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Early Start

The Division I State Champion Londonderry High School gymnastics team set up a car wash on Route 102 on Sunday morning to help fund the upcoming season.

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New Traffic Plan Approved for Primary, General Elections

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council has approved a traffic plan for the September primary election, with an eye on refining it before the November General Election.

Monday night, the

Council heard from Police Chief Bill Hart on the plan, which is expected to alleviate traffic problems and waiting during the upcoming elections.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said he has held a number of meetings with Town Moderator Bob Sauer, Council members, and fire and police per-

sonnel.

After the primary this past January they knew they needed to do something, Smith said, adding, "We looked at what would work, what would not work."

Smith noted that school will be in session for the Sept. 13 primary,

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Something for Everyone at This Week's 117th Old Home Day

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The mostly-outdoors Londonderry Old Home Day festival is here, with events scheduled now through Sunday, Aug. 17-21.

The week began with Senior Night Wednesday, Aug. 17, featuring a cook-out at the Lions Club and a concert on the Town Common by the Windham Swing Band.

Kidz Night is Thursday, Aug. 18 and includes face painting, bounce houses, Roaming Raceway and Railroad, Bektash Clowns, ALERT (A Londonderry Emergency Response Team), military vehicles, booths from local children's org-

anizations and businesses, costumed characters, Knights of Columbus popcorn, and Lions hamburgers and hot dogs. After the kiddies are put to bed, a movie for middle-schoolers and up, "Inside Out," will be shown on the Town Common at 8:45 p.m. at the sixth Movie Mania event. Rain location is the Londonderry High School gym.

A concert with the band The Voice will be held on Friday, Aug. 19, beginning at 7:15 p.m. on the front lawn of the high school, with pie eating and bubble-gum blowing contests held concurrently. The fireworks are scheduled to go off at 8:45

p.m.

Rain location for the concert is the high school cafeteria. There is no rain date for the fireworks. The Londonderry Friends of Music will sell pizza and beverages.

The annual Police and Fire softball game is also Friday night, Aug. 19 and food will be sold by the Lions to benefit their Camp Pride.

Saturday, Aug. 20 events include a continental breakfast, family bingo in the Matthew Thornton Elementary School gym from 3 to 4 p.m., the annual Baby Contest (registration required), a military encampment at the Morri-

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School Enrollment Projections Presented to Planning Board

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

John Vogl, Geographic Information System Manager and Comprehensive Planner for Londonderry, has provided the Planning Board with his estimates of new school enrollments from approved or anticipated developments for the 2016, 2017, and 2018 school years.

The known approved or pending projects in his study include: Mill Pond, Lorden Common, Wallace Farms, Townhouses at Whittemore Place, School House Square, Woodmont Commons, Kestrel Estates, Pinkerton Hills, MacGregor Cut, Albird Estates, Wayland Drive and additional scattered sites.

Looking at 2016, Vogl told the Planning Board at

its Wednesday, Aug. 10 meeting that he estimates new enrollment for Londonderry's middle and elementary schools from the above projects would produce 60 new students, with 32 new students for the high school. He said 6 percent of the estimated new school population would impact the South

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Council Tables Residential Development Request

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Citing previous investments for economic development, the Londonderry Town Council has indefinitely tabled a request from a local developer to rezone land at 280 Rockingham Road.

The developer, Charles Evans, was requesting that the town rezone a portion of the parcel from Industrial I to Residential III. The rezoning would have expanded the residentially-zoned portion of the property from 20.8 to 47.3 acres.

Earl Blatchford, an engineer with Hayner/Swanson, Inc., represented Evans. The land is Tax Map 17, Lot 45 and is owned by the Evans Family Limited Partnership.

The parcel is 200 acres and is split-zoned, with a

portion zoned industrial and a portion residential. The land has frontage on Rockingham, Sanborn and Page roads. The request would expand the area of the lot currently zoned R-III, with frontage on Sanborn Road.

In a memo dated Feb. 22, John Vogl, Geographic Information Systems manager and comprehensive planner, wrote that "by rezoning this piece to R-III, opportunities for reasonable development are increased for the portion of the lot with Sanborn Road frontage." Vogl wrote that the area would be consistent with two adjacent parcels zoned R-III.

In February 2016, the request was unanimously approved by the Planning Board after a public hearing. The proposal received a first reading from

the Town Council in February and a second reading and public hearing in March.

Blatchford said the portion of the property proposed to be rezoned had both natural and man-made barriers separating it from the Industrial portion. Much of the property in question is wetland or wetland buffers, which limits development potential, and the topography is uneven.

"It is steep and peppered with wetlands," Blatchford told the Council. "it better lends itself to smaller buildings."

Different day, different objection

The project has already come under fire from the Londonderry School District, with Superintendent Nate Green-

berg writing a letter in opposition to the rezoning and development, as reported previously in the Londonderry Times.

In a letter dated Aug. 3, 2016, Greenberg wrote, "The zoning change to R-III as identified in the impact analysis has the potential of generating a significant number of students in the North Elementary School enrollment area."

Based on projections by Vogl, Greenberg posited that if a multi-family market rate complex were built, it would generate 37 students for the elementary/middle school level and 15 high-schoolers. A multi-family workforce housing complex could generate as many as 51 students for elementary/middle and 27 for high school.

"Either of the above options," Greenberg wrote, "would have a significant negative impact to North School." He pointed out that in addition to students coming from Mill Pond, Lorden Commons and Wallace Farms developments, the expanded student population would exceed "functional capacity" at North School by 71 students at market rate and 81 at workforce housing.

"From an educational capacity view alone, the School Board opposes the zoning change," Greenberg wrote.

The financial impact on all schools for Market Rate would be \$299,306 to \$382,106 and the financial impact of Workforce, \$475,706 to \$572,906, including classroom teach-

ers, music and art, transportation and Special Education.

It would also "stimulate a process of contemplating redistricting," Greenberg wrote.

But Council Chair John Farrell said it would also negate improvements the town made to the area eight years ago with economic development as the focus.

Farrell said, "Economic development was the focus of what we intended at that intersection."

Farrell pointed out that the town received \$1.28 million from the state for improvements at the intersection, plus funds from its own impact fees, in order to improve the intersection for economic growth and industrial development. "Now we're just supposed to say, 'Oh, never mind, we'll do this instead?'" he asked.

"Should we rezone it for something else when the other form of government is strongly opposed?" Farrell asked.

Economic un-development?

Blatchford asked if economic development was specified when they did the improvements, and Farrell said it was.

"We had a number of companies approach the landowner at that time, and we learned that in order to do something, we needed to upgrade the intersection," he told Blatchford. "We upgraded the intersection in 2009, with economic development as the reason."

Farrell added, "Your

client wants to change this to residential, which was not in the vision at the time we appropriated the money."

Councilor Tom Dolan said, "We are seeing the industrial development happen now, at Pettengill Road. But it wasn't happening at that time."

Blatchford countered, "A number of those companies, including Milton CAT and FedEx, did look at this parcel."

Blatchford said that with the slopes and wetlands, the portion of the parcel in question is "not appropriate for bigger users. Its physical features limit its industrial use."

A wetland also bisects the property, cutting the proposed residential area off from the industrial, he said.

But Councilor Tom Freda said, "We took in \$1.2 million from the state for a particular purpose. Do we have to give it back?"

Blatchford said not necessarily, adding, "There is still a substantial interest in the industrial land fronting on Page Road."

"I am not in favor of it at this point," Dolan said. "I'd like to see the town absorb the impact of the current residential developments."

It's not a "no" forever, Dolan added.

Farrell gave Blatchford two options. "You can withdraw the request and go back to the Planning Board, or I can call for a vote." Blatchford withdrew the request, and the Council tabled the issue.

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- PROVIDER ON CALL - SCARLET FEVER

Scarlet fever, or scarlatina, is an illness that brings on a rash covering most of the body, a strawberry-like appearance of the tongue and usually a high fever. The most common source of scarlet fever is one form of a common bacterial infection known as strep throat. Scarlet fever is almost always accompanied by a sore throat and other signs and symptoms of a typical strep throat infection. It is most common in children 5 to 15 years of age. Although scarlet fever was once considered a serious childhood illness, antibiotic treatments have made it less threatening.

Nonetheless, if left untreated, scarlet fever (like strep throat) can result in more serious conditions that affect the heart, kidneys and other parts of the body.

If your child has scarlet fever, he or she may experience a red rash that looks like a sunburn and feels like sandpaper; red lines (Pastia's lines) in folds of skin around the groin, armpits, elbows, knees and neck; strawberry-like red and bumpy appearance of the tongue, often covered with a white coating early in the disease; flushed face with paleness around the mouth; fever of 101 F (38.3 C) or higher, often with chills; very sore and red throat, sometimes with white or yellowish patches; difficulty swallowing; enlarged glands in the neck (lymph nodes) that are tender to the touch; nausea or vomiting and/or a headache. The sore throat, enlarged lymph nodes and fever are likely to appear first, while the "scarlet" signs and symptoms of scarlet fever usually appear on the second day of illness. If your child has scarlet fever, the rash and flushing will likely begin on his or her face or neck, later spreading to the chest, trunk, arms and legs. The rash won't appear on the palms of the hands or soles of the feet. The rash and the redness in the face and tongue usually last about a week. After these signs and symptoms have subsided, the skin affected by the rash often peels.

The incubation period or the time between exposure and illness is usually two to four days. If scarlet fever isn't treated, a person may be contagious for a

few weeks even after the illness itself has passed. And someone may carry scarlet fever strep bacteria without being sick. Therefore, it's difficult to know if you've been exposed.

Talk to your doctor if your child has a sore throat with a fever; a fever of 102 F (38.9 C) or higher (100.4 F (38 C) rectal temperature for infants younger than 3 months of age); a sore throat that doesn't get better within 24 to 48 hours; a sore throat with swollen or tender glands in the neck; a rash or difficulty swallowing or opening his or her mouth all the way

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Planning Board OKs Three-Phase Expansion at Kluber Lubrication

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The Londonderry Planning Board has approved a conditional use permit for a three-phase project for Kluber Lubrication.

Tucker McCarthy, an engineer with T.F. Moran, appeared at the Aug. 3 Planning Board meeting to present the project and request application acceptance. After a public hearing with no speakers, the board voted unanimously to accept the application.

The parcel is Tax Map 28, Lot 18-4 and is zoned industrial. It is located at 32 Industrial Drive.

McCarthy explained that Kluber Lubrication makes specialty lubricants for aircraft and is owned by a German company, Freudenberg.

He explained the three phases: Phase I, adding 29 parking spaces to the existing 37; Phase II, adding another 42 spaces for a total of 108; and Phase III, a 1,200-square-foot addition to the front of the building. "It's more a re-

working of the front entrance and adding some office space," McCarthy said of the two-story, mostly glass addition.

The parking is crucial because the company needs 90 spaces, and currently has 37, he said.

