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Top Runner

Aiden McKivergan had the best time at that the annual Obstacle Course Race held at the town's Summer Recreation Program at Mathew Thornton last week. See more photos on page 19.

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Appletree Mall Auction Ends with Bank Buy-Back

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Appletree Mall at 4 Orchard View Drive was put on the public auction block on Monday afternoon, July 24, and when the gavel dropped, the bank holding the mortgage

bought the property for \$6.2 million.

Mark Beaudoin, an associate with the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP, made the final bid. Beaudoin was representing Torchlight Loan Services, a special servicer of the bank, which holds the

note for the property and was listed as the seller at the auction.

There were just over a dozen potential buyers and spectators attending the auction on the rather wet and soggy afternoon, with very few ever making

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Conservation Commission Prepares for Upcoming Eversource Project

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Frequent visitors of the Musquash Conservation Area should take note of a construction project that will be taking place along its borders; it will not only serve to improve electrical services in the area, but also to assist the town's environment in more ways than one.

Eversource Energy, one of the foremost providers of electricity and natural gas in New Hampshire, is in the process of cutting through a relatively small portion of the Musquash near Hickory Hill Drive, all in an effort to make the process of traversing the

area easier for Eversource employees who need to attend to electrical wires. The project will involve cutting down a series of trees, allowing them to produce a staging area which will then have gravel put down so that Eversource vehicles can cross through with little to no trouble.

This plan had already been introduced to the Conservation Commission in the past, most recently during their May 23 meeting. Eversource has also been in the midst of several such improvements to the area, alerting the Town Council in their previous meetings of their plans to widen the right-of-ways containing trans-

mission towers in order to alter or add more towers to increase performance.

While cutting away at the Musquash may rub some residents the wrong way, the commission seems quite content with the project. For starters, the commission has maintained a fairly strong relationship with Eversource by working together in the past to assure that the impact of their projects on the environment is minimal. Eversource's project will also help pave the way for Town Forester Charlie Moreno to do a series of timber cuts to promote forest health.

One of the major fac-
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Zoning Board Continues Buffer Discussion For Nevins Association

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment had their hands full during their July 19 meeting, which was mostly dedicated to the continuation of a case with the Nevins Retirement Cooperative Association (NRCA) on June 21.

Conflict arose between residents living within a community owned by the NRCA and the Conservation Commission, as there is currently a buffer extending into 22 homes in the community that serves to protect local wetlands. It prohibits the use of chemical fertilizers and

pesticides on lawns within the buffer, only allowing wood ash and lime. Residents argued that the buffer should be encroached by half, since not being able to use proper fertilizers prevents them from keeping their lawns healthy.

Due to the fact that board members felt that they did not have enough information to accurately assess the situation, namely concerning the status of the buffer, the case was extended to July 19. During the latter meeting, residents of the community filled the town hall once again to voice their opinions and view the decision.

Representatives including Bob Shepard and Anthony Vialanti of the NRCA came before the board in defense of a variance for their situation. Vialanti noted that "[residents] were quite disturbed" over the buffer rules and the effect that it would have on their lawns, while Shepard

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Kids Coop Theatre rounded out its 20th Anniversary season with its Summer Teen Production of "Sister Act" over the weekend at The Derry Opera House. The musical comedy was directed by Rachael Longo, with music direction by Amanda Morgan and choreography by Bethany Cassidy. The 40-member cast featured members ages 13 to 19 from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, and Chester, as well as other bordering communities. Londonderry cast members included: Eric Bourque as Joey, Ellie Cook as Nun Ensemble, William Croteau, Gianna Fowler, Simone Labell, Maya Lincoln, Talita Myrtoglou-Olbrys, and Adriana Nadeau.

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Concert on the Common Brings Town Together for Music and Celebration



ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

If you happen to live near the Londonderry Common, you have most likely heard the sounds of music in the air every Wednesday night for the past couple of weeks. You can thank the Londonderry Arts Council for that, as the source happens to be the numerous bands playing for this year's Concert on the Common.

Started by resident Brian Farmer and Londonderry Arts Council Member Stephen Lee back in 2002, the events were created as "something people could participate in as a community," according to Lee. He admits, however, that the idea mostly came from Farmer.

