lot line change to separate off a piece of land with an existing dwelling and create a second lot. The Conservation commission found that no wetlands would be impacted in the process.

The Londonderry Dance property, owned by the

Barbara Mullen Trust, is Tax Map 6 Lot 28. The Commission found that no wetlands or natural resources would be impacted.

Reliable Equipment is proposing to change two storage bays at 3 Symmes Drive from warehouse to retail use. The footprint of the building will not change and no wetlands will be impacted, the Commission determined.

The property is owned by the Reagan Trust of Hook-

sett and is Tax Map 15, Lot 61-1.

The Gendron Construction property is on Enterprise Drive and is Tax Map 15, Lot 62-1. The proposal is to build a 6,000-square-foot building, of which 2,000 square feet will be office space and 4,000 square feet would be a warehouse. It will be a single-story building.

Member Deborah Lievens had an immediate concern that the building was "tightly placed" on the property. She observed that there would be only 10 feet from the south wall to the buffer area.

The building is also near a wetland, Little Cohas Brook, and the Rail Trail, Lievens observed.

Member Michael Speltz added that the treatment swale is currently in the buffer, and he recommended that the Commis-

sion advise that it be moved out of that area.

Lievens also noted that a rubble wall is planned, and she advised that "This should be done with care, so they don't put pieces of rock in the buffer."

The developers' plan for a vegetative buffer includes the Bradford Pear, about which Lievens expressed reservations. "It is a fragile tree and breaks easily," she said. "I would not recommend it."

Speltz advised that pervious pavement be put in, instead of impervious, alongside the buffer in order to minimize danger to the wetland.

Chairman Marge Badois asked if more plantings would be needed to buffer the view from the Rail Trail, and Speltz said, "It would be more dense than we usually require, in order to fully screen

the Rail Trail."

The Commission determined to recommend pervious pavement, eliminating the Bradford Pear, moving the treatment swale, and "extreme care" with the rubble wall and the placement of the building.

In other business:

• The Commission discussed the problem of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) in the Musquash Conservation Area. Many of them come in through the area around the power lines, and member Mike Byerly said he had talked with someone at Eversource and that they would be "thrilled" to put up some gates to keep motorized vehicles out of the property.

The question is where, Byerly said, but member Roger Fillio said, "They have the expertise. They will know what to do."



Veterans Retire Stars and Stripes on Flag Day

Veterans David Johns and Joe Stowers help load flags for resignation at Post 27 during the Flag Day event on Tuesday, June 14, where over 2,500 flags were retired. The annual event is held at the American Legion Post 27 and members collect the flags throughout the year.

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Zoning Board Approves Cell Tower off Wiley Hill Road

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has approved a new cellular tower for Londonderry.

The board at its Wednesday, June 15 meeting heard a request for a variance by CMS Limited Partnership and Varsity Wireless to allow construction of a wireless communication facility in the AR-1 (Agricultural-Residential) zone, where such are prohibited. Proposed is a ground base tower located less than the tower height plus 10 feet from Wiley Hill Road, and less than two times the tower height from abutting residential property lines.

Attorney Francis Parisi presented the plan, and Building Inspector Richard Canuel suggested the board deal with the use variance first, because if the board didn't find that reasonable, the entire variance failed.

Paris said the tower would provide needed service in an area of Londonderry that has poor or no communication service. He said the lot in question is vacant and is adjacent to the power line corridor, with two of the four abutters parcels owned by National Grid, which has no objection to the proposed plan. The other two abutting parcels are privately owned residential lots.

Paris said this lot was the only one available that would meet the requirements and be appropriate for tower construction to address the communication gap that exists in the western part of Londonderry toward Litchfield. He said the restrictions regarding how far a tower has to be from a road or residential lot line are unnecessary because the towers do not collapse, and pointed out that none came down in major hurricane areas such as Katrina.

He also said the cabinet and small shelter base would be surrounded by a chain link fence and because of the thick vegetation on the lot and the placement of the tower, would not be visible from Wiley Hill Road. He also

said there are already multiple towers in Londonderry and there have been no complaints. Canuel told the board that a previous case of a tower being put in a residential area went all the way to the Supreme Court, and the ZBA's approval of that request was supported by the court. The court ruled, based on federal regulations and mandates, that the property was unique because it met the requirements and met the need for a tower and was the only possible location.

One abutter was present, and when shown where the tower would be located, was satisfied and had no issue with the request.

Smith took the board members through the five variance criteria on the variance request. The five criteria are: the variance will not be contrary to the public interest; owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship; the spirit of the ordinance will be observed; substantial justice will be done; and the variance would not diminish the value of surrounding properties.

The board noted the amount of data provided and acknowledged that communication towers powering cell phones are a way of life, with more and more homes depending solely on cell phones for business and personal use.

The board members were satisfied the tower was needed, that it would provide needed service and could not be seen, and would not have any impact on property values. The board said the location provides the necessary coverage to address the communication service gap and no alternative site was available, with the proposed use of the lot reasonable. The board voted 4-0 to approve the request, subject to restrictions to make sure the ground structure is fenced to an 8-foot height and that the ZBA approval is subject to the owner's getting approval of the site plan from the Planning Board.

Parking and Loading Ordinance Changes Reviewed

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While at least one member of the Londonderry Town Council has expressed doubt about moving the requirements for parking and loading from the Zoning Ordinance to the Site Plan Regulations, the Council will delay action on the proposal until its July 11 meeting.

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux discussed the proposal in the June 20 Town Council meeting. Mailloux said that the proposal was the result of a 2014 "zoning audit." One suggestion coming out of the audit was that the parking and loading requirements be moved to the Site Plan regs, in order to give more flexibility to

developers. Mailloux wrote in a memo, "This action will provide greater flexibility to the Planning Board in reviewing/appropriating site design, reducing regulatory impediments to businesses, promoting economic development, and lessening reliance on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for parking/loading issues."

In addition, she wrote, "This action will initiate new and updated minimum parking standards in a manner that is user-friendly and which affords the Planning Board flexibility to administer." "This way they won't have to go to the Zoning Board for a variance," Mailloux explained. "It's one-stop shopping." Typically throughout New Hampshire, parking and loading standards are included in the Site Plan regulations, she said. "This would make us more consistent with the other towns."

Councilor Joe Green wasn't so sure. "I was on the Zoning Board, and I don't believe you should take this away from that," he said. "This allows us to have a closer look when they come to the Zoning Board for a variance, and the Zoning Board members are proficient at this." But with the five criteria it is often difficult to

get a variance, Mailloux responded. In her opinion, Londonderry tends to plan for more parking than it needs, infringing on conservation land and other uses. "We don't want extra pavement," she said. Creative planning can remove much of the extra paving, she said, observing, "A day care and a bar in the same area — they are open at different times. They shouldn't have to double-park."

Green maintained that Planning is "not the appropriate board to deal with this." The board waived a first reading, and agreed to have a public hearing and second reading in its July 11 meeting.