"We are also planning to expand the existing detention basin," McCarthy said.

John Trottier, assistant director of public works, said the staff had reviewed the project and wanted to hear a "careful review" of how the park-

ing expansion would impact some of the site features, along with additional information for the project file.

"You have been good neighbors," Jim Butler, the Council representative to the board, observed, while member Leitha Reilly commented on the aesthetic impact of the addition. "This is a beautiful front," she said.

In other business, the board heard from John Cronin, an attorney representing the owners of Telescope Investments, a project at 9 Akira Way.

The property is Map 28, Lot 31, and Cronin

said Telescope Investments was requesting an extension of its subdivision approval.

The owners are asking for a two-year extension, he said.

"We're a clean business, a good neighbor and an asset to the community," Cronin said.

But they're not ready to build, he said. "We are asking that you grant us two years to start development, and five years to complete it," Cronin said.

They are ready to put in a road, and Cronin said that would go pretty quickly.

Planning Chair Art

Rugg observed that the usual procedure of the Londonderry board is to grant a two-year period to complete the project, and may allow a one-year extension after two years. "Beyond that, we want to see what's going on," he said.

Cronin agreed that the purpose of the time limit is to prevent plans from going stale while they sit on the books and possibly skirt zoning changes. But his client has posted a letter of credit, he said.

The board voted unanimously to grant a two-year extension to Oct. 3, 2018.

Enrollment

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School area, 73 percent would impact the North School area, and 18 percent would impact the Matthew Thornton area. Moose Hill School's afternoon kindergarten is expected to see an 86 percent increase; the morning kindergarten would have a 14 percent increase, Vogl said.

For the 2017 school year, he estimates the South School area would see an increase of 62 elementary students and 33 high school students, for a total of 13 percent of the increased student population. The North area would have 62 percent of the new students and the Matthew Thornton area 25 percent. Moose Hill afternoon kindergarten would see an 82 percent increase, and Moose Hill morning kindergarten would receive 18 percent.

For the 2018 school year he estimates a total impact of 128 new students, with 88 for elemen-

tary and middle school and 40 for high school. That translates to a 9 percent impact on the South School area, 39 percent on the North School area and 52 percent on the Matthew Thornton area. Moose Hill afternoon kindergarten would be hit with an estimated 74 percent while Moose Hill morning kindergarten would receive 26 percent.

The estimates, he said, show that the North district will be experiencing the brunt of the increased school population, followed closely by Matthew Thornton in year three. The South School area would not face new development projects and would deal only with move in and move out student population in existing homes.

Vogl pointed out that after a number of years with no growth in Londonderry, the town is now experiencing a period where growth is back with a fury, thanks to new construction. He said North

School is getting very close to capacity, while the other elementary schools are tight, but growth is available at the high school.

Vogl noted, however, that the expected enrollment growth is not just a North School problem but rather a town-wide problem requiring a town-wide solution.

The issue of possibly redistricting was also discussed by the board. South School can grow, with a pad already in place for expansion, as previously reported by the Londonderry Times, but there is no room for expansion at North School.

Vogl worked with School Superintendent Nathan Greenberg on the estimates, and the Planning Board members expressed their appreciation for his coming up with the numbers and information noting how future developments will impact the school district, something the board needs when deliberating on proposals.

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Editorial

Hot Enough for You?

The basil plants in the garden were as healthy as they could be. That is, until they burned in the 90-plus-degree heat.

The temperatures were pleasant and perfect for sitting outside – until we began experiencing 101-degree Heat Index days. The over-90 temps weren't enough; we had the bonus of dewpoint levels in the 70s.

Add to that the occasional thunderstorm and lightning show, or a brief but heavy rain that nevertheless doesn't provide much in the way of a soaking, or a heavy layer of pollen, or a recent Comcast outage, and that's the kind of summer it's been.

Hot. Humid. If we didn't know better, we would think we were in Mississippi.

When you consider that Rockingham County is officially termed a "severe drought" area, it's been about as hot and miserable a summer as we've had in years.

It's enough to make us look longingly at the maples whose tops are beginning to turn colors, wondering whether that's fall coming on or just the endless dry spell. Which, unfortunately, is predicted for autumn as well.

A few weeks ago, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center

said for the next three months, above average temperatures are forecast for everywhere in the U.S. – including Alaska. They said 2016 is on track to be the hottest year since record keeping began in the late 19th century.

So whether you accept climate change as a scientific fact or prefer it to be a political football, it's hard to deny the Earth is getting warmer. And these last few weeks are giving us a good indication of how that translates into daily life.

Of course, that doesn't mean a cold winter isn't in our future. The sun is setting earlier, the acorns are beginning to tumble down, and school starts in just a couple of weeks. You may be still driving to the beach as often as possible, but that doesn't mean you aren't keeping an eye on the pumpkin vines as well.

This being New England, even as we complain about the heat and humidity, we know the days of ice and snow will inevitably follow. We're fortunate to have a chance to experience all four seasons, each unique, each intense. And none of them boring.

So enjoy the last weeks of summer, and don't rush them. Fall will be here soon enough – and then comes winter.

Letters

Defending His Position

To the editor:

I'm writing this rebuttal in reference to my letter I submitted last week that received an unfavorable response from a Londonderry resident

Brian Sullivan so eloquently stated he's a "Democrat Irish Catholic resident who can equate his residency tenure to the death of Elvis Presley" as when he moved to town. I, like him, can also equate my tenure of residency by my retiring from the Military as an honorable 1ST Sergeant disabled Desert Storm veteran.

What was concerning to me was the untruths in his comments of me accusing a fallen soldier, Captain Humayan Kahn, of entering the military for the sole purpose to commit jihad on American soldiers. On the contrary, I stated my disdain only for his father, Mr. Khizr Khan, who used his son as a political pawn at the Democratic National Convention and who was also paid handsomely by the Clinton campaign for his many past and present deeds.

It recently came to light that the father had deep roots into Sharia law and the Clinton Foundation, but I would never hold that against the son. I publicly stated on a few occasions that I found his son to be a warrior and a hero.

As for Mr. Sullivan's comment, it was no doubt a Democratic upcoming election hit piece on me. As most people know me, I'm not one to let negative raw statements fly without rebuttal. I may not be politically correct but I tell it like it is and I tell the truth... unlike some on the left.

Mr. Sullivan was so despicably out of bounds by uttering that comment. I would never slander or condemn a fellow soldier, let alone a decorated deceased hero. I've been a strong advocate for veterans for many years, fighting in the trenches for all our

veterans who have been treated horribly under the Obama administration.

My position as a state legislator and a strong veteran advocate and as the former chair and member of the state and federal relations committee hopefully should speak volumes of my compassion for our veterans, be they Republican, Democrat or Independent. My love for our vets and the great citizens of Londonderry is why I continue to run for political office.

My compassion and hard work on veterans' issues and deep standing with our elderly and our school children and parents will continue to be my priority. I will always fight for "you" as long as you allow me to. I will always make sure funding gets into the right hands from the top down, and that Londonderry gets their fair share.

I ask for your vote in the Sept. 13 primary.

God bless you.

State Representative Al Baldasaro
R-Londonderry

Republican Town Committee

To the editor:

Old Home Day will soon be upon us. You will see many civic groups, religious groups and of course political groups giving out information on what they do.

I have concerns about the Republican Town Committee and how it operates. I am sure many of you (registered Republicans) are beseeched with phone calls on a daily basis and well into the night for money and votes. All of them are from national candidates running for office. In all this, many of you would not notice that we have heard nothing from the Londonderry Republican Town Committee. No showing support for candidates, no asking for money (to help finance local elections), no notification of any meetings of the com-

mittee.

We are facing crucial elections this fall. Do we continue down the road of "American Style" socialism or do we stop the bus and begin to turn back to what made America great? The first place to start would be local elections and the support of national and state candidates.

Question? Do you know who your local Republican Town Committee chairperson is? When was the last time the committee asked you for support of any kind? Has anyone ever asked you if you were interested in running for local office?

When you are on the Town Common this Old Home Day, go over to the Republican Town Committee and ask, "Who is the chairperson of the committee?" "When is the next committee meeting and where?" "What is the Town Committee doing to help national/local candidates for office?"

Londonderry has many strong and fine Republican state representatives but they are near the end of their political career. What do we have on the bench? Do we even have a bench? Without a strong local committee, I am afraid the answer is no. So what can be done about this?

First, we must have more participation in the election of local Town Committee members. The meetings should be opened to all registered Republicans in town.

Second, we must develop a strong bench to help with the elections of Republican candidates.

Third, for all this to happen, you (registered Republicans) must get off the couch and help if we are to turn the ship of state around. Yes, I know many of you work a full day, have children to chauffeur to various events but we still need your participation. Otherwise the 47 percent will win.

If you feel like I do, please contact me at Director1182@myfairpoint.net. I will at least take your

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concerns to committee meetings if and when they are announced. Or better yet, you come along. For us to win this November, we need your help!

Martin Srugis
Londonderry

Baldasaro Should Resign

To the editor:
Londonderry State Rep. Al Baldasaro said Secretary Hillary Clinton should be "put in the firing line and shot for treason" on the radio July 20. He then called her "a piece of garbage."

Republican Party Chairwoman Jennifer Horn was quoted in the Londonderry Times as saying Baldasaro's comments "are appalling and have no place in public discourse. Calls for violence in politics are never appropriate. I condemn his statement in the strongest terms possible and urge him to immediately apologize."

WBZ's Jonathan Keller said: "New Hampshire State Representative Al Baldasaro, a Trump delegate and a prominent regional supporter, doesn't know where to draw the line. He told an interviewer that for her handling of classified e-mails and the Benghazi attack, 'Hillary Clinton should be put in the firing line and shot for treason.' For that, Baldasaro has won himself an investigation by the Secret Service and the scorn of decent people everywhere."

Baldasaro is ignoring history, civility, common sense, and the facts. In light of recent events, exhorting violence against anyone, including a candidate for President, is dangerous and irresponsible. Now Al would "clarify" those remarks by describing firing squads as the

usual punishment for "treason." Al's unaware that America last used a firing squad in 1945, and before that, the Civil War.

In his letter to the editor last week, Baldasaro accused, convicted, sentenced and executed Secretary Clinton, all in a single paragraph. Neat, except that it's all just hateful rantings, paranoid suppositions, twisted logic, and manufactured facts. All typical of that used by Baldasaro's candidate, Donald Trump.

So much for Baldasaro's integrity, concern for the truth, and decency. His actions are a disgrace to our town, our state, and our country.

Even more outrageous is Baldasaro's attack on the Gold Star parents of a U.S. Army captain killed in Iraq, and on the dead soldier himself. U.S. Army Captain Humayun Khan was killed attempting to stop a car bomber attacking his base's gates. He was posthumously awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Then Al Baldasaro decided to mount a personal attack on the dead soldier, accusing him of being a "Muslim Brotherhood agent!" To say this "boggles the mind" barely begins to describe the feelings this monstrous attack evokes.