Since its inception in the early 2000's, not only has the annual series of concerts grown in popularity, with recent averages being put at around 225 attendees per concert and there being over 400

at one point, but Lee also noted that the quality of the concerts has grown by quite a bit. In recent years, the concerts have seen the likes of Livingston Taylor, Michael Johnson, and Greg Holden, although most performers come from in and around Londonderry.

Lee stated that the quality of the performers can be attributed to the concerts added budget, as they have received major support from fundraising and sponsors, including Stonyfield Farm and Philips Color Kinetics, the latter of which is Lee's place of work and has also donated over \$50,000 in LED lights for the common's bandstand to help brighten up performances. Lee noted that Larry Casey, a member of the Arts Council, has been "instrumental in improving our fundraising efforts for the past several years, as he is a marketing professional."

But, the internet has

also played a major role in the growing success of the concerts, not only to get a better idea of the skills of performers that they hire, but also to advertise via Facebook, where the Concert on the Common's page has received over 1,000 followers.

Lee noted that he and his team have been "learning as [they] go" while refining their system of putting each year's festivities together. Having the internet around means that "[they're] able to have more of a conversation" with the public on how to make the events better.

Above all else, the concerts are about bringing people together. Lee takes pride in the concerts attracting hundreds of people, whether they're sampling great food from the travelling Hickory Stix BBQ food truck or entertaining children with free face painting and bubble machines. Younger generations are being exposed to older styles of music through the concerts as well, with genres such as R&B and big band.

Lee recalled a young lady named Mia, who had set up a popcorn stand for three years straight as a part of the Kernels For College program so that

she could raise money for college. Lee was recently contacted by Mia via email and learned that she had been accepted to a college—her efforts at the concerts helped to pay for a couple of years' worth of room and board.

The community helps to create a fun, energetic atmosphere that contributes to Lee's desire to "want the bands to have

as much fun as we do." He and his wife, Julie, even provide lunch for the participating bands each week.

Several performers are still preparing to take the stage this summer. Concerts take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information on the concerts, please visit www.concertsonthecommon.org.

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Editorial

Get Surfing

We'd like to point out a website that probably doesn't get as much use as it should: www.gencourt.state.nh.us/.

By visiting this site and checking out the State Legislature dashboard, you can find the bills a legislator is sponsoring or co-sponsoring. Simply go to "Advanced Bill Search" and enter the names of your legislators under "Sponsor."

This will provide you with a world of interesting information. With multiple legislators for each of our towns, we can learn how each one of them is representing their constituents, where their interests lie, and on what statewide issues they are directing their focuses. Are they interested in social issues, in changing how town governments take care of business, or in directing the state to take a stance on national issues? Is your legislator really representing you? This site offers a way to find out. If you find a bill that intrigues you, upsets you, or delights you, you can attend a hearing on it and speak your mind. That puts an added meaning to the term, "citizen legislature."

And, as always, you can call or otherwise contact your legislators and let them know how you feel

about their agendas. You can use that information and their comments when the time comes for reelection.

If you have a particular interest in seeing New Hampshire's government move in a specific direction on an issue and you don't find a bill on that topic, that's something to discuss with your legislators as well. Of course, all of this requires some personal involvement and action. That's what a democracy is all about, so take some time to get to know your town's charter as well as state RSA's to make sure our local government is telling us the truth. Make an effort to be involved and to have your say in your state government. These days, many of us fill some of our spare time by "relaxing" at the computer and surfing various websites. We encourage you to make the General Court website one of your favorites and to check it regularly. At this newspaper, we try to bring to your attention to bills of interest in the state, but we aren't going to be able to hit all of them. That information, however, is at your finger tips through your keyboard or touch screen. The more we know about what our legislators and local government officials are doing, the better.

Letters

Dear Town of Londonderry,

To the Editor:

This is a bittersweet farewell and a sincere thank you to the EMS staff of the Londonderry Fire Department: Kevin, Beau, and Jeff. In 1989, my wife, two young sons of four and two years old and I moved to Londonderry from Waterbury, Connecticut.

