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Town Council Approves Amended Noise Ordinance

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The Londonderry Town Council has approved an amended noise ordinance.

The Council approved the ordinance 4-0 after a public hearing Monday night, July 11.

Town Manager Kevin Smith and Police Chief Bill Hart spoke to the ordinance, which had been continued from the May 16 meeting. Smith said he had received a number of calls on the proposed ordinance, all from the agricultural community. Farmers, particularly the owners of the town's three apple orchards, were concerned about

being allowed to water and spray their plants during the overnight hours.

Apples and snow

"We don't want to do anything to hurt farming and agriculture," Smith said.

"Those are the same phone calls I got," Hart said.

Section II of the draft ordinance is the prohibition against "Unnecessary Noise," which prohibits "excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noises" that are "prolonged, unusual or unnatural" from the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

However, agricultural uses are exempted in the

new ordinance under Section III, item D, which states, "This prohibition exempts farming and/or agricultural activity and farming and/or agricultural machinery."

Councilor Joe Green questioned whether Item D should even be in the ordinance. "The neighbors should have the ability to speak directly to the farmers," he said. "I think we should strike this from the ordinance."

But Smith said the item was a precaution against complaints.

"They are concerned they could be called on it," Hart said. He noted he had spoken with Mike

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Amended Petition Adds Union to Special Meeting Request

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The Town of Londonderry has added a second group of employees to its petition for a special meeting in order to approve a collective bargaining agreement.

The Town Council originally planned to ask Rockingham Superior Court

for permission to hold the meeting, which would ask residents to approve raising and appropriating \$42,905 for a collective bargaining agreement between the town and the AFSCME (American Federation of State, Council and Municipal Employees) group of administrative person-

nel, Council 93, Unit B. This group includes Town Hall middle-management staff such as the Planning Director, Geographic Information Services Manager, Assessor and Appraiser. They have been working without a contract since June 30, 2015, according to Town Manager Kevin Smith.

The contract also includes a 1-1/2 percent raise every year for four years, Smith said.

If approved the agreement would, due to a new health plan, save the town \$71,000 and save the union members \$96,000. However, the enrollment period for the health plan ends Jan. 1, 2017, and

town meeting vote would be three months later. The town is petitioning to hold the meeting before the March 2017 vote in order to take advantage of the savings, and will ask to hold the special meeting under the "emergency" clause.

The town has since asked to amend the pend-

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Young Growers

Members of the "Grow Club" at this year's Summer Playground Program at South Elementary School water some cucumbers during a hot morning. See related story on page 9.

Photo by Chris Paul

Care With Fire, Cigarettes Urged as Town Weathers Drought

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Most people probably don't think of a fast-food drive-up window as a combustible area. But Brian Johnson, division chief for fire prevention for the Londonderry Fire Depart-

ment, said many so-called "brush fires" actually occur in the drive-through queue.

"People will carelessly discard a cigarette while they're waiting," Johnson pointed out. The still-glowing butt can ignite bark mulch on the nearby landscaping, which, he

said, can get just as dry as grass.

Johnson and other members of the Londonderry Fire Department are warning residents to be extremely careful over the remainder of the drought that has plagued southern New Hampshire

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Conservation Reminds Council of Change in Town Forest Oversight

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The Town Council spoke with Marge Badois, chairman of the Londonderry Conservation Commission, on Monday night regarding the spraying of the Town Forest.

Councilor Jim Butler, the Council's representative to the Heritage Commission, brought the issue to the Council after learning from Kent Allen, a volunteer working on the Town Forest, that the Commission was no longer spraying the area against invasive plants.

Butler observed, "A lot of people in town don't understand what is happening with the spraying."

Badois responded that there had never been a contract with the sprayer, Swamp Inc. She said they entered into an agreement with Swamp Inc., to perform services in 2015,

for \$5,200.

"But there was no three-year contract," she said. "There was no five-year contract." There was a proposal on what the company could provide in 2016, but the Commission voted not to rehire Swamp Inc., she said.

Badois pointed out that at the March 2016 Town Meeting, the town voted to relieve Conservation of responsibility for the Town Forest. Article 12 on the March 2016 warrant asked voters to approve the transfer of all supervision, management duties and responsibilities of the Town Forest from the Commission to the Town Manager.

Article 12 read: "To authorize the transfer of all supervision, management duties and responsibilities of the land surrounding the Town Common and fronting on Mammoth Road and Pills-

bury Road, which is sometimes referred to as the Town Forest, from the Conservation Commission to the Town Manager, with the advice and recommendations from the

Historic District/Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission and Town Council. The Article has no tax rate impact. The Council and Budget Committee voted 5-0 each

to recommend the Article."

The article passed, 1,488 to 527.

Butler asked Badois, "Have you notified the Town Manager that you

will not be spraying the Town Forest?"

"He was at the meeting" when it was voted, Badois responded.

No action was taken on the Town Forest.



National Spotlight

A Travel Channel film crew visited the Morrison House Museum during the cold winter months of January to shoot some of the historical artifacts housed there to feature in their show "Mysteries at the Museum." The segment they were shooting focused on the story of Annie Londonderry. Her real name, Annie Kachofski, was the first woman to ride a bicycle around the world from 1894 to 1895. She took the name Annie Londonderry in exchange for sponsorship from the Lithia Springs Water Company, a Londonderry based company. After filming much of the day, only one of the Lithia Springs jugs was used in the segment. The show "Dancing Plague, Tracking Santa and Annie Londonderry" is scheduled to run on Friday, July 15 at 11 p.m. Photos by Chris Paul



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Community Turns Out to Support Local Police Force

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Bill Hart's weekend staff had a lot of company.

The Londonderry Police Chief was heartened when, over the weekend of July 9 and 10, between 30 and 40 families stopped by the department to express their appreciation for the Londonderry force. It was a welcome experience after the shooting deaths of five Dallas officers this past Friday night.

Hart took a moment during the Town Council meeting's Public Comment Monday night to express his regret for what happened, and to assure the Council and constituents that his department will give every citizen their share of respect, regardless of race, color or creed.

The meeting opened with Vice-Chair Tom Freda in charge, in the absence of Chair John Farrell, asking for a moment of silence for those slain in Dallas.

Hart said, "I want to thank our community. We were touched by the outpouring of support."

Many residents have asked if Londonderry gives its officers "anti-bias" training and Hart said it does. In addition, over the last decade, they've engaged in extensive self-evaluation. "We ask ourselves if we engage in any bias-based policies," he said.

He's proud of "what we've built here," he said. In the past year officers responded to well over 1,000 incidents, and had to use force only in 17.

He has built one of the finest departments in the state, he said, with other departments asking for consultations and state boards asking LPD members to be officers. Lt. Patrick Cheetham has already been asked to speak on the tragedy in Dallas, Hart said.

Hart observed, "These are challenging times." The country has been here before, with race riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention and in the Watts section of Los Angeles. We have made strides as a country since those times, he said, but we have a ways to go.

"We need to be open to

those we serve, and recognize their First Amendment rights to speech," Hart said.

In addition, he said, "most police officers are open to how we can do this job better." He said his officers are always striving for "deeper respect, deeper understanding and deeper compassion:" toward those they serve.

"For us to succeed, we must continue to build trust in Londonderry," he said. And that includes being open to those who criticize them most loudly.

His hope is that "those who feel they have been targeted do not paint us with the broad brush of hatred."

Hart added, "In this job, I am sworn to protect your abilities under our Constitution with my life."

Councilor Tom Dolan also read a letter of appreciation to Londonderry's finest. He noted that the town's prayers go out to the families of those killed, Sgt. Michael Smith, Senior Cpl. Lorne Ahrens, Officer Michael Krol, Officer Patrick Zammaripa, and Rapid Transit Officer Brent Thompson.

Dolan wrote, "I speak

for the entire Council and Town Manager tonight to express our strong support for our police officers and their families as they go to work each and every day, strap on that bullet-proof vest, with the sobering thought that they might not return home alive.

"In Londonderry," he wrote, "we are proud of our first responders and especially the professional leadership presently training our officers and reinforcing meaningful community outreach and relations."

Dolan noted, "In a show of support and to better

understand the dangers they face, several of us will be participating in 'ride-alongs,' where we will accompany police officers on their shift." Many Councilors have done this in the past, but will do it again to show support and understanding, he said.

Dolan concluded, "When you bump into a first responder around town, take time to say 'thank you.'"