With the exception of Al Baldasaro, New Hampshire people, including myself, are on record in support of all our troops, both those serving and returned; those wounded, killed, and captured.

Let's replace the lies and insults with reason, dignity, and honest political discourse. If Al doesn't resign from the New Hampshire House, he should be replaced next election by someone who represents the values of all Londonderry and New Hampshire residents.

Phil Tetreau
Londonderry

Rebuttal to Baldasaro

To the editor:

I think Mr. Baldasaro owes it to the residents of Londonderry to check his facts before he broadcasts his opinion that Mrs. Clinton should be charged with treason and thus shot.

So what are the facts:

Benghazi: first, the claim that she and the Administration lied about the motivation for the attack. The House Select Committee on Intelligence Report of Nov. 21, 2014 found that "there was a stream of contradictory and conflicting intelligence that came in after the attacks." They said the CIA's initial assessment - that the attacks evolved out of a protest in Benghazi - ultimately proved incorrect. There was no protest.

When did the CIA change its assessment? On Sept. 24, two days after Ambassador Rice's controversial TV appearance. So no plot, just a chaotic situation that happened when there were demonstrations throughout the Middle East.

Repeated calls for increased security: The Government Accountability Review Board report shows that there were repeated calls for increased security in Libya but that it was not a high priority for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security. What the report shows is that security decisions were made at the Bureau level within the State Department and that the requests did not reach Secretary Clinton.

E-mail and her private server: First, the private

server was a mistake and one that Mrs. Clinton has acknowledged and taken responsibility for. Now, the emails themselves. The FBI found 110 items of material about then-classified subjects. Of these only three had information marked classified and that information was in the body of the message marked with a C for confidential, i.e., not in the header of the document. She should have used two cell phones - one government and one personal - again a mistake. But let's put this in perspective. Just one article in Computer World from Nov. 17, 2014 cited that the White House had been hacked, and the State Department had been hacked (and they didn't know about it for a month). Further, the U.S. Investigations Services, the government's main security clearance contractor, and the Office of Personnel Management were also hacked, with the cyber thieves stealing information on employees with top-secret clearances. I know my records were among those stolen.

Regarding the vetting of Syrian refugees: POLITIFACT examined this claim and found it false. First, the U.N. processes refugees to determine eligibility (four to 10 months), "they then face scrutiny from federal intelligence and security agencies. Their names, biographical information and fingerprints are run through federal terrorism and criminal databases. Meanwhile, the refugees are interviewed by Department of Homeland Security officials. Syrian

refugees in particular must clear one additional hurdle. Their documents are placed under extra scrutiny and cross-referenced with classified and unclassified information. The whole process takes about two years.

I think this puts Mr. Baldasaro's assertions to rest. Perhaps we could get back to debating real policy issues with specific plans and costs so that taxpayers can make an informed decision about the election of the next president

James Green
Londonderry

Auditorium Costs

To the editor:

It appears that the school board consists of members who are much smarter than the rest of us, as they try to jam an auditorium they want at any cost down the throats of people who don't. Maybe that's because they already figured out what they will cut out of their own household budgets (sarcasm) in order to pay for this latest boondoggle.

Maybe they could share what those cost-cutting ideas are so the rest of us who are less intellectually gifted can see if these same measures will work for us too.

At some point you will run out of other people's money, then what will you do?

Joanne Beausoleil
Londonderry

In Favor of Auditorium

To the editor:

To those who are incensed that we might reconsider an auditorium proposal, let me offer some thoughts. First, the school board's elevating the issue in the CIP doesn't automatically make it happen; they are simply reiterating the need as they see it, but it would still require a vote.

You then wonder why we would ever vote again on something? It has been said many times that most capital improvement projects require multiple votes, as the proponents address objections and/or adjust the proposal. Also, if we never reconsidered a vote on an issue, we would be stuck with some pretty bad policies, wouldn't you agree? Think of prohibition. Finally, by the time we might vote again, our town will have changed from what it was in 2015.

With all that said, let me offer a few comments in favor of the auditorium and bringing it to the voters again. While people can debate whether it is a need or a want, what we cannot debate is whether it is a standard. In communities and school systems of our size and demographics, it is standard practice to have an auditorium of some type; we have an obvious void. This has been repeatedly noted by the accreditation representatives.

When we were ranked

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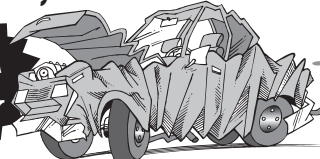
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Senior Housing, Lorden Commons Proposals Reviewed with Planning Board

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board heard from two developers about their concept designs, with both Joe DeCarolus and Jason Lopez seeking input from the Planning Board regarding their development proposals.

Senior Housing

A subdivision proposed at 7 Litchfield Road by DeCarolus would be designed as affordable senior living units. The parcel covers 15 acres, and three designs were offered, seeking the Planning Board members' preference.

DeCarolus was primarily trying to find out whether the board favored townhouse units for purchase or rental apartments. He said affordable housing for blue collar workers and seniors is the most needed in the area, and told the board he designed the project to offer basic two bedroom, one and a half bath units, with open living space and a one-car garage, priced under \$250,000.

He proposed three buildings with 24 units each, three buildings with 16 units each, and two buildings with 24 units each.

Member Ann Chiampa said she was pleased by the proposed condos being all on one floor but suggested many seniors would settle for a single bedroom unit. DeCarolus explained that construction economics support two-bedroom units. Chiampa said she favored 16

apartments in the three buildings, each one floor.

Member Rick Brideau said there is a need for rental apartments and he thought the 16 units in each of three buildings was the best approach, especially as each unit was designed as a single floor.

Member Giovanni Verani differed from the others, favoring townhouse units for sale. He said these might fit into the neighborhood better.

Member Leitha Reilly liked the single floor ownership but conceded there is more need for rental apartments.

Chairman Al Rugg favored the 48 rental unit plan, noting that this type of housing is sorely needed.

Member Scott Benson agreed that there is a need for rental units for the elderly and favored the 16 unit, three building plan.

The staff told DeCarolus to put the plan together and come back to the Planning Board with the conceptual design.

Lorden Commons

Lopez, of Keach Nordstrom Associates, and Michael Wynkomp from Chinburg Properties told the board that phase I of Lorden Commons is nearing completion, with eight single family homes left of the 50 proposed still to be built. He was there to gather input on the plans to move forward with phases 2, 3, and 4.

Lopez said he had been to the Heritage Commission and their concern was with destroying existing

stone walls. The Commission had asked that the stones be utilized in the development. He said he is to go before the Conservation Commission Aug. 23 and will not need to meet with the Zoning Board of Adjustment because there are no zoning issues.

He said Phase II involves constructing 18 single family dwellings, Phase III will add 40 new dwellings and Phase IV will add 25 more homes, for a total of 83 houses and an overall total of 133 houses for all four phases. When completed the development will have 144 acres of open space, The average lot size is one half acre, with an average of 70 feet of frontage.

Looking ahead to Phase II, the wetlands have been flagged and an inspection has verified there are no historical or archeological issues on the site. However a Blanding's Turtle and a Spotted Turtle were found and the developers are working with Fish & Game and Conservation on this issue.

Lopez discussed how the Phase II construction area would be accessed, and noted a Conditional Use Permit will be needed. There will be wells for each lot and the plan calls for adding two cisterns for fire suppression. A discussion about the maintenance of the cisterns ensued and about the Lorden Commons' ownership of the sewer system before it ties into the municipal system. Lopez said

the plan complies with the Storm Water Management and Mitigation regulations.

He said Stephen Perinaw & Company is conducting a traffic study. Utilities will be underground and there will be blasting, as there is quite a bit of ledge.

Two waivers will be needed, he said. One will be for road slope to exceed 6 percent, noting the road would require an 8 percent slope for a portion. The second waiver is for burying pipes under the road at a 2-foot depth rather than 3 feet.

They are also investigating the water capacity for the individual wells and the overall impact on

the water capacity.

John Vogl, Geographic Information Systems Manager and Comprehensive Planner, said the location of the proposed cistern at Old Derry Road is a big concern.

Chiampa noted the development has a "a toe on the Rail Trail" and suggested finding a way to connect with the trail despite the wetlands. She also encouraged the use of the rocks for new rock walls.

Mary Wing Soares suggested building only seven houses to complete Phase I and using the eighth lot for a play area for children. She also urged consideration for where students would be picked up by buses.

Reilly and Benson also expressed concern about traffic issues resulting from the total buildout.

Rugg said the connection to the Rail Trail and the use of rocks for new walls were two important issues to be considered by the developers.

Lopez said the acreage could support not just the proposed total of 133 units but 208 units, and floated the possibility of adding a building for elderly housing. John Trotter, Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering, suggested not getting ahead of the project and working with staff on the present plan before adding anything new.

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in the top 10 in the NICHE report, all nine of the other New Hampshire schools had an auditorium. So regardless of whether anyone likes the idea, it is commonplace to have an auditorium.

Since we voted down the proposal, there have been countless events that would have utilized such a venue, from drama and music productions at the high school, middle school and all three elementary schools, baccalaureate ceremonies, community events, school assemblies and how about first-in-the-nation primary events?

When the majority (not so overwhelming as some would characterize) voted against the auditorium last year, the opponents seemed to fall into a few categories: those who usually vote against anything that raises taxes; those who felt we did not need it; those

who felt the two-step process was inappropriate (even though many other capital projects had been done that way); and those who manufactured objections, like parking.

We might never convince the first group to raise taxes, but we might do a better job explaining the need to the second. If people prefer, the proposal could be presented in one comprehensive warrant article next time, rather than the two-step process. As for parking, we already manage challenges along Mammoth Road for multiple events throughout the year, so even if that were a valid concern, we could solve it, rather than squashing the whole proposal.

Times do change, along with people, demographics, needs and wants, perspectives and more. If there is a void in any aspect of our community, we should fill it. We should come up with the best proposal, answer questions,

respond to objections and then put it on the ballot, as many times as is legal and warranted. Each and every time, the voters will decide.

Dan Gore
Londonderry

Re-Elect Carson

To the editor:
Friends and neighbors:
I am writing today because we are at a crossroads in New Hampshire. While much of the country is focused on the presidential race, we must focus in our backyard. We have the opportunity to send our state senator, Sharon Carson, back to Concord to continue to serve us.

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Conservation Commission Reviews Proposals for CIP

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission discussed what to ask for in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). In addition to thinking about how much money is needed, the Commission said at its Tuesday, Aug. 9 meeting that an even more important issue was determining what to do with the money.

The overriding theme was to find a project the Commission wants to do that would resonate with the taxpayers.