We lived on Ridgemont Drive for the first 13 years, and one of our first interactions with the town during the second month in our home was with Captain Joe of the police department commandeering our home's basement because of an incident in the house behind us, which turned out to be a deaf young adult who didn't realize the panic he caused when calling the police. All in all, no one was hurt, and the department sent us a nice note to thank us for the collaboration!

In the many years since, I have experienced the birth of our daughter, co-ed softball, LAFA teams with the kids, family trouble with the police (yup, it happens), the meeting of many new friends, terrific small business owners, Mack's Apples ice cream stand/apple cider donuts, and so much kindness from all walks of life.

We have since sold our home and moved from town. One of my last interactions with the town happened on the morning of our last day in our Londonderry home on Sunday, June 25. I woke up at 11:10 a.m. to see the faces of three of Londonderry's finest employees telling me their names; EMS members Kevin, Beau, and Jeff then asked me if I could repeat their names.

You see, I have had Type 1 diabetes for 44 years. I had a hypoglycemic convulsion (low blood sugar) and my family called 911. I have only

had such a severe reaction three times in those 44 years, and I've been blessed to work in the field of diabetes and have worked hard to stay healthy with it. But, though I know exactly why the convulsion happened, I miscalculated and paid the price of needing assistance. For those living with Type 1 diabetes, you know what I'm talking about.

This note is to say thank you to those three professional men. They treated me not as a sickly patient, but as a human being who happened to need their help and got me back on my feet in 30 minutes so I could finish packing the house!

It is also to thank the community of Londonderry. We feel blessed to have raised our family here and to know many of you. Godspeed.

On behalf of the
Dunigan Family,
Jay Dunigan
Londonderry

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Buffer

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asked, "How would a homeowner be able to find that?" in reference to discovering the existence of the buffer. Shepard felt that the residents should not have to suffer for this and are just looking to keep their lawns healthy.

Said residents also came before the board to defend their case, bringing to light a letter written by the NRCA's Board of Directors, which noted that an issue like this cannot be allowed to fester and needs to be resolved soon. It was mentioned that a well-tended lawn would actually be beneficial to the purpose of the buffer, as healthier lawns absorb more nitrogen for

the land. Resident Peter Woodberry showed the board a map that laid out the specific geography of the buffer.

Members of the Conservation Commission were also in attendance to defend the buffer. Commission Chair Marge Badois felt that there was "some confusion over what happened," noting that the buffer was more of an easement than anything else. She said that they had originally spoken with the community's landscaper, who had no problem agreeing with the rules. Member Mike Speltz also noted that the commission's efforts to enforce the easement were just the rules that were established in the ordinance, and they were simply following them.

When it came time for the board to deliberate on the matter, opinions were mixed on the situation, with some members, including Suzanne Brunelle, feeling that residents of the community should have known about the buffer before they purchased their property.

Regardless, the variance was granted, with votes of approval from all but two members of the board, including Chairman Neil Dunn. NRCA residents will now be allowed to fertilize their lawns up to 25 feet away from their homes at the closest point of their home's foundation. The ordinance will still not allow construction on any area affected by the buffer.

Zoning Board Considers Alterations to Offloading Station Handling Flammable Materials

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a near three-hour discussion with the Nevins Retirement Cooperative Association and residents associated with it, the Zoning Board's agenda was not quite complete during its July 19 meeting at town hall.

After a quick break following the Nevins discussion, the board discussed the other case for the night, which concerned Cytec RE Inc. Cytec was

looking for two variances: one for Land Zoning Ordinance (LZO) 2.5.1.3.A.1.d that would allow the construction of a retaining wall greater than three feet in height that encroaches 20 feet into a 30 feet right-of-way setback for structures from the property line, and one for LZO 2.5.1.3.H.1 that would allow construction of a paved driveway within 20 feet of the "green area" perimeter adjacent to a right-of-way. These two variances would apply to

Cytec's facility on Four Navigator Road.

According to Milton Mitchell, representative for both Cytec and applicant Ed Zielinski, the variances are being sought due to a suggestion from their insurance company. The company informed them of a potential risk from the current location where they offload methanol alcohol into an underground tanker. Cytec is hoping to move their filling station 35 feet from the main building

and putting up a retaining wall in order to mitigate said risk, which would also require the relocation of the road leading to the station. Mitchell noted that the insurance company's intentions "are to protect our business."