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Red Star Twirlers Celebrate 40 Years in June 25 Show

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Derry's Red Star Twirlers are approaching their 40th birthday, and the team's founder and coach/choreographer, Gina Hutchinson, described the journey as going from an "obscure program in New Hampshire to one of the premier in the country."

Members of the Red Star Twirlers have led their bands on some of the biggest football fields in the country, she said. Hutchinson is assisted by KeriAnn Lynch Unger and Ashley Tiller, who have been Red Stars since elementary school.

All will be showcased at the 40th Anniversary show, "Red Stars' Top 40," on June 25 at the Stockbridge Theatre in Derry. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, with age 6 and under admitted free. Tickets can be obtained by emailing theredstars@yahoo.com.

"This year's show is, as usual, a wonderful family

event, with music spanning the last 40 years, including all genres from Broadway show tunes to Disney and beyond," Hutchinson said. "It has princesses, queens and amazing choreography performed by the very beginner 4-year-olds to the elite collegiate twirlers, all woven into a fast-paced story."

Red Star Twirlers who have remained with baton twirling have made their mark in the sport. Hutchinson said at this year's competition, in addition to Alyssa McLaughlin, who was a student of Hutchinson's in twirling and in her third grade classroom at South Range Elementary School, participants included Erica Andrew, and Adria Far who recently earned licenses to be NBTA (National Baton Twirling Association) judges.

Hutchinson was particularly proud of what these young women have accomplished and pointed to Andrew, who began a baton twirling program for



The Red Star Twirlers of Derry have had a marathon three weeks with competitions in Merrimack, New York, and Derry. Pictured with their awards are members of the Red Star Elite Junior and Senior teams. Courtesy photo

inner city children at The Kipp School in New York City.

Red Star alumna Andrea Fletcher, formerly of Derry, brought several students from her team, The Main-E-Acts from Bangor, Maine. It was a wonderful homecoming and an opportunity for all the young twirlers to see where batons have taken

those who stayed with their craft, Hutchinson said.

A group of twirlers took part in a three-week competition marathon that began at Merrimack High School with the New

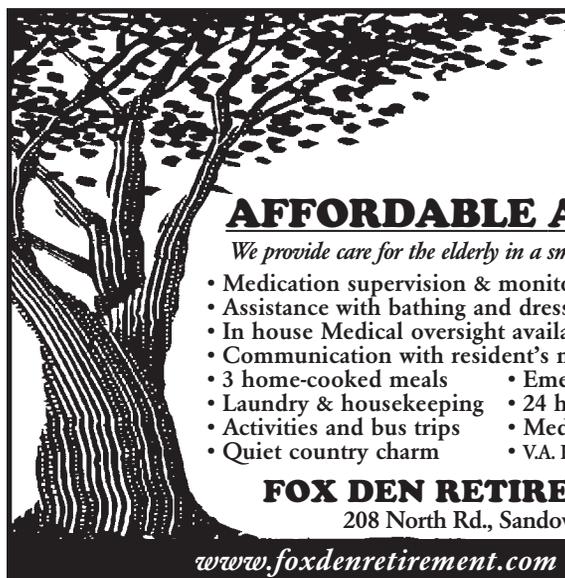
Hampshire State Championships, then moved on to Langerville, N.Y., and ended at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School on April 17 for Miss Majorette of New Hampshire.

At Miss Majorette of New Hampshire, several Red Stars won titles in their age and level divisions to win the right to represent the state in the NBTA Miss Majorette of America Competition in July, Hutchinson said.

"The Red Stars have placed many twirlers in the top 10 of the prestigious competition, including current Red Star assistant coach KeriAnn Unger in 1991, when she was 9, and current Red Star Emily Cowette of Londonderry, when she was also 9, both in the Juvenile division," Hutchinson said, adding that Lynch went on to place top five in the Senior and College level.

Hutchinson said the top three spots in Advanced can compete for the national title. The Red Stars will be represented by Emily Cowette of Londonderry, who took second place in the 10-12 age group. Morgan Torre of Londonderry tied for third in the 13-15 age division. In the high school division, Isabella Bolduc of Pinkerton Academy won the title, with Red Star Mikhala Bornstein of Londonderry runner up. Bolduc is also the New Hampshire state champion in the Senior division.

Hutchinson also noted that Red Star Allie Nault, 17, won New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen and went on to win Miss America's Outstanding Teen last August. She is the first New Hampshire contestant to win the title in either Outstanding Teen or Miss America.



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Symptoms of jet lag can vary. You may experience only one symptom or multiple symptoms. Jet lag symptoms may include disturbed sleep, such as insomnia, early waking or excessive sleepiness; daytime fatigue; difficulty concentrating or functioning at your usual level; stomach problems, constipation or diarrhea; a general feeling of not being well; muscle soreness or menstrual symptoms in women who travel often. Jet lag symptoms usually occur within a day or two of travel if you've traveled across at least two time zones. Symptoms are likely to be worse or last longer the more time zones that you've crossed. It's estimated to take about a day to recover for each time zone crossed.

Factors that increase the likelihood you'll experience jet lag include the number of time zones crossed. The more time zones you cross, the more likely you are to be jet-lagged; flying east, makes it harder to recover when you "lose" time rather than to fly west, when you gain it back; being a frequent flyer which affects pilots, flight attendants and business travelers most or being an older adult as older adults may need more time to recover from jet lag than younger adults.

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to help prevent or minimize jet lag. If you're a frequent traveler continuously bothered by jet lag, your doctor may prescribe medications or light therapy. Nonbenzodiazepines such as zolpidem (Ambien), eszopiclone (Lunesta) and zaleplon (Sonata) or Benzodiazepines such as

triazolam (Halcion) may help you sleep during your flight and for several nights afterward. Side effects are uncommon but may include nausea, vomiting, amnesia, sleepwalking, confusion and morning sleepiness.

Light therapy can help ease the transition of traveling across time zones by exposing your eyes to an artificial bright light or lamp that simulates sunlight for a specific and regular amount of time during the time when you are meant to be awake. Jet lag is temporary. But if you are a frequent traveler and continually struggle with jet lag, you may benefit from seeing a sleep specialist.

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School District Sees 20-Plus Teachers, Staff Retiring

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School District saw 25 teachers and staff, one administrator and one district office employee retire at the end of the 2016 school year. The administrator is Diane Malley, Curriculum Coordinator for Mathematics, Science and Technology at Londonderry High School.

"Upon graduating from college, I applied for and was offered several teaching positions," Malley said. "Londonderry was my choice, as the town was similar to my home town and the high school had a similar feel to the high school I graduated from. Thirty-six years later, I can still say I made the right choice."

She said she has fond memories of every aspect of her years of employment in the Londonderry School District.

"Prior to entering the

teaching profession, I was employed in the banking industry," she said. "My first 27 years with the District were spent in the classroom. I have a passion for the subjects I taught, and thoroughly enjoyed my time in the classroom and working with students and department colleagues. I have countless fond memories, but the fondest memories are of the alums who visit years after they have graduated to share their stories. Seeing how they have grown intellectually, socially, and emotionally is rewarding and heartwarming."