The Commission has maps of two of the four conservation areas it had

asked Stantec to look at, the Musquash and Kendall Pond. There was some discomfort among the members with what Stantec had provided, as it used Hooksett type trails that are 8 feet wide, rather than the 4-foot-wide trails Londonderry had asked for, though it was suggested it might make more sense to think in terms of 8 feet to accommodate a variety of trail uses.

The prices suggested by Stantec were high but several members noted the Commission never intended to do all the things Stantec might suggest, and wanted to know the cost of specific

options. The Commission noted that residents have repeatedly asked for more parking at Hickory Hill.

The members also said it is necessary to come up with a list of priorities but they needed the other two presentations from Stantec on Little Cohas and Scobie Pond conservation areas in order to do that effectively.

Member Roger Fillio asked whether the Commission could use its money from the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) to accomplish some of its goals, but it was pointed out that LUCT money is needed so that the Commission can apply for

grants.

The Commission also discussed the Town Council's goal of sticking to the default budget and not allowing increases to exceed 2-plus percent annually.

Another funding need is for a ranger position, the Commission said, but members are considering a warrant article for that purpose.

No decisions were reached.

In other business:

• Chairwoman Marge Badois brought in three proposed logos for the Commission, all of which she did not like. The board will go back to the original logo suggested by

Badois at the previous meeting and ask the designer to make some adjustments, particularly with color.

• Monitoring has turned up several instances of people dumping grass clippings and other debris in conservation areas, and letters will be sent out to those persons. Members

Mike Noone and Mike Byerly said they had done more power line monitoring but still have one section to do. They found some incursions there and planned to pull the addresses and send letters to the parties involved.

• A spotted turtle was discovered during the monitoring by Noone.

No One From Public Comments on Proposed Site Plan Amendments at Aug. 10 Hearing

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Draft amendments to the site plan regulations were the subject of a public hearing before the Planning Board last week.

The amendments have several objectives. The first is to codify current Planning Board processes and actions through amendments or additions to the land use regulations not covered at this time. The second is to update the regulations in response to changes in New Hampshire RSA's, and the third is to revamp the regulatory process to be

more equitable, predictable and flexible in order to enable desirable community and economic development in concert with the Master Plan.

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

At the Wednesday eve-

ning, Aug. 10 Planning Board meeting, it was noted the proposed amendments were developed to improve the approval process for small developments, including updates to the Minor Site Plan, Administrative Review, Design Review, Storm Drain System, Specifications for Site Plans and Documents, Traffic Impact Analysis, and Site Plan Application and Checklist sections.

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux summarized the amendments and said that over the past several

months, Town planning staff has been working with the Planning Board to draft the amendments to the site plan regulations.

The board, having discussed the amendments at length during the previous meeting, had only a couple of minor questions that were quickly answered.

No one from the public was present to ask questions or comment, and the Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the amendments.



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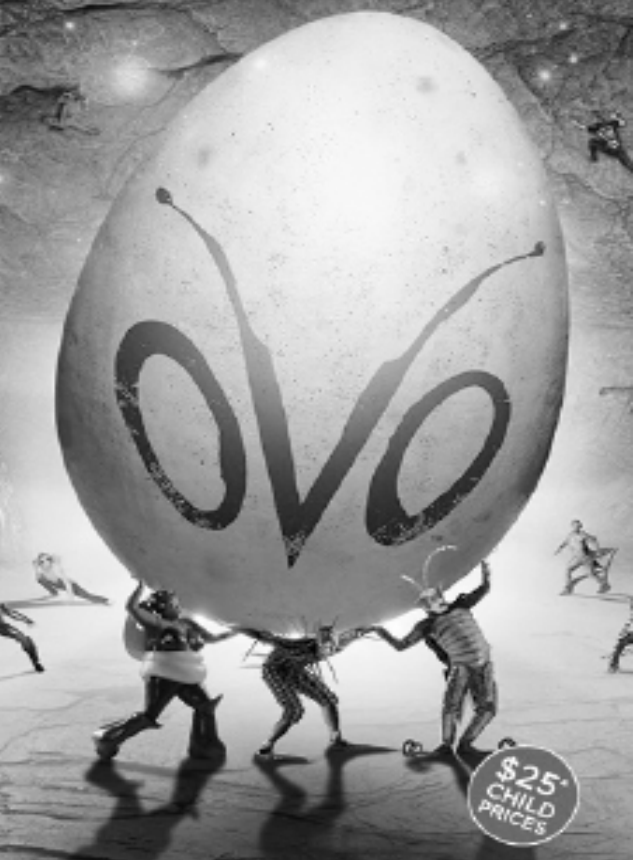
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Deliberative Session Moves Employee Contracts to Ballot

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A deliberative session on two collective bargaining agreements to be voted on in a Sept. 13 Special Town Meeting passed voters Monday night with little deliberation.

The deliberative session was held in the Moose Hill Conference Room prior to the Aug. 15 Town Council meeting. The Council voted unanimously to move both articles to the ballot.

Article 1 asks the town to vote to approve the cost items in a new contract for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 93, of town administrative personnel, while Article 2 asks the town to vote to approve the new contract for AFSCME, Local 1801, for the Town Clerk's staff and Public Works employees.

Town Manager Kevin Smith explained that both unions' contracts expired in July 2015. According to Smith, the proposed con-

tracts would benefit the town because a new health plan would be part of the agreement, and that plan would save the town an estimated \$71,000 and save union members \$96,000. However, Smith said, the enrollment period for the health plan ends Jan. 1, 2017, and the Town Meeting vote is not until March, so the town petitioned the state to have a special meeting to vote on the contracts. They were approved under the "emergency" clause, Smith said.

There were no speakers in a public hearing July 21, and the Council unanimously approved moving the items to the warrant.

The articles read as follows:

Article 1. 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 AFSCME, 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: First year, FY 17, \$42,905, .01 on tax rate, average 1.5 percent cost-of-living increase; second year, \$26,947 decrease; third year, \$9,286 decrease; and final year, \$12,923 decrease.

The contract includes 12 "middle manager" administrative employees at the Town Hall, according to Smith, and has been approved by both the Town Council and Budget Committee.

Article 2. 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 AFSCME Local 1801, 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: First year, FY 17, \$51,114, \$.01 on tax rate, 1.5 percent average cost-of-living increase, second year, \$22,012 decrease; third year, \$3,389 decrease; and fourth and final year, \$7,083 decrease.

This collective bargaining unit includes members of the Town

Clerk's staff and Public Works employees.

Resident Mary Wing Soares asked for clarification on the decreases, and Smith said by reconfiguring the health care and going to the Lumenos plan, it would save the town money each year, and still allow for the cost-of-living increases.

"Are they paying more out of pocket?" Soares asked.

No, Smith said, adding, "The coverage is the same with both plans. The HSA (Health Savings Account) costs less because it's an HSA."

Both items were approved by both the

Council and Budget Committee. Jay Hooley, chairman of the Budget Committee, said his committee voted 4-1 for each of the contracts.

Soares asked to restrict a motion for reconsideration on both contracts and the voters present approved it with their lifted voter cards.

Voting on the two contracts will be Sept. 13 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Londonderry High School gym, in conjunction with the primary elections. A new traffic plan is being configured for this and the General Election (see related story page 1).

Council Approves Parking Changes to Zoning Ordinance

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council has approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding parking and loading regulations.

The amendment was presented by Town Planner Colleen Mailloux at Monday night's Council meeting.

Mailloux explained that the requested change was part of a "zoning audit" performed in 2014-15 and was designed to streamline the process for developers.

"There is not a significant change to the content," Mailloux said. "We

are moving the parking and loading regulations from the Zoning Ordinance to the Site Plan Regulations." This, she said, will simplify the process for developers, who won't have to deal with two land use boards.

Mailloux said the move is consistent with other communities in the region, which have parking and loading specs in the site plan regulations.

She wrote in a memo, "This action will provide greater flexibility to the Planning Board in reviewing/approving site design, reducing regulatory impediments to businesses, promoting economic develop-

ment, and lessening reliance on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for parking/loading issues. This action will initiate new and updated minimum parking standards in a manner which is user-friendly and which affords the Planning Board flexibility to administer."

In addition, Mailloux wrote, the changes are consistent with Planning Board and Zoning variances recently granted.

The Council did its first reading of the changes on June 20.

Mailloux wrote that the Planning Department has not heard any concerns from the general public, and that the "development community" has been supportive.

She said the Planning Board had already approved the amendments, conditional upon the Council's approval.

There were no speakers in a public hearing. The board voted 3-0 to approve the change.

In other business, the Council heard a presentation from Jack Munn of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission regarding the Solar Up! program. Munn was accompanied by Deborah Lievens, a member of the Conservation Commission.

He said the program encourages local residents to install solar energy for a limited time with discounts from multiple area vendors. Munn said the program is run by volunteers, at no expense to the town.

Munn said the Londonderry program would begin in September and run through November for 16 weeks, with a kick-off event at the high school. The Council agreed by consensus to allow the program.

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Fire Chief to Return with Updated Communications Costs

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council has asked Fire Chief Darren O'Brien to take a closer look at a proposed town-wide communications plan, with an eye toward breaking down the cost and leveraging different sources of funding.

O'Brien, Battalion Chief Mike McQuillen and Lieutenant Jeremy Mague presented the plan at the Aug. 16 Town Council meeting. While the Council agreed on the need to update communications, it also urged O'Brien and his staff to take a look at breaking down the approximately \$4 million estimated for the update.

O'Brien said, "Two months ago the Fire Department was tasked with looking at our communications infrastructure." He sketched the history of the current infrastructure, most of which was installed after the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy. "A Federal grant allowed new communications equipment for all public safety agencies," he said.

That equipment, O'Brien said, is now 15 years old.

He had originally asked the Capital Improvements Committee for \$1.5 million, but learned that the cost for a complete upgrade would be more, O'Brien told the Council.

"Londonderry has a great opportunity to be one of the leading communities in the state for emergency response," he said.

Two years ago the town contracted with Hampstead for dispatching, he said, and is now in

the third year of the agreement. "Since then, we have been approached by several other communities," O'Brien said. He's been hesitant to encourage them due to Londonderry's dated equipment and need of more staff, he said, adding, "But Londonderry could be a future regional dispatch center."

Mague and McQuillen showed a PowerPoint presentation including several maps of the current communications reach and the proposed improvements.

The Highway Department system is "old and antiquated," according to McQuillen, and is in "dire need" of being updated. For both fire and police, there are gaps where there is no coverage at all, McQuillen said.

He pointed out that coverage is spotty at the airport and in the Whispering Pines area, among others. At the airport, he said, "The police have no way to communicate back to town except with their cell phones."

The area north of Exit 5 also has spotty communication, McQuillen added.

The department is looking for a three-pronged approach combining fire, police and highway resources, McQuillen said. They would "leapfrog" the implementation between the three departments, he said.