In other public safety business, Fire Chief Darren O'Brien took the microphone Monday night to remind the Council and tel-


evision audience of the 20th anniversary of the town's ALS (advanced life support) services. In 1996, he said, the then-chief decided to break away from the town they were contracting with for ambulance services. Londonderry began offering ALS by training five officers and hiring three more.

The ALS service made 2,000 calls that first year. Since then, call volume has increased 48 percent and they have four ALS units, he said, employing 22 paramedics.

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Editorial

Time's Running Out

It's not local, thank goodness, but we'd have to have been living in a cave out in the wilderness not to track on the shootings that have been occurring like clockwork in the United States.

Whether it's the mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando or the shootings by police officers in Minnesota and Baton Rouge, La., or the targeted shooting of police officers in Dallas, Texas, or the shooting Monday in a courthouse in Michigan - and by the time you read this, the list is likely to have gotten longer - the death toll keeps rising.

If we don't think we have an ever-growing polarized culture in this country, we need to think again. If we don't think that vigilante action is growing, we're wrong. And if we think that demonizing a particular group - whether it's police officers or Muslims - doesn't appeal to the worst side of people, we're kidding ourselves.

There are no easy answers. Guns are easily accessible. Funding and treatment for persons with mental illness are in seriously short supply. And it doesn't take a lot of effort to single out a group for blame, while we absolve ourselves of any responsibility.

But we need to question whether we are comfortable becoming used to a daily news report of the latest shooting, whether we are willing to accept that police officers are targets, whether we are going to change our shopping or vacation habits to avoid the latest type of targeted location. Soon enough, nowhere will be safe, not movie theaters, not shopping malls, not courthouses, not police stations, not the sidewalks or the streets.

We know a local family who cancelled plans this month to vacation in a nearby big city because of their concerns about potential violence. We're certain they're not alone. That's not a way we want to live.

The United States is dividing into a "them vs. us" mentality, where one group or another is characterized as "dangerous" and the other as "good." Lumping people together serves no purpose other than to make us feel a little safer because we've drawn a line in the sand. But we aren't any safer. And we aren't accomplishing anything - just look at Congress.

Focusing on how we can work together, rather than how we are different, is what we have left.

Council Hears Proposal for Increases in Building Permit Fee Schedule

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A revised Building Permit Fee Schedule is expected to make better use of the time spent by Building Inspector Richard Canuel and his staff.

Canuel appeared before the Town Council at its July 11 meeting to discuss revisions to the permitting fees.

Canuel told the Council he wanted to modify the Mechanical Permit Fee. He noted that in 2010, his department took over inspections from the Fire Department. At that time, there was a basic flat fee

for mechanical equipment, which he kept.

Since that time, commercial and industrial development in Londonderry has increased, Canuel said. "There are larger buildings, more equipment, and it takes more time to approve them," he said.

The current flat fee is \$75, and Canuel said he proposed adding to the flat fee for each additional appliance. "We would maintain the basic \$75 and add \$10 for each piece of equipment," he said.

In a typical multifamily residence of 16 units, with

a water heater in each unit, the fee would be \$75 under the current system, he said. Under the new system, his department would garner \$225.

"This would better compensate us for our time," Canuel said.

Canuel did a survey of neighboring towns and learned that Hudson would bring in \$580 in fees for the same 16-unit building; Windham, \$310; and Manchester, \$1,659.

"This is not too out of line and would help us with our additional workload," Canuel said.

No action was taken by the Council.

Accident Sends Five to Hospital

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

An accident on Sunday, July 10 at Rockingham Road (Route 28) and Page Road involved three vehicles and sent five people to the Elliot Hospital in Manchester.

The accident involved entrapment and the driver of one of the cars, Pat Morrison of Londonderry, was arrested for aggravated DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) and charged in the hospital, said Londonderry Police Detective Chris Olson.

Morrison suffered severe injuries in the accident to her legs and ribs as well as internal injuries.

Olson said Morrison was charged and released on \$7,500 personal recognizance bail. She has a court date of July 19 in Derry District Court.

Petition

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ing petition to add another group of employees, AFSCME Local 1801. The town could not include this group in the original petition because it had not come to a collective bargaining agreement.

Smith said the second group of employees includes staff members at the Town Clerk's office and at the Department of Public Works. Their last contract expired July 1, 2015.

The warrant for the special meeting would ask the town to raise and appropriate \$51,114 to approve the cost items in the second collective bargaining agreement.

Smith explained that the savings come from a restructuring of the health

plans offered to employees. "We are making a move toward Health Savings Accounts, or HSAs," he said.

The employees may still opt for a traditional health plan, but the town is "heavily incentivized" toward helping them switch. "The town will contribute more toward the HSAs than to the other plans," Smith said. But in the long run, it is still expected to cost the town less, he said.

In order to hold the special meeting in September, three steps must be completed: petitioning Superior Court, holding a couple of public hearings, and holding a deliberative session, according to Smith.

The town insures through HealthTrust and the entity is offering a "one-time deal," Smith

said. If employees enroll in January, they get a special rate on the deductible for 18 months; if they are forced to wait until July, when the new budget goes in, it will be offered for 12 months. Smith said the special meeting is needed to appropriate the funds, and if the town waits until the March town meeting vote, the program won't be implemented until July 2017 and the opportunity will be lost.

For more information, call the Town Office at 432-1100 or visit the town's Web site at www.londonderrynh.org.

A public hearing on the contracts is scheduled for July 21, and the Special Meeting itself will be part of the Primary Election Sept. 13, according to Smith.

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Suggestion Offered on Pawnbroker License for S&S Metals

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The Londonderry Town Council has heard a suggestion for a temporary solution for a local business owner, and will address it in its Aug. 15 meeting.

At its June 20 meeting, the Council heard from Patricia Panciocco, an attorney representing Vic Solomini, owner of S&S Metals on Rockingham Road. Panciocco and Solomini are contesting the town's requirement that Solomini apply for a Secondhand Dealer/Pawnbroker License in addition to his recently-reissued Junkyard License.

Solomini, a Derry resident, has been buying and selling scrap metal in Londonderry for 20 years. He

and Panciocco have argued that he doesn't need the additional license.

"It is an unreasonable burden with no corresponding public benefit," Panciocco wrote in a June 13 letter to the Council.

She also argued that the second license would give Solomini permission to engage in activities already permitted under his existing Junkyard License.

The second license was created in part to stem the theft of metals from home building sites and other unguarded areas, and to apprehend those who stole and tried to resell the metals.

At the July 12 meeting, Panciocco and Police Chief Bill Hart proposed their solution, which is to

suspend the enforcement part of the ordinance as it pertains to S&S Metals.

Hart observed that his department has not seen issues with stolen scrap metal for three to four years. In 2008, 2009 and 2010, at the height of the recession, houses were being "fleeced" of copper piping, he said. Many homes were foreclosed on and left empty. In 2012-2013, the department saw a flurry of metal thefts in connection with the opioid crisis.

But recently, he said, "We have had two issues in 18 months."

In addition, Bruce Crawford, executive vice-president of the Auto and Truck Recyclers of New Hampshire, stated in a previous meeting that the "bottom" has dropped out

of the scrap metal market.

Panciocco also contended that much of Solomini's trade was "business to business" and did not involve the possibility of stolen parts.

Hart suggested suspending enforcement of the ordinance. "Should the Police Department see a concern, tracking scrap metal obtained by 'nefarious means,' we will bring this back before the Council." He would notify the interested parties, including S&S, and then allow the Council to take appropriate action.

Vice-Chair Tom Freda presented a hypothetical situation. "So you get a report that someone took a load of copper piping," he said. "Someone shows up with it at a dealer. How can you tell if it doesn't

have a serial number?"

"We need to have open communication between the businesses and the police," Hart responded. "We need to cooperate to keep our community safe."

Hart credited Sgt. Sean

Doyle and Lt. Patrick Cheetham with crafting the solution.

The Council took no action, but agreed to review the matter and discuss it at its next meeting.

OBITUARY

Austin Raffa



Austin G. Raffa, 19, of Londonderry lost his battle with addiction on July 9, 2016 while staying at the Brady Sober Home in Weymouth, Mass.

He was born on July 12, 1996 in Malden, Mass., a son of Karen (Griffin) Lafayette and the late John Raffa.

He was a lifelong Londonderry resident and was educated in the Londonderry School District.

He loved music, especially rap, and loved animals. He had a good sense of humor and was always lending a hand to help others. His struggle with addiction led him to the Brady Sober Home, where the last five weeks were some of the best he had.