"As a teacher of Business Education, my role was to prepare students for the college classroom as a business major or for the workforce," she said. "Numerous career pathways and dual enrollment programs have been developed to prepare students for their future. I am proud of the work that I



Diane Malley,
Curriculum Coordinator
for Mathematics, Science
& Technology, LHS

have done with the Running Start program and the Academy of Business & Finance (ABF) career pathway. As a classroom teacher, I taught the first dual enrollment course and the first ABF course introduced at Londonderry High School. As an administrator, I have continued with these two programs as the liaison with the Community College System of New Hampshire and as the Director of the Academy of Finance and member of

the regional ABF Board of Directors."

Her most recent job was Curriculum Coordinator for the departments of Business & Computer Technology, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education. In that role, she coordinated efforts centered on curriculum, instruction and assessment, assisted in ensuring curriculum implementation, and articulated the needs of the departments under her care. The position also involved overseeing department budgets, safety standards, administration of state and national tests, hiring and evaluation of staff, scheduling, and building partnerships with parents, community groups, businesses, and post-secondary institutions, she said.

Retirement for Malley is somewhat bittersweet. She is sorry to leave Londonderry but happy to be moving to be with family.

"My decision to retire was not due to readiness, but to circumstance," she said. "I will be relocating

to move closer to family to assist with their needs. I am excited to start a new chapter in my life. I am being promoted to Gramma and will be caring for my grandchildren."

Asked what she will miss most, she responded, "In my current position as Curriculum Coordinator of Math, Science, and Technology, I am blessed to work with a very talented, compassionate, and dedicated staff. As an administrator, I am also blessed to work with insightful and committed central office personnel and administrators at the various schools throughout the community. It is the people and the relationships I will miss the most."

Malley said she is a widow, having lost her high school sweetheart and husband of 33 years to cancer in November of 2014. She has two daughters, Caitlin and Kerin.

Teachers retiring from Londonderry High School include: Anne Bartlett, Janice Burke, Laurie Donnelly, Cheryl Enwright, Lynn Jackson and Susan

Trammell. Retiring support staff from Londonderry High include: Pauline Engler and John Dalrymple, grounds.

Teachers retiring from Londonderry Middle School include: Jan Armstrong, Paula Goldberg and Trudy Morris as well as support staff Clinton LeBlanc.

Teachers retiring from South Elementary School include: Judy Duval and Julie Neverman and Allied Health staff Candace Elefante.

Teachers retiring from North Elementary School include: Susan Raymond and support staff Marilyn Eddy.

Teachers retiring from Matthew Thornton Elementary School include: Susan Goyette, Judi Lynch and Stella Skoropowski and Food Service staff member Dorothy Paradis.

Retiring from Moose Hill School are teacher Jane Guaraldi and allied support staff Susan Richardson.

Retiring from the District are teacher Kathy Canedy and Nancy Stewart.



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Londonderry Police Lieutenant Tim Jones Retires

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Police Chief William Hart and Land Services Division Captain Christopher Gandia praised the contributions of Police Lieut. Tim Jones over his 18 years with the Department, and expressed regret that his time with the department has ended, calling him "one of those rare people who did every department job along the way."

Asked to reflect on his years with the LPD Jones said, "My years with the Londonderry Police Department were absolutely outstanding. The LPD was my family. It was great and they afforded me so many opportunities- detective, sergeant and Lieutenant."

Retiring he called "bittersweet."

"It is tough to leave that part of my life behind but I am the kind of guy who likes to look forward to new challenges," he said. "It was time for me to do something else and for me to have more time to spend with my family."

While Jones is leaving being a police officer behind he plans to spend full time working on the company he started a couple of years ago and which he has been dividing his time running with being a LPD officer.

"I started Granite State Police Career Counseling

a few years ago and it has gotten off to a slow start while I was still a full time officer because it was tough to divide my time. But I ready to jump into the company full time now."

Hart and Gandia said they knew Jones was planning to work with his company and they thought he would achieve the same level of success there he while being a Londonderry Police Officer.

It was Jones' breadth of experience and his rise through the ranks that made him an exceptional officer, according to both Hart and Gandia. Jones was the second officer who headed up the Services Division, and had a handle on all the support functions. His progress through the various department responsibilities paved the way for how the department will continue to grow and function, Hart and Gandia said.

"Tim was one of the guys who put the Londonderry Police Department on the map over the last 20 years," Hart said. "Through Tim's efforts and those of others, the LPD has had a growing role as a leader among New Hampshire departments. He pioneered working with the New Hampshire Police Association Pipe and Drum Corps, he was well liked



Londonderry Police Lieutenant Tim Jones retired this month after 18 years with the department.
Courtesy photo

in the community and in the police agencies, he took up drumming to be part of that agency and went on to become a teacher of drumming. He and his contributions to the department and that association will be missed."

Hart and Gandia pointed out that Jones' retirement and the need to plan for the future of the department to be in a position to meet the community's growing needs happened at the same time. They said the department needed to build a strong administrative foundation to be able

to continue to meet the needs of a rising population.

"We anticipate a growth of between 2,500 and 3,500 people in Londonderry over the next few years and that doesn't include Woodmont (Commons, a 600-plus-acre development)," Gandia said. "We want to be in a position to continue to provide the same level of service to the community, and to do that we need to plan and grow. That requires us building a strong administrative structure.

"Today we are a smaller department than we

were in 2006," Candia noted. "Then we had 48 officers and when you added in the airport force, our strength was 78, where today we have 45 officers and when you add in the airport, we stand at 62 in the department. And one of the biggest issues we face is that it has become harder and harder to get recruits for the police department."

Hart said Jones' retirement set them to thinking and planning.

"Tim let us know his plans early so we could plan it all out, which was very helpful," Hart said. "We want to contain the growing pains as best we can, and we hope by virtue of the quality of the personnel we have, to be able to stay even with the changes that are coming to Londonderry and to be able to continue to supply the service the people of Londonderry have become accustomed to."

Gandia said newly promoted operations officers will get started on this, and the changes in assignments for the officers will allow the department to

increase and broaden its skill sets and the abilities of its officers.

"These changes in assignments will have a short-term learning curve but in the end we will come out a much stronger department," Gandia said.

Hart added, "We are hopeful that we will be able through the budget process to talk to the Town Council about our plans for the future and get their input on where they see Londonderry going and what its needs are and will be down the road. This will help fashion this department for the 300th anniversary and for the arrival of Woodmont. We have a great relationship with the community and there is a lot of trust between the Londonderry Police Department and members of the community, and we want to keep that, as it is a fundamental building block for the department's Strategic Plan."

Hart said Jones will be missed but his contributions and the changes and innovations he brought to his job will continue to guide the department.

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Conservation

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sion choose two or three properties that would benefit from a recreation update and submit those.