Mitchell noted that Cytec had already obtained a variance in the past for a retaining wall but requires a new one for moving the wall closer to the building. This left Board Chairman Neil Dunn curious as to

whether or not this new wall variance would have any effect on the previous variance. Dunn also expressed some confusion over the specifics of the proposed alterations from the variance, to which the Cytec representatives needed to produce blueprints of the area to further elaborate on what changes would be made.

But, even with the retaining wall, the station is located roughly five feet from the street, prompting member Jim

Tirabassi to ask just how large an explosion might be if there was some sort of accident at the offloading station, which the representatives admitted they were unaware of. However, they did note that the retaining wall would instead push the force of the explosion up into the air.

The board saw no problem with the variances, leading to unanimous approval for both.

Londonderry High Alumnus Caroline Aaron Excels at Boston University

NOELLE TARDIFF
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As members of Londonderry High School's class of 2017 are likely off working summer jobs and gaining field experience through internships, it is important to note that their accomplishments as alumni do not go unnoticed by the Londonderry community. Alumnus Caroline Aaron, a member of LHS's class of 2014 and a previous intern at Nutfield Publishing, is proof of this.

As a high school student, Aaron was president of the Writing Club as well as the recipient of the English department's yearly award for four years. Her linguistic skills were not limited to English, though, as she was part of the French and Latin Honor Societies and received an award for her

Latin studies in 2014.

Aaron's passion for film led her to independently found LHS's Film Club and become its president during her junior and senior years.

When asked about Aaron's time at LHS, Brian Courtemanche, a social studies teacher at the school, said, "Caroline is one of the hardest working students I have had in years. She is a supremely talented writer and one of the most open-minded and creative people I know. I have had the pleasure of keeping in touch with Caro over the past three years since graduation and have no doubt that she is going to be the type of person to change the world."

After graduating from LHS, Aaron went on to study at Boston University, her mother's alma mater, with a Presidential



Caroline Aaron

Scholarship, amounting to \$20,000 per academic year. She is currently working towards a master's degree in English along with minors in film studies and gender studies. Post-graduation, she would she would love to either work at a publishing house or go further into academia, perhaps to become a professor of English.

At BU, Aaron has made the Dean's List every semester and has never received less than a 4.0 grade point average in any class. She is a staff contributor to the Daily Free Press, an independent student newspaper at the school, to which she submits movie reviews. Additionally, as president of BU's Film Society, Aaron is an avid event and Film Society promoter, organizing different viewing events for students.

Not only is she a passionate and motivated student, but a dedicated daughter and Londonderry community member as well. In May of this year, Aaron passed up the opportunity to attend an awards ceremony, at which she would have been presented with the \$2,500 Alice M. Brennan Award for the Humanities

by the Boston Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Society. Her mother, Mona Aaron, was undergoing major spinal surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital at the time, so she chose to be with her instead. Aaron told her mother, "You're way more important than an award, Mom. I will be there for you and they can mail me the award."

Mrs. Aaron said of her daughter, "She has been caring for me, completing household tasks like cooking and doing laundry as a full time job ever since I came home from the hospital. She is an amazing and incredibly

humble kid."

Aaron gives back to the Londonderry community by working for the Londonderry School District during the summer. She is also a proud supporter of women's rights activism, the LGBTQ community, and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Aaron's parents are grateful to share this bit of their daughter's life with the Londonderry community. They have always thought of her as such a different, outstanding kid who has never sought the spotlight, though she is clearly very deserving of it.

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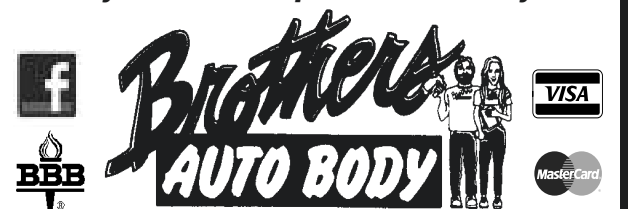
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Londonderry Elementary Schools Come Together for Summer Enrichment

ALYSSA GUINN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Once school lets out for summer vacation, most children's minds are far from the classroom. However, The Londonderry School District offered multiple courses in its Summer Enrichment 2017 Program this year, all aimed towards keeping the momentum going all summer long. The programs ranged in topic from creative writing to chemistry and started in late June.