He is survived by his mother, Karen Lafayette and her husband, Dale, of Londonderry; two sisters, Katie Toto and husband, Peter, of Everett, Mass., and Jill Raffa of Derry; one brother, Joseph Raffa of Londonderry; six nieces and nephews, CeCe, Maria, Bella, Petie, Anthony and Christopher; his paternal grandfather, John Raffa of Gloucester, Mass., and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, including his aunt Susan Desmond and cousin Jelene Desmond, who helped him with his addiction. He was predeceased by his father, John Raffa, in 2015.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Thursday, July 14 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brady's Place, 630 Main St., Weymouth, Mass. 02190. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Information Sought on Crossroads Plaza Crime Scene Investigation

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The Londonderry Police continue to investigate an incident that took place at the Crossroads Plaza in Londonderry during the late evening hours of July 7 into the early morning hours of July 8.

Police were called to the plaza, at the intersection of Nashua and Mammoth roads, at about 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 8. Officers determined that a crime scene existed and shut down a large portion of the parking lot.

Londonderry Police Detective Chris Olson

said the department has nothing to add to its earlier press release, which stated, "we do not have a victim, suspect, or any witnesses to the incident that took place; however, evidence on scene indicates that there is a victim."

The Londonderry Pol-

ice are looking for the assistance of the public in locating or identifying the victim and/ or suspect(s) or in providing any information about this incident. Anyone with any information is urged to contact the Londonderry Police Department at 432-1118.

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Londonderry High Grad Serves Aboard Attack Submarine

A 2011 Londonderry High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of a crew working aboard one of the world's most advanced nuclear-powered fast attack submarines, the USS Pittsburgh.

According to the Navy Office of Community Outreach, Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Barr is an electrician's mate (nuclear) serving aboard the Groton, Conn.-based submarine, one of 40 Los Angeles-class submarines making it the backbone of the submarine force.

A Navy electrician's mate (nuclear) is responsible for maintenance and repair of electrical components on the sub.

"I like being part of the small team on the sub and getting to know everyone," said Barr. "We trust each other to do the job and maintain safety on the sub."

With a crew of 130, the submarine is 360 feet long and weighs approximately 6,900 tons. A nuclear-powered propulsion sys-



Joseph Barr

tem helps push the submarine through the water at more than 25 miles per hour.

Attack submarines are designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets on shore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs (Sea Air And Land team); carry out intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare. Their primary tactical advantage is stealth.

"Our missions are extremely technical and demanding," said Capt. Ollie Lewis, Commodore, Sub-

marine Squadron 12. "We can't maintain the success that we have experienced without having the most exceptional people serving with us."

According to Navy officials, because of the demanding environment aboard submarines, personnel are accepted only after rigorous testing and observation. Navy officials say submariners are some of the most highly trained and skilled people in the Navy. Their training is highly technical and each crew has to be able to operate, maintain, and repair every system or piece of equipment on board. Regardless of their specialty, everyone also has to learn how everything on the ship works and how to respond in emergencies to become "qualified in submarines" and earn the right to wear the gold or silver dolphins on their uniform.

"Serving in this command I am always busy and there is a lot of job satisfaction of mission accomplishment," Barr

said. "I also enjoy the port calls such as Scotland and Spain."

Challenging submarine living conditions

build strong fellowship among the crew, Navy officials explained, and the crews quickly adapt to changing conditions.

"Serving in the Navy provides me the ability for a better future and educational opportunities," added Barr.

Londonderry Fire Has Another Successful Duckling Rescue

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Someone should probably give the Londonderry Fire Department a copy of the beloved children's book "Make Way for Ducklings." The men and women of the Londonderry Fire Department have been involved in several duckling rescues this year and Sunday saw yet another incident.

And the firefighters were prepared. They've

had enough duckling rescue calls to have developed a "duckling rescue kit" that consists of a long pole with a basket on the end that makes rescuing the stranded ducklings who fall through storm drain grates much easier to accomplish.

The latest duckling rescue incident occurred Sunday morning, July 10 at just before 9:30 a.m. The caller said ducklings had fallen through a storm drain grate at the

Irving Gas Station at 124 Rockingham Road (Route 28). Fire Lt. Bo Butler and Firefighters Philip LeBlanc and Kevin Barnett, armed with the department's duckling rescue equipment, responded and proceeded to rescue four ducklings.

Londonderry Fire Battalion Chief Fred Heinrich said they rescued all four ducklings and reunited them with the mother duck.

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Londonderry Teen's Eagle Project Focuses on Swimming Safety

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Nick Byrne held a Summer Swim Safety Day at the Londonderry YMCA on Saturday, June 25 for preschool through kindergarten age children and their families as his Eagle Scout project.

Byrne, a Life Scout in Troop 109, which is chartered by the Londonderry United Methodist Church, is 17 years old and will enter his senior year at Londonderry High School this year. His scoutmaster is Michael Fish.

Talking about his project, Byrne said, "my team of three Red Cross certified lifeguards and I taught local preschoolers how to be safe in and around the water. We taught the children skills such as entering and exiting the water safely, basic swimming skills, and how to help someone who may be struggling to swim. The project began at 10 a.m. and ended at (noon)."

He chose this event for his Eagle Scout project because as a competitive swimmer, he was seeking a project that involved swimming.

"I chose this as my project because I have been a competitive swimmer for eight years, as part of the RAYS club swim team and the Lon-

donderry High School Swim team," he said. "I wanted to have my project incorporate my love for swimming. Also, I had read about how drowning is a major cause of death with children 1 to 4 years of age, and thought that by holding an Eagle Project, where I taught kids of that age how to be safe in and around the water, then I could help lower that statistic."

His project involved approximately 35 to 40 man hours, which included research, planning, presentation to the troop and the Eagle Board, gathering materials, securing a location, advertising the project, meeting with his team of lifeguards, and the actual project day. "There is also evaluation and reflection to do as well as a final Board of Review," he said.

Byrne explained that unlike most Eagle Scout projects that are aimed at improving or benefiting the scout's community, this project did not have a cost.

"For my project, there was no cost," he said. "I was able to secure donations for any supplies. All of the lifeguard and swimming equipment, as well as the pool space and time, as well as two additional lifeguards, was donated by the YMCA of

Greater Londonderry. Copy paper for the fliers was donated by XPO Logistics. So there was no fundraising needed."

But like most Eagle Scout projects, this one was not something that could be achieved solely by the Scout himself. Byrne reached out for help from his family, troop, and place of work.

"I received help from people I work with at Camp Carpenter Cub Scout summer camp," he said. "Three of them were lifeguards and one was there to help check participants in. My parents and brother also helped out, as well as my Eagle advisor, Michael Fish. Ms. Stacy Credit-Neville, the aquatics director at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, helped me obtain the pool space and equipment for the day of my project, and she helped with feedback of my ideas for my safety lesson for the participants."

Eagle Scout projects are to improve or benefit the community and Nick



Nick Byrne of Scout Troop 109 works on his Eagle Scout project, a Summer Swim Safety Day held at the Londonderry YMCA in June for preschool through kindergarten age children. Courtesy photo

thinks his project did just that.

"My project benefitted the community because it taught preschool to kindergarten age kids how to be safe in and around the water, and helped them to feel comfortable in the water," he said. "Hopefully, by offering this free program I may have helped to lower the potential amount of drowning in my community."

When asked what he had learned from doing this project, he respond-

ed, "As I was planning my project, I learned the shocking statistics on drowning and the struggle of planning a big event such as this. An issue I had early on while planning my project was securing pool space for my project to be held. The original facility I was going to use for pool space wasn't very cooperative and I struggled to work out obtaining pool space from them. When I went to the YMCA, they graciously allowed me to use their pool for my project and made the process a lot easier."

"This taught me how

hard it can be to obtain necessary supplies and materials for a project such as this," he added. "The leadership aspect of the project actually seemed fairly easy because I had an awesome group for my team. They were all highly trained and eager to participate."

Byrne expects his Eagle Court of Honor to be held in the fall. But before that he still has to finish two merit badges and a final Eagle Scout Board of Review.

Nick's parents are Libby Byrne and Jim Byrne of Londonderry.

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Noise

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Cross, manager of the Mack apple orchards, who told him the only time they could spray, prune and water was at 1 a.m.

"I can't imagine that watering and spraying would be so noisy," Green said.

Councilor Tom Dolan said the growers use high-velocity fans from the backs of their trucks and those could be loud.

"I spoke to Kevin and we talked about keeping the agricultural piece in there," Hart said, adding, "It's part of who we are."

The Council agreed by consensus to keep Item D in the ordinance.