He proposed the Musquash area as one and observed that it could use an expanded parking lot.

While other members said they didn't have a problem with parking at the Musquash, member

Roger Fillio observed, "I think the town will get behind parking lots." Speltz expressed concern that the proposed costs weren't broken down enough and suggested the Commission include a

request to have a more specific outline of costs.

The Musquash and its parking situation was the Commission's first selection. Members discussed putting in a beach at Little Cohas Brook for a possi-

ble town swimming area.

Members also reacted favorably to a picnic area and other improvements at Kendall Pond, but noted that a previous plan may exist for Kendall Pond. They said Vice-

Chair Gene Harrington may have a copy of the plan, but he was not in attendance.

"I would like a Plan B," Speltz said. "I would like to allow the chair to drop Kendall Pond from the plan if there's an existing plan, and to add another conservation area."

Member Mike Byerly suggested cleaning out Beaver Brook and making it more canoe- and kayak-friendly. But member Deborah Lievens observed that the water gets quite low in summer, "somewhere between a brook and a stream. I'm not sure the amount of water there will ever turn into what it needs to be."

Byerly said he likes Little Cohas Brook as an alternate to Kendall Pond.

Lievens said that putting a picnic area at Kendall Pond is not as much work as some of the options. "It would go together faster," she said.

But at Stantec's price, the Commission agreed they could possibly rehab four properties for better recreational use. They authorized Badois to sign the letter naming the Musquash, Scobie Pond, Kendall Pond and Little Cohas as the group's properties of choice, with Kendall Pond being taken off if a previous plan is located. A cover letter will include the Commission's directive that the scope of work be more completely broken down.

Speltz said if the Council chooses not to act on the request, it could be brought before the voters as a petitioned warrant article.

"Whatever we decide, that's all we can send to the CIP," Speltz said.

In other business, Byerly reported on the Conservation Commission's e-newsletter, which now has 142 readers. The current issue has an article on mulching and lawn care and a preview of the Conservation Walk to be held June 26 on the Ingersoll property.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Near-Tragic Baseball Accident Brings Families Together

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It was a near-tragedy from which a great many positives later arose. And it happened here in Londonderry.

When sending their youngsters out into any athletic contest or practice parents are quite aware that kids can suffer injuries, even severe ones. But the kinds of injuries sustained by Londonderry youngster Brendan Julian during a Saturday, May 7 baseball game played at the Londonderry Athletic Field Association complex were the kinds of things which parents don't like to spend much time contemplating. If they did, they might not let their kids play

sports at all.

But as is often the case, adverse situations can bring the best out in good people in good communities. And a great many folks in Londonderry and beyond rallied to bring positives out of what was an extremely difficult situation.

"My son, Brendan Julian, was struck in the side of the head by a line-drive while pitching during his 11/12-year-old major league game," said the boy's dad, Neil Julian.

The coaches involved in the contest immediately called 911, and Londonderry Fire and Rescue responded in a matter of moments to rush the 12-year-old to the Elliot Hospital in Manchester.

A subsequent computerized axial tomography (CAT) scan revealed the boy's serious injuries to include a fractured skull, a blood clot which had formed on the right side of the brain, and a severe concussion.

The decision was made by the medical professionals at the Elliot to rush Brendan to Boston Children's Hospital for emergency surgery.

"After successful surgery to remove the blood clot, my son spent five days in the children's intensive care unit, followed by two days in the Neuro-Pediatric area of the hospital before being discharged on Friday, May 13," said dad Neil.

The local boy was sub-

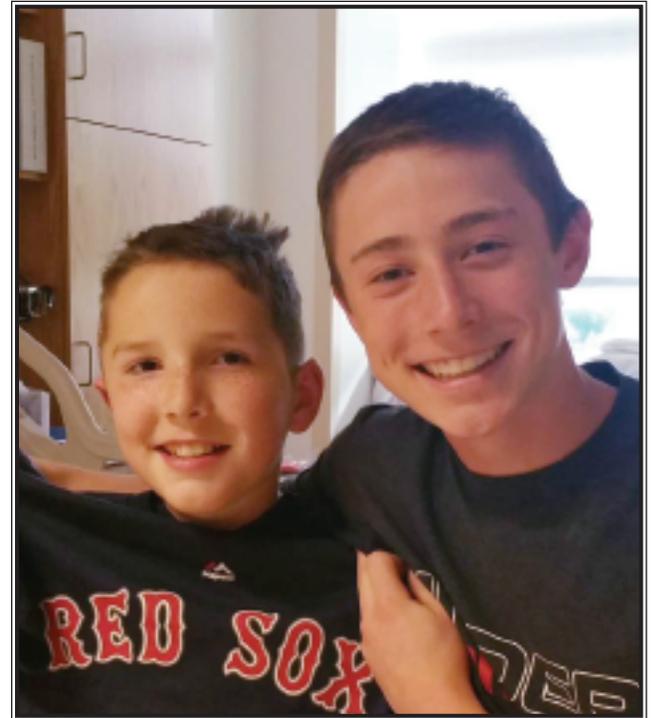
sequently restricted by doctors from returning to classes at the Londonderry Middle School, but he is now enjoying a positive recovery which has been enhanced by the help and support of a great many people in town.

"He is recovering well and seeing a variety of therapists for occupational, physical, and speech therapy," said Neil. "Doctors and therapists are confident that he will have a full recovery."

And the Julians have been deeply moved by the amazing outpouring of support from so many different circles.

"So many local people and organizations have given wonderful support

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A near-tragic on-field baseball accident has brought local boys Brendan Julian, left, and Brandon Fish together in its aftermath. Courtesy photo

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Londonderry Squad Wins Assumption Football Competition

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Perfection is extremely hard to beat, to say the least, but it

was a perfect 7-0 record which was compiled by a Londonderry Lancer football contingent when it won the recent Assump-

tion College 7vs7 Shoot-out Tournament down in Worcester, Mass.

The local crew, led by coaches Jimmy Lauzon,

Matt Case, Bill Clement, Nick Clement, and Mike Bombardier, bested Massachusetts opponents from Danvers, Bedford, Chelmsford, Billerica, and Lynnfield as well as an opposing squad from Killingly, Ct., before facing off against and vanquishing a team from Peabody, Mass., in the championship game.

The Londonderry entry's roster featured incoming Londonderry

High seniors Joe St. Brice, Cam MacDonald, Pete Navarro, Kevin Lowe, Johnny Meskell, Jake Stevens, Brandyn Proulx, Eric Doran, Brandon Radford, Nick Scarfo, Zac Garside, Xavier Cora, Mark Bickford, Colin Reardon, and Evan Cormier,

The locals entered a total of two teams in the tournament, with the second Londonderry crew finishing with a very respectable 2-2 record.

Looking ahead, Londonderry football will have one of the many teams entered in the Under Armour Northeast 7-on-7 tournament's North Regional on July 16 at Exeter High School. The North Regional will have some 40 teams competing, and it's one of three sites for the overall, 120-team tournament. All six New England states will be represented in that huge tournament.