"Break the Code," a course that challenged students to "explore and unlock the secrets of computer programming," according to the description on the Londonderry School District's website, is the most recent program students participated in. Held at South School, "Break the Code," which ran for five days from July 11 to 19, brought students from all three of Londonderry's elementary schools for two hours a day to learn the fundamentals of computer coding through coding games and other technology.

Penny Webster, a technology assistant at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, and Martha Miller, a math enrichment teacher at Matthew Thornton that used to work at South School, came together to run the program because they both feel strongly that teaching young learn-

ers about computer programming and computer science is important.

"There's such a need for it," said Webster. "There are so many programming jobs and there are so few people learning programming."

Code.org, one of the programming sites they used during "Break the Code," says there are currently 519,698 computing jobs nationwide, while last year, only 42,969 computer science students went into the workforce. The site also says that a computer science major can earn up to 40 percent more than the average college graduate. Not only are there jobs out there for this type of knowledge, but, according to Miller, programming and coding teaches students a variety of skills.

"It's so important for all of the children to do," said Miller. "It's algorithms, it's sequencing, it's logic, but it's also perseverance, where they just don't give up."

For the first few days, the students, ranging from grades two through five, were tentative with the technology, mostly because many of them didn't have a lot of experience with programming and coding. While Matthew Thornton Middle School does offer some introductory instruction on coding through participating in the "Hour of Code," a designated hour during Computer Science Educa-



Molly Voinovich, Brooke Bless and Madison Waterhouse try to figure out the correct path in OSMO.
Photos by Chris Paul

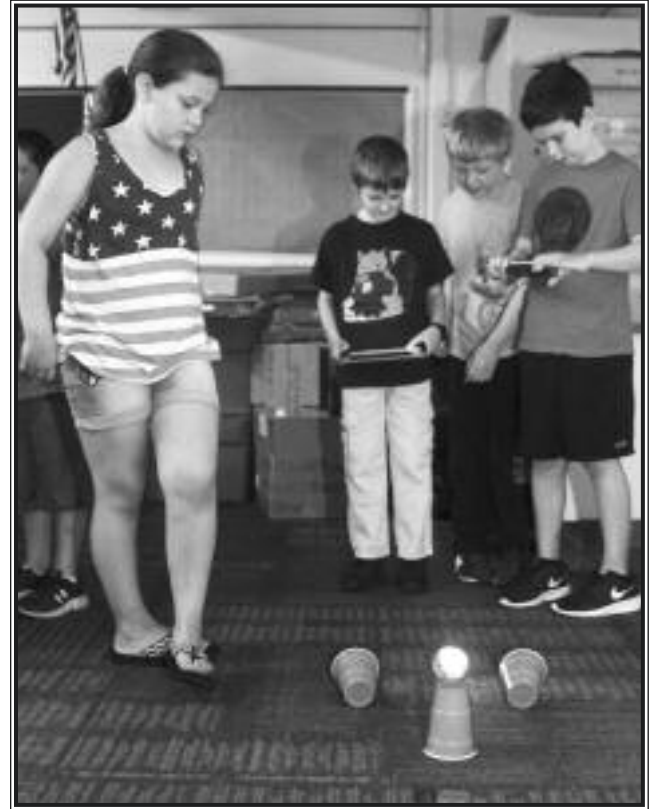
tion Week in December where classrooms and schools all over the country commit to learning a little bit about computer science, there was a range of knowledge represented in the classroom that allowed students to learn from and with each other.

By the fifth and final day, students were comfortable and self-directed, breaking off into self-appointed groups to work with the different programs and technology. Some of the technology used, other than programs online like Tynker, Lightbot, and Code.org, were more hands on and physical, such as Osmo and Sphero.