Communications professional Bill Bartlett of 2 Way Communications in Portsmouth has been consulting with the Fire Department on the plan and said, "We have hand-picked the best sites."

The project would include adding transmitter sites at the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, most of which is in Londonderry; in the south of town and on town-owned land on Auburn Road. The town land connects to an existing fire communication site on Josephine Drive, which would be updated to add the police department, he said.

The site at Josephine is currently on a 40-foot pole and the plan would replace it with a tower, according to McQuillen, adding, "Then we could see over the tree line. Auburn Road right now is catch as catch can regarding communications."

The plan would also allow the town, as part of the Souhegan Cooperative, to communicate with other towns through sites like the Robinson Road site in Hudson.

Bartlett said the goal is to connect the different areas of town by microwave links instead of phone links, which he said are "prone to failure."

But Councilors balked at the price tag.

"This is in the millions," Council and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Chair John Farrell observed. He asked O'Brien if there were any ways to mitigate the cost.

O'Brien said he has met with Homeland Security personnel, and while no grants are available for the entire project, there are "certain grants for certain pieces of equipment" such as portable radios.

Farrell asked Bartlett if there were any way the town could receive revenue

from the updated equipment, such as co-locating with telecommunications companies, and Bartlett said he doubted it, pointing out that "You're not in a major corridor, and that's not as attractive to carriers."

Town Manager Kevin Smith observed that he was surprised to see how spotty the communication was from the airport, and McQuillen said he is in talks with airport personnel as to how to improve that. "We are going to have an engineer look at it and make sure that if this plan goes through, we are not interfering with FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) communication," he told the Council.

Councilor Tom Freda asked Bartlett what it would cost to do just one site, and Bartlett said a

transmitter site would run just over \$200,000, while a more basic receiver site would be \$74,000.

Farrell said he was concerned about investing town money in equipment that would be out of date in three years.

But Bartlett countered that communications equipment doesn't age as rapidly as personal electronics. "It does not 'move' with the next hot trend," he said. "We make sure it's 'future-proof.'"

Freda observed that \$4 million is "a big nut to crack." He asked what would happen if the town chose to phase it in at \$2 million, and the voters rejected the rest of it. "Would that \$2 million have been a waste of money?" he asked.

"You could do things like replacing the radios, and bring in the infra-

structure later," Bartlett responded.

"We could do \$4 million at one shot, and if the voters say 'no,' it's dead," Freda said. "Or we could do it in \$1 million increments."

Farrell had a third option: spending \$1.5 million on the infrastructure and doing lease-purchase agreements for the portable equipment.

Councilor Tom Dolan observed that there were at least three sources of funding, including the Unassigned Fund Balance, the operating budget and borrowing/bonding. "There is also the Maintenance Trust Fund," he added. "We need to decide how many pieces we can afford."

The Council urged O'Brien to break down the components of the plan, and come back to them.

95 Years and Counting



Louise DiPerri of Londonderry, third from left, recently celebrated her 95th birthday party. She is pictured with her great-granddaughter Emily, grandson John Braid, daughter Paula DiPerri, granddaughter Tina, grandson Peter Braid, and great-granddaughter Sara, holding great-great-grandson Nicholas.

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Conservation Puts Conditions in Enterprise Drive Site Plan

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission heard from Eric Mitchell of Gendron and Son Construction on two site plans in development - one for Enterprise Drive Recovery at 5 Enterprise Drive, the second for a two-lot subdivision and construction of two dwellings on Colonial Drive.

The Enterprise Drive Recovery plan proposes to construct a building housing four contractor units with an office area in the front and a storage area for equipment and supplies in back, with each unit having a loading dock. The Recreation Rail Trail runs along one side of the parcel, which fronts on Enterprise Drive.

The Conservation Commission questioned Mitchell closely at its Tuesday, Aug. 9 meeting about buffer zone protections and landscape plans.

The Commission asked whether eliminating the loading bay on the buffer side would eliminate the

incursion of the building into the buffer zone. Upon learning that it would not, this issue was dropped.

One concern was that equipment would accidentally go into the buffer zone and do damage as the building parking lot was being constructed. In addition, the commission expressed concern that snow could be plowed and spill over the wall into the buffer zone instead of being pushed into the stipulated snow storage area.

Mitchell said the buffer zone would be clearly marked and construction equipment instructed not to enter it. The Commission wants buffer zone signs moved from within the zone to its edge.

The Commission also expressed concern over the choice and placement of Austrian pine trees along the buffer zone between the Rail Trail and the construction parcel. After an extended discussion, Mitchell agreed to have Deb Lievens discuss the choice of the pines with the landscape expert Gen-

dron is using.

Mitchell agreed that a second line of trees would be placed in the buffer zone, staggered with the front line and using white pine. The Commission also wanted guarantees that should any of the trees die, they would be replaced. Mitchell said a surety bond covering a growing period would be provided, but the Commission wanted this extended to three years.

The Conservation Commission voted to recommend to the Planning Board several changes to the proposed plan. The changes recommended include: moving the buffer zone signs to the edge of the buffer zone; an added line of trees in the buffer zone between the Rail Trail and the parcel; using white pine for the added line of trees; providing help in assuring that equipment building the parking lot won't get into that buffer zone; keeping snow in the snow storage area and not allowing snow to be plowed into the buffer zone; and a three-year surety bond for the plantings.

Regarding the Colonial Drive proposal, Mitchell said the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) had approved the requested variances for the development of the subdivision into two lots but that abutters have appealed the decision and asked for a rehearing that will be discussed at the Aug. 17 meeting.

Mitchell said his soil scientists had been out to the parcel and flagged the

wetlands, and subsequent adjustments have been made to the site plan, the proposed construction of two dwellings and the common driveway to the two proposed sites.

Abutter Jeffrey Truesdale of 18 Colonial Drive expressed concern about the run-off, drainage and wetlands on his property that he said would be impacted by the construction of the dwelling nearest his home. Mitchell ex-

plained that the area Truesdale referred to is not a wetland because it does not meet the required three criteria for a wetland.

Mitchell said he agreed it might be wet but it is not technically a wetland, and the proposed swales and drainage control measures would mitigate impact, releasing any drainage across the parcel in that area in a measured fashion.

Another abutter was concerned that construc-

tion of the new dwellings would result in trees being cut in the buffer zone above the second new lot, but she was assured by Mitchell this was not going to happen.

Mitchell said he would keep the Conservation Commission apprised of the Colonial Drive site plan development but noted it was not ready yet to be brought to the Planning Board.

Letters

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plishments are enough to tell you that she stands with the people of this state: U.S. Army veteran, state representative, rejected over \$129 million tax increases proposed by the sitting governor, reduced business taxes stimulating the growth we so desperately need, slashed regulations that burdened our small businesses, and froze tuition at our university and community colleges.

While serving on the bipartisan task force to address the scourge of opioid addiction, she was instrumental in increasing penalties for drug dealers; creating a court that would get first-time offenders the treatment they needed rather than sending them to prison; and increased funding for our police to make a difference in our neighborhoods.

With a track record of responsibility, a focus on

fostering growth in our small businesses and support for our working families and our communities, respected by her peers on both sides of the aisle, Sharon Carson has earned our support at the polls. With a track record like hers, how can we afford to send anyone else to represent us?

Please join me in supporting Sharon Carson for State Senate. We cannot afford anyone else.

George Herrmann
Londonderry

Flawed Candidates

To the editor:

Clinton and Trump are flawed candidates running for President.

Clinton has questionable scruples, and she has made significant mistakes. As Secretary of State she set up an unsecured private server in her home for government email communications and sent and received secret and top

secret information.

She had ultimate responsibility for the Benghazi debacle where our ambassador and other Americans were killed by Islamic terrorists. Her foundation accepted contributions from foreign entities.

Trump is the most unqualified person to ever run for President. He is a vile loudmouth with possible bigoted views who only cares about himself, and he does not respect our Constitution and our institutions.

Trump could have dictatorial tendencies. He has no knowledge of government operations and has no understanding of our domestic and world economies. His lack of knowledge in foreign affairs and military matters will hurt us in the world.

The choices are: vote for who you dislike the least, or vote for a third party candidate, or do not vote. How sad.

Donald Moskowitz
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Ex-Lancer Evangelista Contributes to Blue Knights' Hardball Success

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Following an excellent multi-sport career at Londonderry High School, 2014 LHS graduate Brett Evangelista moved on to still more athletic success on the baseball team at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. And the former Lancer hardball and ice hockey star has also spent the last two summers playing baseball for the Nashua Silver Knights of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League (FCBL) of New England.

Evangelista has helped the Blue Knights get all the way into the FCBL championship series again-

st the Worcester (Mass.) Bravehearts this summer with his contributions in 29 contests as an outfielder for manager B.J. Nevrett's Gate City crew.

The ex-Lancer knocked 13 hits and scored 13 runs for the Blue Knights, smacking two home runs and a double, driving in five runs and stealing three bases.

Evangelista thumped his home runs in two different contests, a 12-8 defeat of the Seacoast Mavericks on July 24 and a 13-3 walloping of the Wachusett Dirt Dogs on Aug. 3.

The former LHS baseball and hockey all-stater and his Silver Knight

teammates claimed the third seed in their Eastern Division by defeating the Worcester squad by an 8-0 tally on July 29. From there the Nashuans bested the Torrington, Conn., entry by a 6-2 score in round one, and took the second and third games of a best-of-three semifinal-round series against the Seacoast Mavericks last week to advance to the finals.

After dropping a 4-2 decision to that Portsmouth-based opponent last Monday, Aug. 8, Evangelista and the Knights rebounded for wins of 12-5 the next night and 10-9 Wednesday evening, Aug. 10 to take the series and

bound into the championship round against Worcester.

Evangelista enjoyed a strong sophomore baseball campaign for the U-Mass baseball squad this past spring, serving as the team's starting second baseman and playing in 38 contests.

The LHS grad batted .252 with a .298 slugging percentage, .373 on-base percentage, six doubles, 10 runs batted in, and a home run for the Minutemen.

Evangelista's role increased considerably with the U-Mass contingent during the 2016 campaign after he appeared in 18 games with three runs batted in during the 2015 campaign.

One of Evangelista's U-Mass teammates each of the last two years has been former fellow Londonderry High Lancer star and pitcher Ryan Moloney. The talented junior righty - who also played with Evangelista on the 2015 Silver Lightning contingent last summer - went 4-4 with a 4.52 earned run average in 10 games for the 2015 Min-



Former Londonderry High multi-sport standout Brett Evangelista spent his second consecutive summer playing baseball for the Nashua Silver Knights. Photo courtesy Nashua Silver Knights/John Corneau



Hittin' 'Em Hard

Two Londonderry High football players give it all they have on the tackling sleds in the summer heat on a practice field during the first days of 2016 football tryouts last week.