The Londonderry Lancer football crew which won the recent Assumption College 7vs7 tournament in Worcester, Mass. included, in back from left, coach Bill Clement, Joe St. Brice, coach Matt Case, Colin Reardon, Johnny Meskell, Jake Stevens, Mark Bickford, Xavier Cora, Brandon Radford, Cam MacDonald, Evan Cormier, coach Jimmy Lauzon, coach Nick Clement, and coach Mike Bombardier. Kneeling from left are Kevin Lowe, Nick Scarfo, and Zac Garside. Seated from left are Brandyn Proulx, Eric Doran, and Pete Navarro.

Track Club Kicks Off 41st Fun Run Series

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

All of the conditions were ideal the start to the 41st annual Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) Summer Fun Run Series at the Pinkerton Academy track in Derry on the evening of Thursday, June 16.

"On a beautiful spring evening, 299 kids signed up and brought 323.6 pounds of food to be donated to a local food pantry," said club media coordinator Bonney Cashin.

Youngsters wishing to participate in the fun runs - which will take place

every Thursday evening through July 28 - are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate as their registration fee.

Youngsters from local communities took part in the first night of runs, and kids from Londonderry stood up tall with some excellent performances.

Local youngsters with a top-three finish in their age divisions included Parker Lewis (first) in the nine-year-old boys' class, Nora Maher (second) among the girl nines, Michaela Horan (first) in the 10-year-old girls' class, and Lily Maher (first) and

Emily Teva (second) among the girl 11's.

Registration begins at 6 on the evenings of the runs, with races commencing at 6:30. Members of the Greater Derry Track Club are on hand to lead stretching exercises and offer kids running tips before their races.

Youngsters aged two and three run approximately 50 yards, those four through six run 200 meters, children seven and eight run 300 meters, nine and 10-year-olds run 600 meters, 11 to 13's run the Pinkerton cross-country mile, and those 14 and older run the open mile.

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Redwings' 12-U Baseball Crew Collects New England Elite Title

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Redwings' 12-U baseball squad hit the very highest heights recently when it won the New England Elite Baseball League Division 1-A Championship with some gutsy work at Fraser Field in Westbrook, Me., on Saturday, June 11.

The fifth-ranked locals assured themselves of the title by defeating the second-seeded Southern Maine River Rats by an 11-7 tally in the division's championship contest that day.

Londonderry had finished an amazing 22-2 overall on the season to finish atop the 28-team Division 1-A league, which is comprised of teams from all over the New England region.

In the championship battle, Southern Maine cut an 8-2 deficit to 8-7 with a four-run fifth inning. But Londonderry finished off its opponent with three big insurance runs in the top of the sixth.

With two outs in that frame, Brandon Fish and Braeden Griffin hit back-to-back singles and Owen MacDonnell walked. Fish then scored on a passed

ball, Griffin scored on an overthrow, and MacDonnell scored on a single by Justin Dickson as the locals made their lead far more comfortable again.

"We got the momentum back," said Londonderry head coach Pete Griffin. "They had climbed back into the game, their crowd was getting into it, and then we just took it back."

In a pitching role, Fish faced the minimum of six batters to close out the final two innings and seal the victory for the local boys. MacDonnell bagged the pitching win after hurling five frames.

In the early going, Gavin Parent had provided a big two-out, two-run single in the first inning to plate Fish and MacDonnell who had both singled. Londonderry went up 5-2 after two innings as Jake Holdsworth and Evan Beals both reached base and scored.

The Redwings had reached the finals in the regional tourney by virtue of a huge weekend the previous week in quarterfinal and semifinal action right here in the Granite State in Swanzey.

The local hardball side defeated the top-seeded Swamp Bats - from the

Swanzey/Keene area - in two consecutive elimination games to reach the title round.

"They're real good," said Griffin of the Swamp Bats. "They were the number one seed for a reason. We just got hot at the right time."

Trailing 4-3 in their final at-bat in game two in Swanzey, the Redwings scored nine runs on key two-run homers by Dickson and Ryan Killelea and a grand-slam blast by Parent to cap an epic comeback. Josh MacDonald, Jack Marshall, Fish, and Griffin all singled and scored in the huge deciding frame. Beals got the pitching win for Londonderry.

The Redwings had defeated the Swamp Bats 9-3 earlier that day to fight their way out of the loser's bracket in the double-elimination tournament. Fish (2-2, two homers, four RBI), Griffin (2-3, two runs, homer), Parent (2-3, homer, two RBI), and Dickson (home run) all went deep to lead the Londonderry power surge.

"The field was a band



The Londonderry Redwings' 12-U baseball squad was quite understandably all smiles after winning the prestigious New England Elite Baseball League Division 1-A Championship in Westbrook, Me. recently. Courtesy photo.

box," said the Londonderry coach of tiny Cole Field in Swanzey. "Balls were flying out of there left and right. I'm just glad we had a few more than the other guys."

Marshall (3-4, homer, three runs) led the locals' 16-hit attack in a 16-13 quarterfinal victory over New England Baseball. MacDonald singled and then James Griffin and Avery Abbott both walked and scored on a Fish grand slam.

Holdsworth also added a two-run shot in the slugfest.

Londonderry had lost 11-1 to the Swamp Bats on Saturday, June 4 after opening the tournament with a 10-1 victory over the NE Baseball contin-

gent. "It was quite a weekend," said the locals' coach. "The boys won three consecutive elimination games on Sunday, June 5 to advance to the title game. That was an accomplishment in itself."

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 JUN 13 2016
 IN RE: TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
 Docket No. _____

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY'S VERIFIED PETITION TO HOLD SPECIAL TOWN MEETING PURSUANT TO RSA 31:5

The Londonderry Town Council, on behalf of the Town of Londonderry, New Hampshire, a municipal corporation with its administrative offices located at 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053 (the "Town" or "Londonderry"), through its counsel, Ramsdell Law Firm, P.L.L.C., petitions this Court pursuant to RSA 31:5 to:

- a. schedule a hearing on the instant petition on a date not later than July 6, 2016; and
- b. authorize a special town meeting on September 13, 2016, which shall have the same authority, in all respects, as the annual town meeting. In support of this petition, Londonderry states as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. Londonderry petitions the Court to hold a special town meeting pursuant to RSA 31:5 for the purpose of raising and appropriating the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$42,905) to approve the cost items in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93 (LAEA – Unit B – Town Administrative Personnel). The "emergency" within the context of RSA 31:5, I(b) is that the collective bargaining agreement includes a special enrollment period for the union employees to switch to a health savings plan that will provide greater than \$160,000 in savings to the Town and the union members during the term of the agreement. However, the special enrollment period requires implementation by January 1, 2017, which is more than three months before the Town's next annual town meeting. Consequently, a special meeting must be held prior to January 1, 2017 to enable Londonderry to take advantage of the special enrollment period, thereby saving the Town's citizens thousands of tax dollars.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

2. Special town meetings are governed by RSA 31:5, which provides in pertinent part that: "In case an emergency arises requiring an immediate expenditure of money, the selectmen may petition the superior court for permission to hold a special town meeting which, if granted, shall give said meeting the same authority as an annual town meeting." RSA 31:5, I(a).