Janusz Czyzowski,

director of public works, expressed concern about Section III, Item A, which exempts "persons operating vehicles, machinery, or equipment while engaged in snow clearance or snow removal operations, so long as such operations are performed within three days of the cessation of a winter storm resulting in the accumulation of at least 3 inches of snow within the town's limits."

Czyzowski suggested the item stop after "cessation of a winter storm," pointing out that his crews still had to go out and work if there was an inch of ice. He also objected to the "three days" provision, noting that some storms take longer.

Dolan agreed, saying, "We often have ice storms that aren't necessarily 3 inches of snow." He too suggested that the depth of the storm and the duration be deleted.

Hart pointed out that snow removal would also be exempt under Section III E, Public Safety Ser-

vices.

The board voted 4-0 to remove everything after "cessation of a winter storm."

Public comment

Resident Paul Margolin expressed several concerns in the public hearing. Margolin asked about the genesis of the new ordinance, and why it was necessary after approving a recent animal control ordinance.

Smith said he has received "frequent complaints" about noise matters that are not animal-related. "Without a noise ordinance, it is difficult to enforce," he said.

The state has one general state statute, he said. "But this gives us teeth, and allows us to enforce it," Smith added.

Margolin asked if businesses could be "grandfathered" exempt, and Hart told him there was no grandfathering.

Margolin also asked about generators during a power loss, and Hart said in his experience, "I don't

find generator noise to be excessive." Also, they are necessary in an emergency, he said, noting, "People need generators to survive."

"If a community member has a problem, who should they call?" Margolin asked. Hart said they should call his department or Code Enforcement Officer Richard Canuel.

Nuts and bolts

The particulars of the ordinance include the following:

- It will be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make "unnecessary noise" from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week;
- It exempts people involved in snow clearance;
- It exempts municipal maintenance work where the abutters to the work site have been notified;
- It exempts activities of a temporary duration for which a permit has been secured;
- It exempts farming and public works activities.

Those with special situations may apply for a special permit for relief from the ordinance for a temporary period from the Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer or Town Manager. However, special permits will not include activity on Sun-

days.

The penalties for not observing the ordinance are, first offense, \$100; second offense, \$200; and third offense within a 12-month period, \$500.

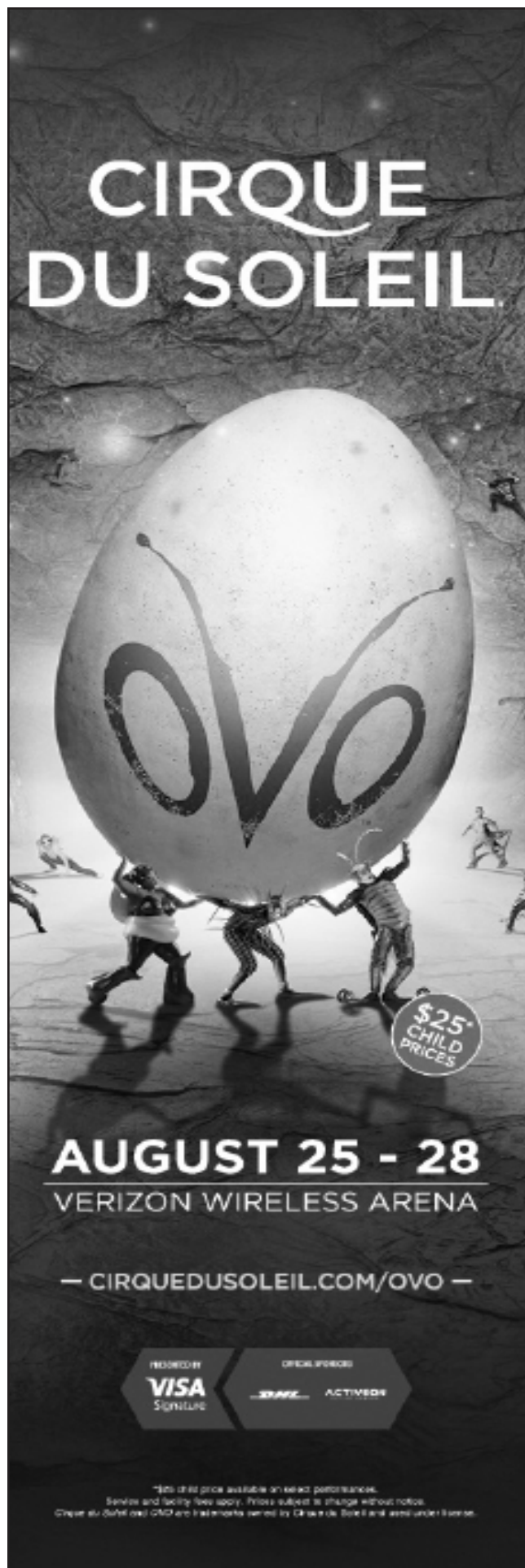
To Dolan's question about the "backing up beeping" of big-box stores, Hart said those sounds are not necessarily contradictory to the public health, safety, convenience or welfare. What he's looking for, he said, are prolonged nuisances.

"One loud noise in itself does not a violation make," he said.

Hart also pointed out that "Londonderry, by dint of geography, luck and good planning, has most of its industrial property separate from residences."

While the town has a separate fireworks ordinance and fireworks are not addressed under the new ordinance, Dolan took a moment to address the issue of home fireworks and recently returned veterans. Many returned vets have PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder), he said, and the sound of fireworks could "greatly exacerbate" their unsettled nerves. Dolan urged Londonderry residents to be sensitive to others' needs when shooting off fireworks.

The Council approved the ordinance 4-0.



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Town's Summer Playground Program in Full Swing

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The South Elementary School gym was filled with youngsters from grade 1 through 14 years of age last week, as half the Town's summer recreation program attendees headed outside for activities while the other half divided into two teams for an indoor game of dodge ball.

According to Londonderry Recreation Director Art Psaledas, the Summer Playground Program has been run successfully in Londonderry for the last 40 years. It began for the summer on Tuesday, July 5, and ends Wednesday, Aug. 10. In the past there have been as many as three locations in use, but Psaledas said families today have so many choices of activities that the attendance numbers have dropped.

"This year we have about 150 registered as of now, but by the end of the program I expect we will go over 250," he said. "I think the holiday and the

weather have played a part in the numbers."

The program offers arts and crafts, games and sports, with each day centered on a theme. Children are grouped by age and interest and are supervised in small groups by staff.

There is no pre-registration for the program; parents may register their children on their first day of attendance. Program hours are Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Once registered, the children may attend as often as they desire.

"We keep it so the program fits the needs of the families," Psaledas said. "A youngster can register at any time. Some are there every single day we are open, while some just come on a given morning."

Cost of the program is \$40 per child, \$50 for two children in the same family and \$60 for three or more children in the same family. Accommodations will be made for families in financial difficulty,



Summer Camp participants competed on Monday during the annual basketball shootout.



Steven Quinlin was one of the winners this week at the shootout competition.

Psaledas said.

Program activities often include special guests, such as a police officer to talk about safety, a baton twirling show, a storyteller or a speaker on bicycle safety.



Campers at the Summer Recreation Program were busy working on their routine for the upcoming talent show. Photos by Chris Paul



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Kids Play Bingo for Books at Leach Library



The meeting room at the Leach Library was more than a little crowded on Monday as Summer Reading participants gathered to play Bingo for books. Every child who played was able to cash in on a wide variety of books that were on hand as prizes. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Tennis and Basketball Courts Get Upgrade

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town of Londonderry will see an upgrade to its tennis and basketball courts on the Recreation Complex behind the Central Fire Station.

Steve Cotton, administrative support coordinator for the town, confirmed this week that the courts will be resurfaced this summer.

Cotton said in a phone interview Monday that it has been at least 10 years since the courts have been resurfaced.

The money was voted in through a warrant article in March that asked voters to spend up to \$38,000 for the courts, he said.

The warrant article, Article 6 on the warrant, read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$38,000 for the purpose of resurfacing the Town's basketball and tennis courts located on Nelson Road, with said funds to come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0 in prop-

erty taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 17 based upon projected assessed values.) The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a yes vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-0 recommends a yes vote."

The vote was 1,657 in favor of the article and 384 against it.

Cotton said the money would be taken from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of June 30, with no new cost to taxpayers.

The town put the project out for bid and did not see much response, after

which it decided to contract with Advantage Tennis Inc. of Passumpsic, Vt., with whom the town has worked before.

The six tennis and basketball courts on Nelson Road will be patched with a rubberized acrylic material that is good to withstand both hot and cold weather.