Photo by Chris Pantazis



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Ex-LHS Sports Standout Lambert at Home Continuing Her Recovery

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It gets proven over and over again in cases of natural disasters, accidents, and these days especially terrorism that people overwhelmingly show their true colors and go out of their way to support folks who have been affected by the unexpected calamity.

And since the recent moped accident that has changed her life forever, former Londonderry High multi-sport standout Noelle Lambert has been absolutely overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support for her.

The 2015 LHS graduate - who excelled in lacrosse, soccer, and basketball during her four years at the local high school - had to have the segment of her left leg below the knee amputated following a moped accident on Martha's Vineyard during the early afternoon hours of Saturday, July 30. Her fellow University of Massachusetts at Lowell women's lacrosse teammate Kelly Moran was also hurt in the accident but less seriously.

Lambert was driving the moped with Moran on board when the former Lady Lancer accidentally drifted onto the right shoulder of the road. Lambert tried to get back on the road, and in attempting that correction she made contact with the front left side of a dump truck traveling in the opposite direction that had nearly come to a complete stop.

She was medflighted to Boston Medical Center.

Moran, a Newfields resident who starred in lacrosse at Exeter High School, underwent surgery at a hospital on Martha's Vineyard and then was later flown to a Boston hospital.

Both young women - who are slated to be sophomores at their Massachusetts university - are recovering from their injuries, and both have vowed to return to playing their sport at UMass-Lowell.

Lambert was deluged with messages on social media and with visitors to her Boston Medical Center room, once news of the accident spread, and



Former Londonderry High multi-sport standout Noelle Lambert posed for a picture with Boston Marathon bombing survivor Celeste Corcoran recently. Courtesy photo

the shows of love and support have continued.

"There were 40 to 50 people, every day, waiting to see me at Boston Medical. It was incredible, and it really took my mind off things," she said.

The local remembers everything that happened during her accident, and it's likely that the quick actions of several wit-

nesses to the accident saved her life.

"The man driving behind me saw the whole thing happen, and he got out and took off his shirt and wrapped it around my leg," said Lambert. "And there was also a nurse there who came and helped keep me calm."

Lambert was in the Boston Medical Center - visited by the throngs of family members and friends - until the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 4, when she was transferred to the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown, Mass. She spent a week at Spaulding before being released and coming home to Man-

chester, where she now lives.

"The goal at Spaulding was to try to get me to be able to do things on my own," she said.

Lambert is fully aware that she faces a long and challenging road toward a hopeful return to playing lacrosse at UMass-Lowell, where she had an excellent freshman year for a new lax program.

That road will include waiting for the swelling in her leg to subside and then having the stitches removed at the very end of August. The lessening of the swelling is expected to take six to eight weeks, and then Lambert will have to choose a prosthesis.

"It stinks right now that I can't do some things, but I have to take my time and not rush things," she said a day after returning home to Manchester. "Yesterday I tried to do too much, and I need to rest and let myself heal."

Where the emotional angle of the accident and her injury are concerned, Lambert has access to counselling and has a great, supportive listener in her mom, Judy. And then there are beloved friends like former Pinkerton Academy lacrosse star Maggie McCarthy and Lambert's former fellow LHS student/athletes Sarah Bell and Alex Walter, along with so many others.

"Everyone I can think

of has reached out, even people I haven't heard from in years and elementary school friends. It's just been incredible," said Lambert.

The Londonderry High grad will continue to work toward a degree in criminal justice at UMass-Lowell this fall, and she has been told by the university's athletic department that she can serve as a student-coach during the forthcoming spring lacrosse season.

Regarding her hopes of returning to the UMass-Lowell Lady River Hawks' lacrosse team during the 2017-18 school year, LHS girls' lacrosse coach Bob Slater and girls' soccer coach Derek Dane - both of whom witnessed Lambert's fiery nature and athletic drive for years - have both stated that if any of their former players could overcome the challenges which Lambert is facing and play college sports again, it's her.

But the former Lady Lancer is working at not going too fast down the road to recovery, instead taking time to be thankful to be alive and for having so many loving folks supporting her.

"I owe a huge thank you to all of the people who have given me their support, even people who I never would have expected to hear from," she said. "I'm at a loss for words about what to say to tell them how much it means to me."



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Former Lancer Ryan Griffin Preparing For His Fourth NFL Campaign

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the relatively tender age of 26, former Londonderry High School football standout Ryan Griffin finds himself stepping into his fourth National Football League season with the Houston Texans and standing tall as the oldest and most experienced tight end on the Texans' 2016 roster.

The University of Connecticut graduate - who was drafted by the Texans in the sixth round of the

2013 college draft - was held to just nine games during the 2015 campaign last year by injuries. But he still managed career-high tallies in receptions with 20 and receiving yards with 251. Griffin notched an average of 12.5 yards per catch and scored a pair of touchdowns as well, with his longest pass reception covering some 37 yards.

The LHS grad was in the national spotlight - with a big crew of family members and friends in the crowd - during a

nationally-telecast game between the Texans and the New England Patriots during that campaign, that Griffin and his teammates finished by winning the American Football Conference South Division with a 9-7 record before being thumped by the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC wildcard round.

This summer in training camp, the 6-foot-6-inch, 254-pound grinder is the top-ranked receiver among a Texans' tight end corps that includes two-year veteran and blocking

tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz, one-year veteran Anthony Denham, and rookie free-agent Stephen Anderson.

Griffin is rebounding from an Achilles tendon injury, and it wouldn't be a surprise to see the former Lancer athlete become a favorite target of quarterback Brock Osweiler, the Texans' huge off-season signing from the champion Denver Broncos.

The former U-Conn Huskies' star played in all 16 games for the Texans

during their 2014 campaign, making two starts and tallying 10 catches for 91 yards with a long grab of 25 yards. He reached the end zone once.

And Griffin began to establish a reputation as a NFL player during the 2013 season by appearing in 15 games for the Texans with eight starts. The big tight end collected 19 catches for 244 yards, a per-catch average of 12.8 yards, and his first pro touchdown. The local's longest pass reception during that fine rookie

season covered 40 yards.

Also of local note is the fact that Griffin spent part of his youth living in the house that now serves as the home office of the Londonderry Times.

Griffin and the Texans get their 2016 regular season started on Sept. 11 at home against the Chicago Bears, and the Londonderry High grad will find himself back in New England on the 22nd when the Houston squad will be in Foxboro, Mass. to play the Tom Brady-less New England Patriots.

Londonderry Runners Help GDTC to Second Spot in Grand Prix Series

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) has had a lot of success throughout the history of the New Hampshire Grand Prix Race Series, including winning no less than four series championships since 2010.

The local club ended up second behind the Lebanon-based Upper Valley Running Club for the tourney title last year, and the GDTC also finds itself trailing that Upper Valley club by a pretty hefty margin with five races having been completed in this year's 2016 series.

However, lots of GDTC

members are working extremely hard to help their crews competing in the Grand Prix series do as well as possible, and a bunch of Londonderry members have consistently taken part in this year's Grand Prix races in aiding the GDTC cause.

Among those determined Londonderry folks have been Teddi O'Loughlin, Melissa Owens, Erik Dodge, Charles Owens, Karen Creed, John Loker, Bob Knepp, Joe Carroll, and Colum Creed.

The New Hampshire Grand Prix (NHGP) is an annual road-running racing series for the running clubs of New Hampshire. Clubs compete against

each other in a series of road races spread through the racing season, from March through October.

The NHGP is comprised of seven or eight races on courses that range in distance from the 5k up to a half-marathon. Prizes and points are awarded to individual runners in all divisions as well as to the New Hampshire running clubs. In addition, runners who complete every race in the series in a season are granted the coveted "Granite Runner" status.

The Greater Derry club won Grand Prix championships in 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2014, but the

locals' total scoring tally of 1,136 last year fell short of the 1,279 compiled by the 2015 series champions from the Upper Valley Running Club.

And the Upper Valley bunch appears to be on its way to a successful defense of that 2015 crown as, through the first five races of the eight-race 2016 season, the defending champs lead the second place GDTC crew by a 959-623 score. The Nashua-based Gate City Striders are third with 461, and there are a total of nine teams competing in this year's Grand Prix series.

Remaining 2016 Grand Prix series races include the Saint Charles 5K in Portsmouth on Sept. 5, the Granite State 10-Miler in Concord on Oct. 9, and

the New England Half-Marathon in Concord on Oct. 23.

In the series-opening Lebanon Recreation Shamrock Shuffle on March 19, the Upper Valley Running Club finished first as a crew with 262 points to the runner-up GDTC bunch's 147. The local club had 30 of its runners compete.

Race number two was the Chief Mahoney 10K Unity Run in Greenland on April 24, and the Upper Valley RC won again with a point tally of 169 with the Greater Derry crew second with a 122. The local team's running contingent at that event consisted of 26 racers.

Race number three of the series was the Bedford Rotary 12K on May 21, and Upper Valley once again tallied the most

Grand Prix points (164) with Greater Derry second (140). The GDTC running crew at that event consisted of 26 runners.

The fourth race in the series was the Skip's Run Four-Miler in Lebanon on June 19, and again the Upper Valley team snagged first (218 points) with Greater Derry second (106). The local club had 22 runners compete there.

And in series run number five - The Boot Scootin' Boogie on Nelson Road in Londonderry on July 23 - the GDTC crew finished third overall with 111 points, behind the Millennium and Upper Valley squads that both bagged 147 points. A total of 19 runners competed for the GDTC that day.

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Blues Come to Town Common to Aid Area Veterans

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Local musician Dennis Martin, a veteran, is once again bringing a Blues Festival to Londonderry Town Common. His second annual event is Aug. 27 from noon to 4 p.m.

Last October he brought his band, Dr. Harps Blues Revue Band, and a couple of others to the Common, offering free admission, vendors and barbecue. Vendors were not paid and donated a percentage of their sales to assist Liberty House, a Manchester-based non-profit dedicated to provid-

ing substance-free housing and support for homeless American veterans in transition.

This year proceeds will go to Veterans Count.

Martin said that in 1987 he was homeless himself, and was helped in his Massachusetts hometown. Now he is presenting the Blues Festival to benefit today's homeless veterans via Veterans Count.

Martin's band will perform, as will the Rock Rimmon Blues Band and the Rick Shea Band. None of the bands will be paid and no admission will be charged, but attendees are asked to contribute to

the Veterans Count cause.

Martin said he has invited food and ice cream vendors to set up shop free and contribute 15 percent of their sales to Veterans Count. He said he has a barbecue vendor lined up on the same basis.

Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs or a blanket for seating. The contributions collected from attendees and the 15 percent from vendor sales will all be donated to Veterans Count.

Veterans Count, according to its Web site, began in 2007 when Easter Seals' board member Mike Salter sought to bring comprehensive, emergency aid to veterans and their families whose quality of life was significantly impacted by deployment to war zones.