3. An "emergency" is defined as: "a sudden or unexpected situation or occurrence, or combination of occurrences, of a serious and urgent nature, that demands prompt, or immediate action, including an immediate expenditure of money." RSA 31:5, I(b). "This definition, however, does not establish a requirement that an emergency involves a crisis in every set of circumstances." *Id.*

4. The factors the Court should consider to determine whether an emergency exists so as to allow a special meeting are:

- a. The severity of the harm to be avoided;
- b. The urgency of the petitioner's need;
- c. Whether the claimed emergency was foreseeable or avoidable;
- d. Whether the appropriation could have been made at the annual meeting; and
- e. Whether there are alternative remedies not requiring an appropriation.

As described below and verified by Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith, the circumstances warrant a finding of sufficient emergency to allow a special town meeting.

a. The severity of the harm to be avoided.

5. The collective bargaining agreement between Londonderry and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93 (LAEA – Unit B – Town

Administrative Personnel) expired on June 30, 2015. Despite diligent efforts, the parties were unable to negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement until May 2016. The new agreement is contingent on the Town's ability to implement a new healthcare plan on or before January 1, 2017.

6. The new agreement was made possible because the Town was afforded an opportunity to switch the employees to a health savings account plan ("HSA"). The Town's risk pool healthcare provider, HealthTrust, secured a special agreement through Anthem whereby all new enrollees will be allowed to carry their deductible for 18 months rather than the usual 12 months. The special agreement and the change to the HSA will result in savings to the Town of \$71,489 and savings of \$96,881 to the employees. As noted above, however, the opportunity is only available until January 1, 2017.

7. Consequently, approval of the new collective bargaining agreement at a special town meeting will allow the Town's taxpayers to avoid almost \$72,000 in healthcare costs.

b. The urgency of the petitioner's need.

8. The Town's need for the special town meeting is urgent. The next annual town meeting does not occur until March 2017, which is more than three months later than the deadline for the Town to take advantage of the substantial savings of taxpayer money afforded by the HSA and the special enrollment period. Additionally, September 13, 2016, the date of the State of New Hampshire primary elections, provides an opportunity for greater voter turnout than might ordinarily be realized at a special town meeting and also represents an opportunity to conduct a special town meeting at a reduced cost from what might otherwise be expected.

c. Whether the claimed emergency was foreseeable or avoidable.

9. The emergency was neither foreseeable nor avoidable. Collective bargaining agreements are carefully negotiated between municipalities and public employees. The Town does not unilaterally control the timing of an agreement. Moreover, the Town could not foresee that HealthTrust, through Anthem, would offer the Town and the public employees a special enrollment period with an HSA that would result in saving the taxpayers more than \$71,000.

d. Whether the appropriation could have been made at the annual meeting.

10. An appropriation could not have been made at the most recent annual town meeting because the Town and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93 (LAEA – Unit B – Town Administrative Personnel) had not reached an agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement before that time.

e. Whether there are alternative remedies not requiring an appropriation.

11. There are no alternative remedies that would not require an appropriation. The collective bargaining agreement would not be reached without the appropriation. Absent a new collective bargaining agreement, there will be no change to the new HSA and the special enrollment period. Consequently, the opportunity for saving almost \$72,000 in taxpayer funds would be lost.

COMPLIANCE WITH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

12. The Londonderry Town Council voted to file this petition with the Court at a public meeting held on May 16, 2016. Notice of that vote and of the Town Council's intent to file this petition was posted at the Town Council Chambers and the Town Clerk's Office on the day following that vote and has remained posted for at least ten days prior to the filing of this petition. Notice of the vote was published in the next available edition of the Londonderry Times, a local newspaper with a wide circulation in the Town. See RSA 31:5, IV. A copy of the notice, as was posted and published, is attached as Exhibit A.

13. Notice of the location, date and time of the evidentiary hearing on this petition in the superior court will be posted within twenty-four hours after receipt of that notice from the

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Court, and that notice will be posted in the Town Council Chambers, the Town Clerk's Office, and at least two other conspicuous places in the Town. The notice also will be published in the next available edition of the Londonderry Times. See RSA 31:5, IV.

14. As indicated by the certificate of service at the end of this petition, the Town has provided a copy of the petition to New Hampshire DRA Commissioner John T. Beardmore ("DRA"). Contemporaneous with the filing of the petition, the Town also has provided DRA with a copy of the special warrant article via certified mail. See RSA 31:5, II.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE

15. The proposed special town meeting warrant article states as follows:

Special Town Meeting Warrant Article

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93 (LAEA - Unit B - Town Administrative Personnel), which calls for the following appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was raised under the current agreement and policies for the employees of the Union:

Year	Cost Increase from Prev. FY	Tax Increase from Prev. FY*	Total Estimated Cumulative Cost	Average Rate Incr.
FY 17	\$42,905	\$0.01	\$42,905	1.5%
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FY 19	(\$9,286)	\$0.00	\$6,672	1.5%
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And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,905 (\$0.01 on the tax rate) for the FY17 expenses, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under the existing agreement. (LAEA - Unit B - Town Administrative Personnel includes 12 full-time employees in 7 Departments.)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$42,905 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate increase of \$0.01 in FY 17 based upon projected assessed values.)

This article is supported by:
 Town Council - (Yes: 0-0-0) Budget Committee - (Yes: 0-0-0)
 * Projections are based on projected assessed values.

16. A proposed Special Town Meeting Decree is attached as Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Town of Londonderry respectfully requests that the Court:

- A. Schedule a hearing on the instant petition on a date not later than July 6, 2016;
- B. Grant the instant verified petition to hold a Special Town Meeting on September 13, 2016 pursuant to RSA 31:5; and
- C. Grant such additional relief as justice requires.

Respectfully submitted,
 TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
 By its attorney,

Date: June 7, 2016

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VERIFICATION

I, Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith, under the pains and penalties of perjury, verify the facts alleged in the foregoing petition are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


 Kevin Smith
 Londonderry Town Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this Town of Londonderry's Verified Petition to Hold Special Town Meeting was forwarded via certified mail this date to New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Commissioner John T. Beardmore.