The basketball courts will have their faded markings repainted.

Cotton said, "We have been given the go-ahead and expect to be done before fall."

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Londonderry Legion Baseball Crew Rebounds From a Poor Start

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After beginning its 2016 season with three consecutive losses, the Londonderry Senior American Legion Greeley-Parmenter-Harrington Post 27 baseball squad found its footing and won six of its next eight games to place its record above the .500 mark at 6-5.

The wins began with a 10-6 defeat of Portsmouth and continued with a 2-0 edging of Merrimack, an 8-2 trouncing of Nashua, a 17-10 blasting of Nashua, and a 16-7 slapping of Salem.

On Wednesday night, July 6, co-coaches Rich Salcito and Brian Meskell saw their charges fly into high gear against the youthful Hudson Legion side at Alvirne High School in an 18-4 mauling of that host that only went seven innings.

It took the Londonderry side a little while to bust the game open, with the score sitting at 3-2 in the locals' favor after one inning and at 5-2 after three full frames.

Londonderry plated

three runs in the top of the first frame when a fielder's choice scored Jimmy Zimolka and Alex Boucher pounded a triple that plated two more teammates.

Hudson struck back for two runs on two hits and one Londonderry error in the latter half of the first, but the local nine got those two runs back on four hits in the top of the second.

Jonny Meskell drove in the first of those runs with a single and Brody Dupuis thumped a sacrifice fly that plated the second of them as Londonderry bagged a 5-2 lead.

The score remained there until the top of the fourth when Londonderry scored three more times on three hits, with the first run coming across on a fielder's choice, the second scoring on a wild pitch, and the third scoring on a double steal.

However, the pesky youngsters in Hudson uniforms showed that they still had some life in them in the bottom of the fourth by scoring twice on three hits and one error to turn an 8-2 game

into an 8-4 game.

The hosts had already gone through four pitchers by the end of the fifth inning, but Londonderry pitcher Nick Salcito was standing up well against the inconsistent and frustrating umpiring.

And Londonderry busted the contest wide open with an absolutely huge top half of the seventh inning. The locals scored 10 times on seven hits and two Hudson errors in that frame to quickly make the score 18-4.

The big smacks for the winners in that decisive inning - in which Londonderry sent 13 hitters to the plate - included an RBI single and two-run triple by Boucher and RBI singles by Meskell, McEacharn, and Ricky Perry.

When Hudson proved unable to score any runs in the latter half of the seventh, the 10-run rule officially went into effect and the game was over.

Londonderry finished with 18 hits, with Zimolka smacking four, Meskell and Boucher each drilling three, and McEacharn and Salcito each collect-

ing two.

In his complete-game pitching victory, Salcito allowed nine hits and three walks while striking out three.

"In the last couple of games we've really been coming together as a team, which is key. And we're getting really good wood on the ball," said Salcito.

The Post 27 squad finds itself with an extremely busy end-of-season schedule with games slated on Thursday, July 14 at Salem, and on Friday, July 15 against the rival Derry Post 9 contingent at home.

Then on both Saturday and Sunday the locals are slated to play double-headers in attempts to make up contests which were postponed by rain.



Londonderry Legion third baseman Jonny Meskell is all concentration as he fields this grounder during his team's recent blowout victory over Hudson.

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Londonderry 9-U Hardball Stars Win Bay State Tournament

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry 9-U all-star baseball team appears to be a contingent that opponents are going to want to steer clear of this summer.

In the days following the Fourth of July holiday, the local hardball squad was able to boast of a 10-3 record and show off a championship trophy won at a recent tournament in Tyngsboro, Mass. The Londonderry bunch also grasped a perfect 3-0 record in district play up to that point.

In the Tyngsboro tourney, the Londonderry crew claimed top honors by dusting off opponents from New Hampshire and Massachusetts, exhibiting a powerful and prolific offense in tallying decisive win after decisive win.

The locals began their fun in the tourney by trouncing the Nashua entry by a 16-4 score, placing the mercy rule into effect in the fourth inning.

Ryan Williams got a hit in each of his three at-bats while Devin Boles

and Carter Browning each smacked out two safeties for the victors.

Londonderry easily handled Nashua pitching as six of its hitters combined for 10 hits, seven runs batted in, and 12 runs scored. And its own pitcher, Jayden Hamilton, racked up seven strikeouts.

The next afternoon it was the Pepperell, Mass. entry that took a 17-3 thumping on the chin from the locals. Once again, the mercy rule kicked in following four frames of play.

Londonderry plated 14 runs in the first three innings, with Cole Metivier racking up three RBI on three hits.

Pepperell's lineup had no answer for Londonderry hurler Brady Gillis, managing just two hits off him as the young pitcher allowed no earned runs, walked none, and struck out six during his three innings of work.

The local bunch had six hitters combine for 14 hits, nine RBI, and 14 runs scored.

Two days later the local hardball crew received a forfeit victory



Londonderry 9-U's Jayden Hamilton pitches, left, and tags out an opposing runner during one of his all-star team's recent successes. Hamilton also enjoyed plenty of pitching and hitting success himself for the locals, who won a Massachusetts hardball tournament before hosting their own tourney. Courtesy photos

from the Lowell (Mass.) Shedd contingent, which had a conflict with another tournament and couldn't play.

Two days after that, the locals suffered their lone loss in the tourney - an 8-6 decision against Hudson - with Londonderry leading by four runs in the fifth inning before Hudson put together a furious comeback to steal the victory.

Geo Nevares had a hot bat for the local team, going 2-2 with one RBI and one run scored. He doubled in the second inning

and singled in the fifth inning.

However, the Londonderry side regained its footing in the Massachusetts tourney a few days later and trounced the host Tyngsboro team by a 7-2. It was the local crew's second game of the day after it had played a morning contest in its own home tournament.

In the win over Tyngsboro, Hamilton laced two extra-base hits and Casey Marsh put together a nice outing on the hill. Tyngsboro managed just two hits off Marsh, who allowed no earned runs, walked one, and struck out five during his three innings of work.

The locals' offense was sparked by Ryan Williams and Hamilton, who teamed up for four hits and three RBI.

Then in the championship game against the entry from Groton, Mass., the local baseball team absolutely rolled in a 10-0 victory that once again involved the mercy rule.

Londonderry plated seven runs in the first three innings, and Cole Metivier exhibited the hot bat in going 2-2 while driving in one teammate and scoring two runs. He singled in the first inning and doubled in the third.

Jonathan Wilson looked sharp on the rubber, pitching all four innings and allowing just one hit, walking three, and striking out six.

The local boys had a more modest, fourth-place finish out of eight teams in their own tournament, which was won by the Seacoast entry.

In that tourney, the

local kids went 2-2 overall with lopsided wins over both Quintown (18-3) and Salem (16-6).

Then at the district tournament in Rochester over the Fourth of July weekend, the Londonderry boys collected decisive wins over Dover (11-7), Manchester West (12-2), and Seacoast (14-1).

The defeat of Dover featured key offensive contributions from Boden Belanger and impressive pitching from both Hamilton and Wilson. And just about everybody in Londonderry garb got into the act in the wallopings of West and Seacoast.

In the wake of all of that success, the Londonderry side was left looking ahead to tourneys in North Andover, Mass., Salem, and in Londonderry.

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Lightning Softball Squads Strike Gold at Big Competitions

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Lightning softball organization had several of its teams claim huge tournament victories over the Fourth of July weekend, with the 10-U contingent collecting the Babe Ruth District 4 Championship in Litchfield and the 8-U crew taking top honors at the Lamprey River "Bring the Heat" Tournament in Raymond after a rough start at that event.

The 10-U bunch, which is head coached by Kevin Handy, includes players Riley Burns, Samantha Daniels, Brooklynn Flinkfelt, Emily Goldberg, Lilly Haggett, Lauren Laudani, Sarah Peckham, Madison Saucier, Sofia Tringali, and Sarah Weeks, and edged the host Litchfield Blast contingent by a 9-8 tally in the Babe Ruth title contest on Sunday, July 3 to win the big hardware.

The Lightning squad's bats were busy that day, and when the final out had been recorded the locals had managed the 9-8 victory over the tough Blast bunch on its home diamond.

The two teams combined for 17 hits, includ-

ing seven extra-base smacks, in the hard-fought contest. The rivals traded runs throughout most of the contest, leading to seven lead changes along the way.

The key for the Lightning was a strong sixth inning, with a passed ball scoring Weeks to give the locals the lead for good and all.

Weeks managed a hit in each of her two at-bats, singling in both the fourth and sixth innings.