Salter, a veteran of the U.S. Army Special Forces,



Blues musician Dennis Martin will be one of the performers at the annual Blues Festival on the Town Common.

and Easter Seals New Hampshire President and chief executive officer Larry Gammon approached the New Hampshire Joint Force Headquarters of the National Guard and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services for assistance in designing a compassionate, responsive, targeted care program for

veterans and their families who were "falling through the cracks," as a result of service to their country. Easter Seals developed a Care Coordination model centered on skilled clinicians meeting one-on-one with service members and their families to address critical issues while building trust and working toward

developing long-term self-sufficiency.

While Federal, local and national grants provided for the training and services of Care Coordinators, money is needed for basic necessities such as food, clothing, and housing. A task force comprised of business leaders was developed and Veterans Count was born.

Martin, with his pay it forward attitude based on the help he received when he needed it, organized this Blues Festival and said last year they raised just under \$1,000. He hopes having the Festival in August rather than October will bring more people and more money to aid Veterans Count. And he noted that a Veterans Count booth will be at the Londonderry Old Home Day event on the Town Common Aug. 20.

Special Rowing Event Scheduled Aug. 25

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The establishment and immediate success of rowing clubs at both Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School over the last several years has increased interest in and the attention given to the demand-

ing sport in the area. And the Manchester Rowing Alliance (MRA) - which directs the rowing programs at the two local high schools - is presenting a special rowing program at Pinkerton's Stockbridge Theatre on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 25.

The MRA will present a special screening of the Public Broadcasting System documentary and American Experience film "The Boys of '36" that night, and the film will be followed by a question and answer period with a panel made up of former Olympic rowers Peter Bos (from the 1960 games), Gary Piantedosi (1976), and Nancy Vespoli (1980).

"The Boys of '36," which was inspired by the best-selling book "The Boys in the Boat," follows the story of nine working-class young men from the University of Washington who took the rowing world and America by storm when they captured the gold medal at the 1936

Olympic Games in Berlin. Those games became best known for the heroics of American runner Jesse Owens under the ever-watchful and angry gazes of Adolf Hitler and his Nazis before they went on to start World War II.

This is a free event, and the doors will open at 6 p.m. with the film beginning at 7 p.m. Interested folks can register for free tickets at 437-5210 or <http://www.stockbridgetheatre.com/events/>.

The Manchester Rowing Alliance is a non-profit organization based in Manchester that is committed to providing rowing opportunities to the youth and adults of Southern New Hampshire.

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but schools will be closed for the General Election.

Hart took the microphone to say that the central idea of the plan is a "one way in, one way out" concept.

Motorists will be told to take Day Boulevard to the gym, from which they will be directed where to park by members of ALERT (A Londonderry Emergency Response Team). The area in front of the gym will be reserved for handicap-accessible spaces, he said. After voting, ALERT members will direct voters out.

There will also be a shuttle service from Town Hall to the school's employee parking lot, he said, noting, "We expect to use two shuttles, given Londonderry's 25 to 30 percent voting rate."

For the primary, residents using the shuttle will be dropped off in front of the gym, he said. For the general election they will be dropped off at the far end of the parking lot, for a short walk to the gym.

Hart said his department has invested in "huge, LEGO-like structures" and will use them instead of traffic cones to block off and guide traffic.

There will be four

police officers, at Pillsbury Road, Matthew Thornton Elementary School, Day Boulevard and at the north entrance to the high school, he said.

"We will use both ALERT personnel and police," Hart said.

In addition, Hart said, town employees and volunteers will be asked to park at Town Hall and take the shuttle or park in the back parking lot at Matthew Thornton.

Use of the shuttle will be encouraged, Hart said, noting, "It is better to wait five minutes and take the shuttle than to wait 30 minutes to get a parking space."

There will be an extensive public information campaign, including Web site announcements and publishing the traffic map in local media, Hart said.

Hart listed other suggestions to expedite the process, including:

- Registering to vote early, at the Town Office or in Supervisor of the Checklist sessions;
- Voting during non-peak times; and
- "If you're not voting, don't use Mammoth Road."

Council Chair John Farrell observed that Mammoth Road is a state road and the town has no authority to close it.

"There will be delays,"

Hart said. "I strongly suggest an alternate route."

Resident Mary Wing Soares asked if people would be allowed to park at Matthew Thornton and Hart said the front lot will be open for voters. "But you will have to walk," he said.

Resident Jay Hooley asked, "With the level of your constituency, have you given any thought to going to two voting places?"

Farrell said the matter is under study at the New Hampshire Secretary of State's office. But he said, "We will incur the expense of new voting machines."

Hooley encouraged the Council to take a fresh look at a second polling place before the 2020 election.

Hart said the traffic plan will be on the town Web site at www.londonderrynh.org and paper copies will be available at

the primary to help residents prepare for the General Election.

"We will take some of the ideas we want to use in the General Election and test them in the primary," he said.

Hart reemphasized the public education piece, saying, "Our success or failure depends on getting the information out between now and the General Election."

"There will still be delays," Hart warned. "It is physically impossible to get this number of voters into the parking lot, to park, spend 20 to 30 minutes inside, and to get out easily."

"There is no silver bullet," Smith agreed, and even with the new plan, it's not unreasonable to expect some delays. He compared the situation to trying to get out of a Friday night football game or an event at the Verizon Wireless Arena.

Old Home Day

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son House Museum, a Grange flower sale and Eagle Scout bake sale, a Lions food tent and beer tent, the Applestock concert with local bands and the Londonderry Sings! Idol-type contest. Children's games will be offered on the Town Common all day by the YMCA of Greater Londonderry. In addition, the Lundgren 5-K Road Race will be held.

Saturday is also the date of the parade, which steps off at 10:30 a.m. Old Home Day Committee chair Kathy Wagner said at least five bands are signed up, including the award-winning Londonderry Lancers; horses and antique cars; floats; and "90 percent of the kids in Londonderry" marching with their troops, teams, clubs or churches.

The Morrison House Museum will be the site of several events sponsored by the Londonderry Historical Society on Saturday, including a Revolutionary War encampment by Capt. Welsh's Company. There will be cannon salutes, children's military drills, cooking demonstrations, fur trading and musket-ball molding. In addition, there will be building tours, demonstrations of blacksmith-

ing, spinning and weaving, cornhusk doll making, children's Colonial games, music, a May Pole, farmers' market and artisan craft fair. The Historical Society will offer a barbecue with chicken, ribs and pork.

The events of Sunday, Aug. 21 include a community worship service and family picnic on the Town Common. Reservations are requested for the picnic. Events are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year is the 117th Old Home Day for the town, and Wagner's 16th as chair. The theme this year is "Apple-y Ever After," chosen by Lindsay Ball's fourth-grade class at Matthew Thornton Ele-

mentary School.

And it is coming together well, Wagner said. Her committee ranges from 10 to 20 people, "depending on who shows up." But each has a role, and after so many years, it almost runs itself.

"Everyone is comfortable - they've been in their positions for a while," Wagner said of her 15 core people.

Over the years, Londonderry has learned what works, and most of the events are traditions. But Wagner pointed to a couple of new things this year. Taking a leaf from nearby Chester, the Londonderry Grange will be selling "scarecrow kits" on Saturday and encouraging residents to put them together (see story in Old Home Day Guide).

The individualized scarecrows will be brought out and displayed on the Common in October, she said.

The North School PTA (Parent Teacher Association) has launched a Touch-A-Truck event and will hold it at Moose Hill School, Wagner said.

Though she's been refining this for years and working on it for months, it all comes together for Wagner, and the community, when the banner goes up at the Common. "Then everything changes - it's on people's minds," she said.

For detailed information, turn to the Old Home Day guide in today's edition of the Londonderry Times, or visit oldhomedays.com.



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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.

Coffee Shop Chat

Rabbi Peter Levy of Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Reverend Ray Bonin of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, both in Derry, will host an open discussion Thursday, Aug. 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Coffeeberries in the Apple Tree Mall, 4 Orchard View Drive, Londonderry. Additional discussions are planned for Sept. 8 and 22 at the same time and place. There is no agenda or proselytizing, only an opportunity to gain an understanding of a variety of viewpoints by talking and listening to each other. For information, call 432-0004 or email rabbi@etzhayim.org.

Car Wash

The Londonderry High School lacrosse program hosts a car wash Sunday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BP in Londonderry to raise money for former teammate, Noelle Lambert. All money raised will be donated to help Noelle get a prosthetic to start on her road to recovery and help

her work back to her wish of playing lacrosse again. She was injured in a moped accident and lost part of her leg this summer.

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to correct the checklist and register new voters. Voters should bring proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate or passport, a photo ID, and proof of residency. Affidavits are available for missing documents. This is the last day to register to vote before the State Primary on Sept. 13. No party affiliation changes will be accepted before the Primary. Registrations will be accepted on Election Day with proper documents, but lines could be long.

Feminist Rabbi

Feminist Rabbi Elyse Goldstein will be a guest Torah teacher at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road in Derry on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 10:45 a.m., following the Shabbat service. The

founder of a new synagogue, City Shul, in Toronto, in 2011, she is the author of "ReVisions: Seeing Torah through a Feminist Lens" (1998), and was editor for "New Jewish Feminism: Probing the Past, Forging the Future" (2004), "The Women's Haftarah Commentary" (2003), and "The Women's Torah Commentary" (2000). For more information, visit www.etzhayim.org or call 432-0004.

Chamber Nominations

The Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce seeks nominations for its annual Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year awards. The Citizen award recognizes a resident who has contributed to the betterment of the community through volunteer service and civic leadership; the Business award recognizes a business or organization demonstrating outstanding leadership and contributions to growth of the business community and dedication to community service. Nominations close Tuesday, Sept. 6 at gldcham-ber.org/awards. Nominees or nominators need not be Chamber members. The awards will be presented Oct. 6.

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Lancer Band

The Londonderry High School Band and Colorguard holds its annual Band Camp now through Thursday, Aug. 18. This year's Marching Lancers consists of 265 performers. The theme for this year's halftime show is "The Music of Billy Joel" and will include "Piano Man," "Movin' Out," "Angry Young Man," "We Didn't Start the Fire," "Scenes From An Italian Restaurant" and "Only the Good Die Young." The Lancers will present a public preview of this year's show Thursday, Aug. 18 at 3:30 p.m. on the inside field of the LHS track. For the Lancer Band calendar, visit lancermusic.org.

Touch A Truck

The North Elementary School PTA (Parent Teacher Association) holds a Touch A Truck fundraising event where those attending will have the opportunity to see, touch, interact with, and learn about lots of vehicles on Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon to 2 p.m. during Londonderry's Old Home Day celebration. The community-wide family event takes place at the Moose Hill School parking lot.

Senior Center Construction

The Senior Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 through Friday, Sept. 9. Seniors will relocate to the Lions Hall starting Sept. 12 for the duration of the construction project at the Senior Center, and will use the Lions Hall Mondays through Thursdays in September and October. The facility will also be closed Sept. 29 and Oct. 10 and 11.