 Michael D. Ramsdell



NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL'S VOTE TO FILE PETITION FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

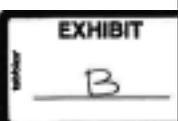
On May 16, 2016, the Londonderry Town Council voted 5 - 0 to file the attached

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY'S VERIFIED PETITION TO HOLD SPECIAL TOWN MEETING PURSUANT TO RSA 31:5

in the Rockingham County Superior Court. The purpose of the Special Town Meeting is to raise and appropriate the sum FORTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIVE Dollars (\$42,905) to approve the cost items in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93 (LAEA - Unit B - Town Administrative Personnel). The collective bargaining agreement includes a special enrollment period for the union employees to switch to a health savings plan that will provide greater than \$71,000 in savings to the Town and greater than \$96,000 in savings to the union members during the term of the agreement. However, the special enrollment period requires implementation by January 1, 2017, which is more than three months before the Town's next annual town meeting. Thus, the Town Council seeks that a Special Town Meeting be held prior to January 1, 2017 to enable the Town and the union members to take advantage of the special enrollment period, thereby saving the Town's citizens more than \$71,000 in tax dollars.

The petition will be filed on or after May 31, 2016.


 John Farrell, Chairman
 Town Council



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ROCKINGHAM, SS

SUPERIOR COURT

IN RE: TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

Docket No.

DECREE FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The above entitled Petition came before the Court for hearing and the Court, having considered the evidence, finds that an emergency has arisen in the Town of Londonderry which may require an immediate expenditure of money.

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Town Council for the Town of Londonderry is hereby authorized to hold a Special Town Meeting on September 13, 2016 at the Londonderry High School for the purpose of acting upon the article set forth in the accompanying petition, and the Special Town Meeting shall have the same authority as that of an annual Town Meeting.

The above approval is conditioned upon compliance with all statutory requirements relating to posting and notice which control such a Special Meeting.

This decree is made solely for the purpose of permitting the Special Town Meeting to be held, and it is not to be construed nor interpreted in any other manner nor for any other purpose whatsoever.

SO ORDERED.

Justice, Rockingham County Superior Court

Fifth Grade Fun Day Ends Time at North Elementary School



Every year fifth graders at North Elementary School head out to the fields to enjoy one last social event before bidding the school good bye as they head to the Middle School. Some of the activities include balloon games, water games, capture the flag, a dunk tank, facepainting, dodgeball and a cookout.

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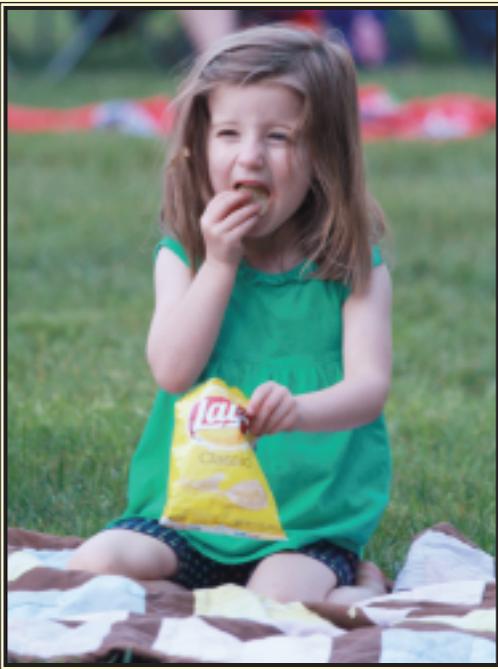
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Senior Craft Fair

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.

Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. July 8 at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road, Derry. The program will be presented by Richard Holmes, Derry Town Historian, on the grounds of the historic farm where Frost lived from 1900-1911. A tour of the house is optional. Members are asked to bring a bag lunch; chips, drinks and dessert are provided.

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.

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. Any-

one 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.

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. Partici-

pants 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 nick-byrne104@yahoo.com.

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 Hedgie 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 Hedgie. Each participant will be entered into a raffle for a prize bag. Registration is required. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.

Adult Summer Reading

Leach Library's seventh annual Adult Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 31 with the theme "Exercise Your Mind." Participants may register at any time at the Reference Desk, and will receive information about the program and a Fitness Bingo game to be completed during the summer and turned in when five blocks are completed, for a chance to win a prize. The first participants to register will receive a BPA-free fitness water bottle. For every book read after registering, participants get a raffle ticket for weekly raffles. For more information, call the library at 432-1132.

Young Adult Summer Reading

Leach Library's Young Adult Summer Reading Pro-

gram 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, Friday, June 24, First Parish Church, East Derry Road, Derry; breakfast, Sunday, June 26, 9 to 10 a.m., Episcopal 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. **Continued on page 18**

Clothing Ministry

St. Gianna's Closet ministry provides gently used clothing for children from birth through teen. Call Liz at 437-6678. Donations of gently used children's clothing can be brought to 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry or St. Thomas Church in Derry during weekday business hours.

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.

Hospice Volunteers

Amedisys Hospice is looking for volunteers to help provide services to patients who are terminally ill and their families. Hospice volunteers help in a variety of ways, including providing companionship at the bedside to general support to patients and families. For more information or to register for volunteer training, contact Valerie Cilizza, Volunteer Coordinator with Amedisys Hospice of Londonderry, at 421-0414 or valerie.arnista@amedisys.com.

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SUMMONS COMPLAINT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RSA 31:5

Case Name: Town of Londonderry v. Others
Case Number: 218-2016-CV-00622

Date Complaint Filed:

A Complaint for a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Londonderry, is on file in this office.

It is ORDERED, that the Town of Londonderry notify all parties who have an interest in the complaint of the following: **Evidentiary Hearing**

Date: July 05, 2016

Location: Courtroom 6 - Rockingham Superior

Time: 9:00 AM

10 Route 125, Brentwood

Time Allotted: 30 Minutes

Any interested party may appear at this hearing and show why the Complaint for a Special Town Meeting should not be granted. If you wish to be heard on the complaint you must first file an Appearance with this court on or before July 05, 2016, and send copies to the party listed below and any other party who has filed an Appearance in this matter.

The Town of Londonderry shall publish a copy of this Summons in the Londonderry Times, at the Town Council Chambers, Town Clerk's Office, Londonderry Police Department and Library. The Town of Londonderry shall promptly file with this court a Return of Publication on or before July 05, 2016.

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Please be advised (and/or advise clients, witnesses, and others) that it is a Class B felony to carry a firearm or other deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625.11, V in a courtroom or area used by a court.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

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Monday, June 13

8:12 a.m. Cash machine broken into at storage sheds across from Buildings E and F, Constitution Drive.

8:37 a.m. Broken car window on Pine Street.

Tuesday, June 14

1 p.m. Londonderry Fire

responding for car fire with exposure on Anderson Lane.

5:05 p.m. Caller on Beacon Street reported theft of cell phone from unlocked house.

5:07 p.m. Londonderry Fire responding for grill fire with exposure to

building on Acropolis Avenue.

Wednesday, June 15

1:12 p.m. Theft of several items from RMG Enterprises, Hillside Avenue.

1:47 p.m. Reported theft of belongings at Sleep Inn, Perkins Road.

3:53 p.m. Keys stolen

from residence on Pendleton Lane.

9 p.m. Loud party with bonfire on Spring Road. Londonderry Fire reports there is no permit.