Laudani got the pitching win for the Lightning despite allowing eight runs over six innings. She struck out 13 would-be hitters, walked eight, and surrendered six hits.

Litchfield snared a 2-0 lead in the top half of the third inning, but it didn't take long for the Lightning to get its offense cracking as well. The locals responded by scoring two runs of their own in the third, with Flinkfelt rapping an RBI single and Daniels lacing a ground-out that also produced a run.

Londonderry scored four more runs in the fifth after being behind to start that inning, and the locals' highly-productive sixth frame got them to

the vital victory.

Riley Burns led the Lightning's potent offensive attack with a two-run double, two stolen bases, and a pair of runs scored as well.

And during that same span over the holiday weekend, head coach Mike Saucier's Lightning 8-U crew battled its way to the title at the Lamprey River tournament, bringing the heat in earnest after starting out 0-3 in pool play.

Both local contingents appear poised to vie for even more success before the summer's over.



Members of the Londonderry Lightning 10-U softball squad were all smiles after winning the Babe Ruth District 4 title in Litchfield recently. Courtesy photo.

Local Runners Excel in Annual Run for Freedom

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Runners from as far away as Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, and New York took part in the Greater Derry Track Club's (GDTC) fourth annual 5K and 10K Runs for Freedom on the Fourth of July. But at the finish line, racers from Derry and Londonderry were quite prominent among the top placers.

The runs began at Pinkerton Academy at 7:30 a.m. Monday morning, and the race course took runners around Derry.

Londonderry residents Jeremy Beland, Jason Plante, and Rob Barry finished first, fourth, and

fifth respectively among the men in the 5K race, with Beland covering the course in 20 minutes and 10 seconds, Plante running a 21:37, and Barry doing a 21:55.

Derry women Julie Mullaney (22:09) and Ann Kingsland (23:23) came in second and third respectively among the ladies in the shorter of the day's two races. And Londonderry 14-year-old Kerry Daley was the victor among the males in the 10K with his final time of 42 minutes exactly. That winning time was a full 33 seconds faster than the second-place finisher.

During that nine-week program, workouts slowly progressed from a combi-

nation of walking and running to 30 minutes of running. The participants met at the Windham Rail Trail twice a week to work out together, and completed another workout on their own. Members of the GDTC led the group in a five-minute warm-up walk, stretch, and run. Members also gave advice on stretching, diet, clothing, and running techniques.

More than 225 runners took part in the two 2016 events, with 166 taking on the 5K event and a total of

62 running the longer race.

All proceeds from the Run for Freedom races will be donated to Liberty House in Manchester, a non-profit organization sponsored by the Manchester Veterans of Foreign Wars, which offers transitional housing, medical care, and job assistance to homeless veterans in the Granite State. All race participants were also asked to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item to help restock local food banks.

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GDTC Fun Run Numbers Rise To Well Over 500 at July 7 Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 42nd season of the Greater Derry Track Club's (GDTC) summer fun runs continued on in earnest last Thursday, July 7, with the number of participants rising to well over 500, youngsters enjoying lots of healthy fun, and a local food pantry and subsequently the community's needy benefiting greatly as well.

And when results were tallied for that evening, several Londonderry youngsters rose near the top of lists in showing their capabilities and considerable skills.

"On July 7, with temps in the 80s and a few sprinkles here and there, another 50 kids signed up to run the kids' summer fun run series," said GDTC press liaison Bonney Cashin. "This brings the total to 567 children

enjoying the Thursday evening running races. The children donate a non-perishable food item that is brought to the local food bank. This week brought in 220 pounds of food, and this brings the total for the four-week series up to 1,134.7 pounds of food with three weeks yet to go. And St. Thomas Aquinas' food pantry is very grateful."

The Londonderry kids who collected top-three finishes at that most recent event were Emmitt Parece-Grogan (second place) among the 9-year-old boys and Michaela Horan (second) among the 10-year-old girls.

The summer fun runs are held at the Pinkerton Academy track in Derry. Registration begins at 6 p.m., with races commencing at 6:30. GDTC members lead runners in stretching and give run-

ning tips, and each age group runs various distances on the track or the cross-country mile. Everyone receives participation ribbons, and watermelon, water, and Gatorade are always available. The only request the GDTC makes is that participants bring a non-perishable food item each week as their registration fee to help restock the food pantries in the local community.

Youngsters are welcome to run just one week or the entire remainder of the series.



The runners just keep on coming during the current, 42nd annual Greater Derry Track Club Fun Run Series held at Pinkerton Academy in Derry on Thursday nights through the end of the month. Photo by Chris Paul

Birch Tree Holds Lead in 50-Plus Softball Play

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When records and points were tallied for the Londonderry 50-and-over Softball League on June

28, the Birch Tree Counseling Center contingent had busted its way out of a tie for first place with the Justin Time Snacks Eagles.

Birch Tree and the Eagles were all knotted up in the league's top spot a week earlier with eight points apiece, with Birch Tree holding a 4-2 record

and the Eagles sitting at 4-3.

But a week later - after winning its lone contest in the interim - Birch Tree sat alone in the top spot with a 5-2 record and 10 points while the Eagles' loss during that span left them at 4-4 and still with eight points.

Also on June 28,

Rocco's Pizza was still reaching for the sometimes-elusive .500 mark at 3-4-1 - with seven total points - and the Efficient Energy Systems contingent was working at a rise up out of residence in the league's lonely cellar that had been created by its 2-4-1 start, good for a tally of some five points.



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Caregivers Names Board Members, Has New Strategic Plan

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Cindee Tanuma, executive director of Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, announced the appointment of two new members of the group's Board of Directors, coinciding with the departure of five retiring board members.

The new members are Justin Pare and Barbara "BJ" Smith.

Pare lives in Windham and is a general practice attorney in Londonderry. He is a member of the Windham Conservation Commission and the Pastoral Council at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Londonderry, and brings over 15 years of experience from his previous career as an operations executive in the non-emergency medical transportation industry.

Smith has lived in Chester since 1988. After several years as a real estate consultant in Boston, she spent 20 years at home with her three children, working part time in her husband, Peter's, real estate busi-

ness and volunteering. She returned to school in 2005 and graduated with a Master of Social Work degree from the University of New Hampshire in 2009.

Now a licensed clinical social worker, she works with patients and families facing serious illness and end of life at the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice House. She and most of her family members have also been long-time volunteers and supporters of Caregivers.

Pare and Smith were each appointed to three-year terms.

Five board members have retired: Gloria Fulmer and Eddy Frost retired after six years, and Mark Wheeler, Pat Ostroch and Rick Flynn retired after serving three years.

Tanuma said the board has been reduced from 16 members to 12.

She said the organization has been working on a strategic plan for several years as well as developing a new mission statement, to focus more on a vision than a goal.

"It is less factual and more idealistic: enriching lives and supporting individuals to remain independent through a compassionate volunteer network," she said.

The elderly and disabled receive one-on-one match and per diem services such as friendly visiting, grocery shopping, light chores, home repair and maintenance, and medical transportation. All services are free. Caregivers also houses a Loaner's Closet for durable medical equipment that loans and accepts medical equipment and gives away incontinence supplies.

The group's strategic plan has eight goals: increase long-term financial stability; ensure adequate programs, services and staffing for future expansion and initiatives; increase contributed income; retain and expand the volunteer base to reduce the waiting list and serve expanding client base and client need; expand partnerships with organizations that serve similar populations; develop a

program and business plan for the Loaner's Closet; maximize marketing for client service, recruitment and community awareness; and ensure excellent governance practices.

"We reached these strategic plan goals after raising the funding necessary - \$5,000 from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and \$2,500 from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation," Tanuma said. "I sat down with several board members and interviewed candidates to lead our organization through the strategic planning process, and Jeanine Tousignant of Jeanine and Company was hired in July."

The strategic planning committee created a Community Needs Assessment that surveyed eight constituencies that im-

pact Community Caregivers work: clients, volunteers, towns served, funders, ServiceLink211, other caregiver organizations, present and former board members, and area middle and high schools, Tanuma said.

At a second strategic planning retreat, attendees analyzed the results of the Community Needs Assessments and began to rewrite the organization's mission and vision statements. The Community Caregivers of Greater Derry Strategic Plan was approved at the April Board of Directors meeting.