Ice Cream Social

Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc., holds its annual Ice Cream Social at the Londonderry Senior Center on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tickets for all-you-can-eat sundaes, with a variety of ice creams and toppings, are \$5 and can be purchased at the Londonderry Senior Center or at the door. Walk-ins are welcome.

Girls Lax Boosters

The Londonderry Quick

Sticks Girls Lacrosse Booster Club will be holding its annual Board of Directors election at its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at Londonderry High School. All members all welcome.

Legion Bingo

American Legion Post 27 members play Bingo with patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 22. They will serve pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. Anyone interested in helping out can sign up at the Post, 6 Sargent Road.

Grange Activities

Londonderry Grange No. 44 celebrates the 117th Old Home Day by selling "Mums for Meals" and conducting a food drive for the New Hampshire Food Bank. Local crafters will be inside the hall, selling handmade items. Scarecrow Kits will be sold as a community project. Buyers can dress the form, and in October, display them at the Town Common and Town Forest. The Grange will also host a Fire Safety Activity, and Boy Scout Troop 521 will have a "Fried-A-Palooza" to earn money for a trip to Wyoming next summer. Bottled water will be available for sale. Activities run from 9 a.m. to late afternoon Saturday, Aug. 20.

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, Londonderry. Call 432-2886. Deadline is Sept. 30.

Balloon Rides

RE/MAX 1st Choice presents hot air balloon rides during Old Home Day Kids Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 behind Matthew Thornton Elemen-

tary School, weather permitting. Cost is \$10 per person, or \$30 for a family of four. For questions, call RE/MAX 1st Choice at 425-2400. All proceeds will be donated to local non-profits.

Sonshine Fundraiser

Sonshine Soup Kitchen presents a "Build to Feed" Golf Benefit and Auction Aug. 19 at Windham Country Club in Windham. Sonshine is working to fund a new facility, with golf tournament proceeds helping in the effort. Entry fee is \$150 per player. Registration is at 7 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8 a.m., lunch banquet at 1 p.m., and live auction at 2 p.m. Registration deadline is Aug. 8. For more information, contact Richard Dwyer at 549-3765 or rdwyer2@myfairpoint.net. Checks may be mailed to Sonshine Soup Kitchen, 4 Crystal Ave., Unit 4, Derry, NH 03038.

Library Closure

The Leach Library will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 20, for Old Home Day.

Antique Appraisal

Herc Pappachristos is back by popular demand at the Robert Frost Farm with "Antiques and Collectibles Appraisals" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Frost Farm barn, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. Bring items to be assessed by an expert. Pappachristos is an appraiser and auction manager with Grogan & Co. of Dedham, Mass., and has been active in the antique world for over 30 years. He is a long-time member of the Frost Farm board of trustees and currently is its co-chairman. A \$5 fee is charged for each appraised item.

Free Meals

The Community Meals Program offers free meals for all area residents, as follows: Saturday, Aug. 20, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry; Sunday, Aug. 21, dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue; Friday, Aug. 26, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry; and Sunday, Aug. 28, lunch, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Sonshine Soup Kitchen, Crystal Avenue in Derry, serves dinner at 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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Grange Hosts 'Mums for Meals' Plant Sale, Food Drive Saturday

Members of the Londonderry Grange #44 will host their second "Mums for Meals" plant sale and non-perishable food drive on Old Home Day, Saturday, Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in what they are hoping will become an annual community service effort.

Locally grown mum plants furnished by Orchard Hill Greenhouse will be offered for sale, with 100 percent of the profits going to the New

Hampshire Food Bank. Grangers will collect non-perishable food items during the sale.

Last year, the generosity of Old Home Day visitors resulted in providing over 500 meals through mum purchases and food donations. The Grange is hoping to double last year's results and strive for 1,000 meals for those in the local area served by the New Hampshire Food Bank.

Boy Scout Troop 521 will be assisting in carry-

ing mums to cars and collecting donated food.

Old Home Day guests are encouraged to stop by the Grange, drop off a food item, and leave with some mums for fall planting. Other activities are planned as well (see the Old Home Day guide in today's edition for details). Everyone is invited to tour the historic Grange Hall and learn more about the Grange organization at the same time.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Aug. 8

8:56 a.m. Gregory Kloo, 46, 38 Melissa Circle, Jaffrey arrested after motor vehicle accident at Nashua and Young roads for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor, Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Possession of Drugs (in a motor vehicle).

Tuesday, Aug. 9

1:19 p.m. William J. Gervais, 36, 21 Shore Drive, Pelham arrested on warrant for Theft/shoplifting,

Disobeying an Officer, Reckless Conduct; Place Another in Danger; Endangering the Welfare of a Child/Incompetent; Reckless Operation, Child Restraints Required and Yellow Line.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

5:18 p.m. Auto theft reported at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, Airport Road.

6:58 p.m. Hunter Oliveira, 21, 118 Mammoth Road, Londonderry arrested on Winding Pond Road at

The Point for two counts of Simple Assault.

Friday, Aug. 12

4:16 a.m. Thiago Barreto, 31, Indian Rock Road, Merrimack arrested on warrant for Domestic Violence Simple Assault, and Criminal Trespass.

6:01 p.m. John Provencal, 31, 35 Boulder Drive, Londonderry arrested for two counts of Domestic Violence Simple Assault.

11:34 p.m. Criminal Mischief reported on Wiley Hill Road.

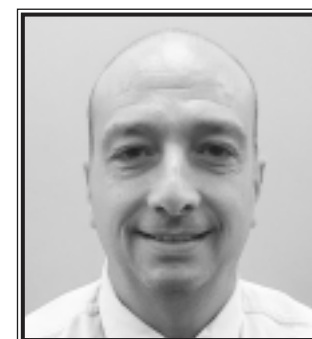
School District Hires Two Administrators at LHS

The Londonderry School Board announces the hiring of two new members of the Londonderry High School administrative team.

The District welcomes Stephen Secor as an Assistant Principal and Shawn Flynn as Curriculum Coordinator for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) affiliated content areas.

Secor is both an LHS alumnus and a resident of Londonderry, bringing to the position extensive experience both as a math teacher and building administrator. Most recently serving as principal of Pelham High School, he has established a reputation as a hands-on administrator who has been able to develop strong relationships with students and staff alike, the board said.

“We feel so fortunate to have Steve as a member of our building leadership team,” said LHS Principal Jason Parent. “He made a great impression on the hiring committee,



Shawn Flynn



Stephen Secor

and has shown great commitment to the Londonderry community.”

Flynn comes to Londonderry after many years as a math teacher and Curriculum Facilitator at Campbell High School in Litchfield. He exhibits an outgoing nature that will allow him to work with staff in the varied content areas under his purview, and to maintain a connection with students. He brings to the position experience working with student data to guide instructional practices, and in particular has worked extensively with the College Board Assessment Suite, a staple in the Londonderry

School District.

“Shawn has exhibited a strong background in both instructional practices and curriculum management,” said School Board Chairperson Nancy Hendricks. “We believe he has the ability to work collaboratively with the many departments under his supervision and to challenge staff to expand their instructional practices toward the goal of successfully preparing all of our students for college and career.”

Both administrators are in the process of transitioning into their new responsibilities, and will be ready to greet staff when they return Aug. 24.

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Phase III of Rail Trail Officially Opens with Ribbon Cutting



Members of Londonderry Trailways, the Londonderry Conservation Commission, Town staff, and donors attended the recent ribbon cutting at the Rail Trail, Phase III area to officially open the trail to the public as well as acknowledge the contributors who made the latest phase possible. The three major donors on hand were representatives from Kinder Morgan, Conservation Commission members and Jeff Young of Angus Group Insurance. At right, Pollyann Winslow and Bob Saur acknowledge the efforts of everyone involved.

Photo by Chris Paul



Fire Crews Hike into Musquash to Rescue Injured Dirt Bike Rider

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Just after 10:30 a.m. Saturday, the Londonderry Fire Department received a call about a dirt bike accident in the Musquash Conservation Area.

Battalion Chief Jim Roger said the 600-plus-acre Musquash Conservation Area is a difficult place for the department to reach when accidents occur. It has a lot of trails but most can't be traversed by fire and rescue

equipment, he said. The department instead goes to the nearest location that provides access for its equipment and then generally proceeds on foot.

In Saturday's accident they were directed to 18 Faucher Road.

When the Londonderry Ambulance, Rescue 1 and Forestry 2 carrying the Gator arrived at Faucher Road, they were met by the victim's wife, who said her husband was riding a mountain bike and was roughly a

quarter of a mile in on the White Trail.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien said the Dartmouth-Hitchcock medical helicopter was called to go on standby in the event it was needed for transport, but it was unavailable due to weather. O'Brien and Roger said the Londonderry equipment could not proceed to the White Trail location where the injured mountain bike rider was located, so the men carried the necessary medical equipment and stretcher into

the site on foot.

Roger said they reached the man in just under 20 minutes and prepared him for transport to the waiting emergency vehicles. His condition was determined to be non-life threatening. Londonderry firefighters and EMTs (emergency medical technicians) carried him on the stretcher to be transported by ambulance to Parkland Medical Center in Derry.

Roger said not even the Gator could gain access to the scene of the

accident. The Gator is a John Deere off-road six-wheel vehicle with two seats and a rescue set-up in back.

The department held a debriefing after the incident and discussed what is needed in the Musquash to make it easier for fire and rescue to reach accidents or to fight a fire. They have asked the Town to provide them with GPS (global positioning system) coordinates for the Musquash, and

Mitigation Plan update slated for the fall will include efforts to determine zones in the Musquash and to identify access points so deployment of equipment will be more effective.

"Without being able to use the Gator, rescues become very labor intensive," O'Brien said.

Roger noted that dirt bikes and OHRVs (off-highway recreational vehicles) are not supposed to be in the Musquash Conservation Area.

Around Town

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Road Paving

Continuing into the fall, the Town of Londonderry will begin paving the following roads: Boyd, Harvey near #22, Harvey from the Reserve Center to Pettengill, Industrial Drive from Pettengill to Commerce Way, and portions of Kendall Pond Road, King Arthur Drive, McAllister Drive, Merlin Place, Pettengill from Planeview Drive to Industri-

al Drive, Stokes, West from Wiley Hill Road to Quarry Drive, and White Plains Avenue. For questions, call the Department of Public Works at 432-1100, ext. 193.

Women's Club Scholarship

The Londonderry Women's Club is accepting applications for an adult female scholarship in the amount of \$500. The requirements are: must be a female at least 25 years of age and a current resident of Londonderry; and must be currently enrolled at an accredited post-secondary

institution and have completed a minimum of half of the time or credits toward the named graduate degree, certificate or licensing program. Applications will be

accepted through Sept. 30, and are available at the Leach Library and online at www.londonderrywomen-sclub.org.



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