Thursday, June 16

6:31 a.m. Caller on Page Road reporting that someone had gone through his truck overnight. The vehicle was unlocked, taken was a coffee cup loaded with change was taken along with two sweat-shirts. All the tools were still in the vehicle.

6:36 a.m. Mammoth Road resident reported her vehicle broken into during the night.

6:47 a.m. Resident on Mammoth Road called to report two or three of her vehicles were broken into during the night. Nothing appears to have been tak-

en, but is still checking.
7:21 a.m. Caller residing at Loan Street reports his cars were gone through that evening and items were stolen.

Friday, June 17

5:02 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at Park and Ride North, 4 Symmes Drive. Driver reporting incident.

8:28 p.m. Motor vehicle stop resulted in arrest of Courtney Beaulieu, 34, Emerald Drive, Derry. She was arrested for disobeying an officer, driving after having a revocation or suspension licence, possession of drugs (in a motor vehicle) and violating drivers license prohibitions. Bail was set at \$5000.00 pr. Scheduled to be arraigned in Derry District Court on Aug. 09.

Also arrested was Michael Derienzo, 87 Gulf Road, Derry, for possession of controlled/narcotic drugs. Bail was set at \$500. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Derry District Court on Aug. 09.

9:09 p.m. Caller on Chase Road reported that she can hear gun shots or fireworks to the south of her home. Officer confirmed that it was fireworks, but unable to locate.

Saturday, June 18

Erica White of 126 Sherwood Street, Portland, Maine arrested for driving under the influence of drugs or liquor, conduct after an accident, and failure to obtain a New Hampshire license in 60 days. She currently resides at 108 Alsace Street, Manchester.

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Near-Tragic

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immediately after and during the past many weeks since the accident," said Neil.

And one of the most positive and moving developments to have occurred since the accident was arrived at between Brendan Julian and the opposing player who smacked the baseball which injured him.

"The young man who hit the ball was Brandon Fish, a great young athlete and a really, really nice young man," said Neil Julian. "He was at my son's side the moment the ball hit him, and he was so emotional and concerned for my son while he was led away by emergency responders."

During Brendan's hospital stay, Fish and his mom and dad Ami and Jason Fish went so far as to make the ride to Boston to visit the injured youngster.

"They brought great gifts and the boys shook hands and took a great photo together, all while forging a bond for life," said Neil. "The gesture was just so kind, so classy, and we reminded Brandon that he did nothing wrong and that he

was only playing the game hard as he always has."

The LAFA organization also jumped to the fore and presented the Julians with a large variety of gift cards totaling hundreds of dollars in a gesture of love and support.

Additionally, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats' baseball club arranged for a video tribute to the Julian youngster which was posted on the minor league team's Facebook page. In that video, Fisher Cat players reached out and put forth get-well wishes to the local boy.

There were also many expressions of support and gifts put forth by so many people within the Londonderry School District,

and then on May 21 Brendan received full VIP treatment during the LAFA Field Day, with he and Brandon Fish combining on the ceremonial first pitch with Julian pitching and Fish catching. But that wasn't all on that up-lifting day.

"The Londonderry High School varsity baseball and softball teams presented my son with official baseballs and softballs signed by members of both teams, and then (baseball) coach Brent Demas presented my son

with a personalized LHS varsity baseball jacket," said dad Neil.

Now, as he continues down the challenging road to recovery, Brendan Julian has had time to reflect upon what has happened to him and the aftermath of being amidst so many storm clouds from which arose many silver linings.

"Through this difficult experience that my family and I have encountered, I have taken many positives out of it," he said. "First of all, I learned about all the great people of Londonderry and how caring and classy they are. The texts and e-mails sent to my family to wish me good luck in surgery and after meant a lot. I knew people were praying for me, and it definitely worked. Also, I made a great friend named Brandon Fish during a bad situation. Brandon showed great class and sportsmanship towards me when it happened and afterwards too."

Needless to say, given the choice Brendan and his mom Dori and dad Neil would rather not have gone through such a trying ordeal. But their experience proves quite well and once again that good can arise from bad if caring folks are involved.

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Strategic Plan

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"In our meetings, we identified one of the threats," he said. "It's planning for successive leadership."

Gandia explained that many seasoned Londonderry police administrators are nearing the ends of their careers, including the recently-retired Lt. Tim Jones. Without planning for succession, it could be disruptive to the department, he said.

"So we made it a short-term goal to plan for succession in administrative roles," he said, explaining how the perceived threat resulted in a goal.

"This is our vision and how we want to get there," Gandia said.

Hart asked for input from the Council, saying, "The eyes looking at us are just as important as the eyes looking out."

Councilor Joe Green observed, "In my job, we

analyze all the time. We are constantly evolving, looking at our strengths and weaknesses. This is a great document to have."

Councilor Tom Freda observed that Hart listed one of the weaknesses as the number of patrol officers and detectives being static. "Will this come up in budget season?" Freda asked.

Hart responded, "We will consult with the Town Manager on that. If there is a request, it will be supported by documentation and data." The department will give the Council information so they can make good decisions, Hart said.

Freda said, "If we say we want no more than a 1 percent increase, do we still get the information? Do we still get to hear what you need?"

"We are going to be candid," Hart said. "Going forward, this town is facing challenges we have never seen before."

He's been working on budget projections since December, Hart said, and planned his first formal budget meeting for Wednesday with all his command staff.

Green asked, "Does the understaffing piece refer to now, or going forward?"

They are understaffed now, Hart said. "We'll address it during the budget process," he said. "But we'll also try to make what we have work."

Town Manager Kevin Smith contributed, "The chief and I have discussed tying personnel numbers to the data from the fiscal impact statements for developers." He explained how developers are required to submit a statement saying how their project will influence police, fire and road work.

"We don't want to be arbitrary," Smith said. "We want the additional personnel to be support-

ed by data."

A previous Council and Town Manager made arbitrary budget cuts across the board and not based on need, Chairman John Farrell observed. "They weren't looking to our operational needs."

Councilor Tom Dolan had two observations. "Under the medium-term goals you have listed, re-establishing your public relations program," he said. "As the community gets to know you, it's almost like another 'arm' of the police department. It's another set of eyes."

Dolan also wondered if Hart held post-mortems of major incidents. "Do you make use of 'teachable moments'?" he asked.

Hart said they hold both operational and tactical debriefing. "You don't learn a lot from success," he said. "You learn from when you failed or don't do your best."

In response to further

questions about staffing, Hart said the department had 48 sworn officers in 2005. By 2009 there were 44 and that number has remained static despite expanded calls for service and expanded arrests, he said.

The department has also gone from 23 vehicles to 19. They reached a low of 16, he said, but realized 16 were too few and are now working on a

goal of 21.

Gandia said the department recently began including dispatch personnel in its event scenarios. "We debrief together, and it has been one of our best-received trainings," he said.

Councilors agreed to review the document, and Farrell told Hart and Gandia, "We are vested in getting them the training. Tell us what you need."

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