Tanuma said the organization has a compelling current need. "A Londonderry man who moved here from Delaware two weeks ago is in need of transportation to/from Fresenius Dialysis

Care on Commons Drive in Londonderry on Monday, Wednesday and Friday," she said. "The challenge is he is put on a machine at 6:30 a.m. but needs to be there at 6:15 a.m. and normally is ready for pickup at 10:30 a.m. Our priority if we can help him is the early morning drives, as he might possibly be able to find another resource for the way home. So we would need three to six dedicated long-term, one-way drivers in order to consider serving him." Anyone interested in helping is asked to call Tanuma at 432-0877 or email her at: cindee@comcaregivers.org.

For more information about Caregivers client services and volunteer opportunities, visit www.comcaregivers.org or call the above number.

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Lactose intolerance, also called lactase deficiency, means you aren't able to fully digest the milk sugar (lactose) in dairy products. It's not usually dangerous, but symptoms of lactose intolerance can be uncomfortable enough to steer you clear of the dairy aisles. The problem behind lactose intolerance is a deficiency of lactase, an enzyme produced by the lining of your small intestine. Some people who think they are lactose intolerant actually don't have impaired lactose digestion. And not everyone with low levels of lactase is lactose intolerant. Only people with low lactase levels and symptoms are considered to have lactose intolerance.

The cells that line your small intestine produce an enzyme called lactase. Lactase breaks down lactose into two simple sugars, glucose and galactose, which can be absorbed into your bloodstream. Without lactase, the unprocessed lactose moves on to the colon, where the normal intestinal bacteria contend with it. This causes the hallmarks of lactose intolerance gas, bloating and diarrhea.

The signs and symptoms of lactose intolerance usually begin 30 minutes to two hours after eating or drinking foods that contain lactose. Common signs and symptoms include diarrhea, which is the most common symptom; nausea; abdominal cramps; bloating or gas. Symptoms are usually mild but may sometimes be severe. The severity of symptoms doesn't correlate with the degree of lactose malabsorption. Instead, symptoms relate to a range of factors, including ethnicity, age and how fast you digest food.

There are three types of lactose intolerance: normal result of aging for some people (primary lactose intolerance), the result of illness or injury (secondary lactose intolerance) and a condition you are born with (congenital lactose intolerance). A few risk factors can make you or your

child more prone to lactose intolerance including age, ethnicity or premature birth.

Lactose intolerance isn't easily diagnosed by signs and symptoms alone. Many other conditions, including stomach flu and irritable bowel syndrome, can give you similar symptoms. In young children, diarrhea along with certain other symptoms may be a sign of milk protein. If you have signs and symptoms of lactose intolerance, talk to your doctor. Don't diagnose yourself. Your symptoms could be an indication of another illness. Your doctor can help determine if you have lactose intolerance or another condition.

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Additionally: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to calendar@nutpub.net.

Concerts on Common

Londonderry's free Concerts on the Common features Brian Templeton on Wednesday, June 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Town Common. Templeton performs R&B, blues and country. He has toured as the frontman of the Radio Kings. Concerts on the Common are provided by the Londonderry Arts Council. For a

complete schedule and details, visit www.ConcertsOnTheCommon.org.

VA Hospital Bingo

American Legion Post 27 will play bingo with patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester from 7 to 8:30 p.m. July 25. The Post will serve pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. Anyone interested in help-

ing out can sign up at the Post, 6 Sargent Road.

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.

Advanced Media Camp

An Advanced Media Camp will be held at the Londonderry Access Center (LAC) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 8-12. This camp is open to students entering grades 6 through 9 in the fall. Students must have previously taken the beginner media camp, or had complete training with the LAC. Participants will be able to strengthen the skills they learned in the beginner camp and will also learn to direct. For details or to sign up, call Erin at 432-1100, ext. 185.

Frost Farm Talk

Priscilla Paton will discuss the pleasures and hardships of women in the poetry of Robert Frost in a program titled "Farm Women and Robert Frost's Poetry" at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17 at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. Admission is free. The program is part of the Farm's Summer Literary Series and is funded by grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and sponsored by the Division of Parks and Recreation, the Robert Frost Homestead Trustees, and the Friends of the Robert Frost Farm.

Holmes on Frost

Rick Holmes, author, Robert Frost scholar, and Derry town historian, chronicles the early years of Frost's residence in Derry, focusing on his operating one of the last one-man farms in town and his developing passion for identifying and collecting indigenous flowers and ferns, in a Frost Farm Summer Literary Series free program titled "Rob Frost, Farmer and Botanist" at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 24 at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. The program is funded by New Hampshire Humanities Council grants and sponsored by the Division of Parks and Recreation, Robert Frost Homestead Trustees, and Friends of the Robert Frost Farm.

Coffee Shop Talk

Rabbi Peter Levy of Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Reverend Ray Bonin of the Church of the Transfiguration, both in Derry, will host an open discussion on Thursday, July 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Coffeeberries at the Apple Tree Mall, 4 Orchard View Drive, Londonderry. For information, call 432-0004 or email rabbi@etzhayim.org. Additional dates are July 28, Aug. 11 and 25, and Sept. 8 and 22, all at the same time. There is no agenda, no proselytizing.

Home-built Fly-in

The second annual Home-built Fly-in Aircraft Show at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire at the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport takes place Saturday, July 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All aircrafts are welcome. The family-friendly event includes demonstrations and activities for all ages. There will be raffles to win a scenic flight or flight lessons, and food will be available for purchase. Regular museum admission applies. Home-built/Experimental pilots flying in will receive free admission.

Electronics Recycling

An electronics recycling fundraiser takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Grange No. 44, 260 Mammoth Road. Enter the horseshoe driveway from Pillsbury Road for easy drop-off. Boy Scouts from Troop 521 will be waiting to take items, with cash or check payable to Grange

No. 44. Snacks will also be for sale. CRT monitors will be accepted for \$10 each. Other electronics that will be accepted and their cost can be obtained by calling Sheryl at 437-5413.

Young Adult Programs

Young Adult Summer Reading programs at the Leach Library are held in the downstairs meeting room from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and are open to students entering grades 6-12. Snacks and drinks are served; door prizes are raffled. Thursday, July 14 is Book Bingo; all participants receive at least one book as a prize. Thursday, July 21 is Library Olympics, and Thursday, July 28 is a discussion of "Peak" by Roland Smith. The first 50 to sign up receive a paperback copy of the book.

Craft Times

Leach Library hosts Craft Times for the Children's Summer Reading Program. On Thursday, July 14, children can decorate a pillow using fabric markers. On Thursday, July 21, children can paint a wooden fan. On Thursday, July 28, children can design a fabric bandana and decorate it with fabric markers. All programs are from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to each program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Fins, Feathers and Fur

The Leach Library Children's Summer Reading Program presents "Fins, Feathers and Fur" on Monday, July 18 from 11 a.m. to noon for stories of different types of pets. The audience will be treated to a reading of "Running with Rollie" by local author and Londonderry High School graduate Jeffrey Bradley. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Dragon Tales

Leach Library's Children's Summer Reading Program presents a "Dragon Tales" story time on Tuesday, July 19, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The program includes stories, finger plays and songs. No registration is required.

Magic

Malik the Magic Guy comes to the Leach Library

Children's Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, July 20 from 11 a.m. to noon for a program filled with comedy and magic tricks. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Forest Friends

The Leach Library Summer Reading Program for children includes a program on Monday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to noon with stories of forest friends big and small and how a goat was helped to find his way home. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Birds of a Feather

Leach Library Children's Summer Reading Program presents "Birds of a Feather" story time on Tuesday, July 26, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The program offers stories, finger plays and songs. No registration is required for this drop-in program.

Library Concert

The Leach Library Summer Reading Program presents New Hampshire musician Amy Conley in concert on Wednesday, July 27 from 11 a.m. to noon. Participants will be treated to a wide range of songs, from old favorites to original songs, played on instruments including a guitar, banjo and ukulele. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Search for Town's Oldest Citizen

The town of Londonderry is searching for town's oldest citizen to be presented The Boston Post Cane. The Boston Post Cane tradition started in 1909 when the Boston Post newspaper delivered the cane to 700 towns in New England for them to be presented to the oldest citizens. Candidates must be the oldest known citizen in town documented by birth certificate, passport or voter registration; a resident of Londonderry for at least 25 years; and a U.S. Citizen, Naturalized or registered voter. For more info contact: Kay Webber, Londonderry Historical Society, 24 Peabody Row, London-

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016
AT 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road.

AGENDA

- I. DRAFT MINUTES TO APPROVE: JUNE 2016
- II. REPORT BY TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON (IF ANY)
- III. PUBLIC HEARING OF CASES:

CASE NO. 5/18/2016-3: COMPLETE AUTO DRIVING/AL CARDELLO (APPLICANT), LONDONDERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (OWNER) – REHEARING OF A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM LZO 2.2.1 TO ALLOW COMPLETE AUTO DRIVING SCHOOL TO OPERATE AS AN ACCESSORY USE, 126 PILLSBURY ROAD, MAP 9, LOT 50, ZONE AR-1

CASE NO. 7/20/2016-1: 209 NORTHEAST LLC AND DOROTHY GEORGE GST EXEMPT FAMILY TRUST (OWNER) – REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM LZO 3.11.5.C.1 TO ALLOW A SIGN 16 FEET IN HEIGHT WHERE 10 FEET IS ALLOWED, 197 NASHUA ROAD, MAP 3 LOT 132B, ZONE IND-II

CASE NO. 7/20/2016-2: MOORECAR REALTY TRUST (OWNER) – REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM LZO 3.11.5.C.1 TO ALLOW A SIGN 16 FEET IN HEIGHT WHERE 10 FEET IS ALLOWED, 214 ROCKINGHAM ROAD, MAP 15 LOT 21, ZONE C-II

CASE NO. 7/20/2016-3: SUSAN & PETER CARL REQUEST AN APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S IMPOSED CONDITIONS WHEN IT AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT FOR 38 JACK'S BRIDGE ROAD, MAP 17, LOT 42A, ZONE AR-1 ON JUNE 6, 2016

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, July 4

5:30 p.m. Caller on Pet-tengill Road reports people target shooting in new construction site behind UPS and FedEx.
6:42 p.m. Londonderry Fire out with brush fire on Conifer Place.
9:12 p.m. Londonderry Fire responding for brush fire on Meetinghouse Drive.
9:46 p.m. Londonderry Fire responding for brush

fire on Seasons Lane.
9:47 p.m. Londonderry Fire responding for possible brush fire on Manter Mill Road at Grist Mill Hollow.
10:08 p.m. Andrew Joseph Therien, 62, Ash Street, Londonderry arrested for Domestic Violence – Assault. Bail set at \$5,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of July 5.

Tuesday, July 5

2:16 a.m. Possible damaged fire hydrant in area of Harvey and Pettengill roads.
5:05 p.m. Burglary reported on Elwood Road; items missing from home.
6:49 p.m. Caller reports ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) riding on rail trail.
Wednesday, July 6
8:12 a.m. Employee reported damage to bath-

room mirror in women's bathroom near baggage claim at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.
Saturday, July 9
12:16 a.m. Criminal mischief reported on Wilshire Drive.
12:44 a.m. Emile Joseph

Tremblay, 64, 21 Kendall Pond Road, Londonderry arrested for Resisting Arrest or Detention and Driving After Revocation or Suspension.
9:02 a.m. Criminal mischief reported on Horse-shoe Lane.

9:14 a.m. Criminal mischief reported on Thornton Road.
10:03 a.m. Criminal mischief reported on Fairway Road.
10:26 p.m. Fireworks complaint at Kimball and Alexander roads.

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Drought

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In a phone interview Friday, Johnson noted that he has seen an increase in brush fires over the last few dry weeks. Some are due to improper discarding of smoking materials, frequently when someone's driving down the road; some to un-extinguished campfires; and some to home fireworks displays.

The department saw, and put out, several fires stemming from the latter on Independence Day and "scattered throughout the week," Johnson said.

While fireworks are legal in New Hampshire, there are no training programs as there are with firearms. The fireworks manufacturers are required to have safety information

on their packages, and fireworks store clerks will also provide safety information "if you ask," Johnson said. "They are good about giving information."

But it doesn't take much for that awe-inspiring display of pyrotechnics to sputter out on dry material.

Johnson exhorts residents determined to shoot off their own fireworks to read the safety instructions, and read them again. "If you still have questions, call the Fire Department," he said.

Campfires are also a source of brush fires, according to Johnson. In those cases, it's usually because the fire wasn't extinguished enough. Londonderry residents are "usually pretty good" about not lighting fires on high-risk days, but anything can happen, according to Johnson. And it will happen if

there's dry material nearby.

Fire pits and gas or charcoal grills are also potential sources of fire, he said.

Johnson urged residents to keep the area around their fire pits, grills or legal campfires free of debris. Put the ash in metal containers, he advised, or really wet it down.

"There was a campfire the other day that the people thought was extinguished," he said. "We came back the next day for a brush fire - it rekindled on its own."

A good, soaking rain will take care of the dryness, Johnson observed. But it also takes time, he added, noting, "Everything has to 'green back up.'"

Until then, Johnson has two words for his Londonderry constituents: "Be careful."

Around Town

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derry. Call 432-2886. Dead-line is Sept. 30.

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 Londonder-

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HU Chant

An Eckankar Community HU Chant takes place Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester.

Free Meals

The Community Meals Program provides free meals to all; Derry residency is not required. Saturday, July 16, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry; Sunday, July 17, dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry; Friday, July 29, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church, East Derry Road, Derry; Sunday, July 31, lunch, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, and Sonshine Soup Kitchen, Derry, dinner, 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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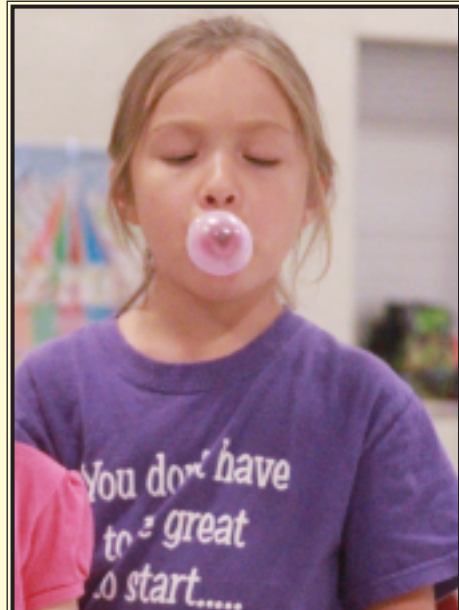
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Bubble Winners

The winners of the annual Bubble Gum Blowing Competition at the Summer Recreation Program held at South Elementary School were, from left and clockwise: Lovae Pohl, Gavin Sweeney, Gabriella Pedrick, Ryan Burke, Nathan Ashman, Timothy Van Gelder and Kaden Stone (not pictured).

Photos by Chris Paul

YARD SALE

Saturday, July 16th

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

2 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PUBLIC NOTICE

Varsity Wireless, LLC (the "Applicant") has applied for Design Review And Site Plan Review from Londonderry Planning Board to construct a 180' foot tall Wireless Communications Facility at 90 Wiley Hill Road, Londonderry, NH, Tax Assessors Map 5, Lot 14. The Applicant will conduct a Site Visit and Visual Demonstration to illustrate the height of the proposed Facility by means of a balloon raised at and to the height of the proposed Facility. Said Site Visit and Visual Demonstration will be held THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. In the event of inclement weather on July 21, 2016, the Site Visit and Visual Demonstration will be rescheduled to FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. In the event of inclement weather on both July 21, 2016 and July 22, 2016, the Site Visit and Visual Demonstration will be rescheduled to MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. In the event of inclement weather on all of July 21, 2016 and July 22, 2016 and August 8, 2016, the Site Visit and Visual Demonstration will be rescheduled to TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. If you have any questions concerning said Site Visit and Visual Demonstration, please contact Francis D. Parisi, Esq., Varsity Wireless, LLC, One New Hampshire Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801, (401) 447-8500, fparisi@varsitywireless.com



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The Town of Londonderry, in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of the Town of Londonderry's intent to revise the flood hazard information, located along Tributary 0 to Beaver Brook (a.k.a. Wheeler Brook) beginning at Londonderry Road and continuing upstream to the limits of the brook at the outlet of a 60" culvert adjacent to the Pillsbury Road crossing of I-93.

As a result of the revision, the 1% annual chance water-surface elevations will be at or lower than the current conditions; and the floodway and 1% annual chance floodplain will be revised to align with the new 60" culvert outlet and incorporate areas of an existing drainage channel that were not previously included.

Maps and detailed analysis of the floodway and floodplain revisions can be reviewed at the Town of Londonderry, Building Department during normal office hours. If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed project or its effects on your property, you may contact Richard Canuel, Senior Building Inspector, 268 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053



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As a result of the revision, the 1% annual chance water-surface elevations shall decrease; and the floodway and 1% annual chance floodplain will be revised and may widen in certain locations to account for updated topography within the study area.

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