Osmo is a "unique gaming accessory" for the

iPad, as stated on Apple's website, that comes with games and learning opportunities that coincide with play for an effective teaching method. The accessory package comes with a mirror that is placed over the camera on the iPad – this camera reflects the table in front of the iPad where blocks are placed with commands on them. The students must put the commands in the right order to make the game on the screen work.

Sphero is a small, spherical robot that incorporates robotics into programming – the children can use their phone, computer, or iPad to control the movements of the sphere and change



Children enrolled in the Enrichment course "Break the Code" held at South School, operate Sphero, a small, spherical robot that incorporates robotics into programming.

its color. The students were excited to manipulate the sphere and explain how all the different technologies and programs they were using worked.

Aryana Chilles, a student and cheerleader going into the fifth grade, said her mother had found a link to this program and thought she would enjoy it. The beginning of Chilles' summer is relatively quiet, considering cheerleading doesn't start until August, and since she enjoys computers and technology, she was eager to spend some time working with these programs and wishes that "Break the Code" had been longer than five days.

"It turns games into learning, it's fun to do, and it makes people want to do it," she said. "The

coolest thing is that you can also do this at home."

Although students can access these programs at home, Chilles hopes that this program will be returning next summer, as did many of the other students. Both Miller and Webster intend for this program to return.

"There's a real interest in this, I think," said Webster, citing an after-school coding club she led two years ago. It had 24 open slots, and within 24 hours of opening for registration, the club was full, indicating to her that this was not only a field of interest for both students and their parents, but a necessary one.

Miller agreed and exclaimed, "I would love to do it again. We've learned a lot, and I think we can make it even better next year."

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Hanna Elkhoury and his son Eddie pose before the Eddie Strong Rally heads out. Photos by Chris Paul



Hundreds of motorcycles head out from the parking lot at the Stumblin Inn on Saturday morning.



Hanna Elkhoury gives the crowd assembled praise for the contribution of their time.

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When Eddie Elkhoury was diagnosed with B-Cell Lymphoma in March of 2016, optimism was in short supply for his family. With one tumor in his brain and three found on his spine, Eddie and his family could only hope that the efforts of Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) would be enough to save him.

While doctors and staff at BCH worked tirelessly to help Eddie, his father, Hanna Elkhoury, refused to just stand around and wait. Inspired by Misty Grimard, an employee with the Stumble Inn Bar and Grill, Hanna, alongside family

and friends, set forth to start the #EddieStrong Bike Run for Boston Children's Hospital, a motorcycle rally focused on raising money for the BCH.

Entering its second year with the most recent run occurring on July 22, Eddie has been declared cancer-free, though that has not stopped the family from showing its appreciation for the efforts of BCH and doing what they can to help other children fighting the same battle that Eddie once fought. The three-hour ride extended across Routes 28 and 111, with three stops at various destinations along the way.

Heading out from in

front of the Stumble Inn, more than 150 motorcycles and their riders gathered in the parking lot, all with their own motivations to come by and support the cause. Riders included Colby Jerram and his friend Vincent Daw, with Jerram attending because "[his] mom used to have cancer." Carley Longtin, whose sister

is friends with relatives of the Elkhoury family, was in attendance, as well as Dan Noyes, who rode simply to "support a good cause."

Hanna, who had been in benefit rides in the past and has been riding motorcycles for over a decade, could not have been more satisfied with the outcome. Although he would have been happy

with whatever amount of money and support he could get, Hanna was ecstatic with the support he received, including numerous donations from local businesses such as Lowes and Home Depot.

Described as a "family and friends effort," the ride also included a free breakfast and a raffle for a 110cc retro-style scooter

with a side cargo cart.

Hanna described Eddie as the "most giving kid," stating that he was always open to sharing his toys when playing with other children. Eddie himself noted that he felt "awesome" about all the support this cause was receiving and that he was hoping to do more rallies in the future.

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Historical Society Prepares for Old Home Day and Age Determination Study

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Historical Society recently met inside the Parmenter Barn next to the Morrison House Museum for its monthly meeting on July 18 to review preparations for Old Home Day as well as to continue efforts in determining the age of an

older house in town. The house, which currently sits on 24 Griffin Road, has recently been slated for demolition, and the society is in the process of setting up a dendrochronology study, which will determine the age of the house by comparing the lumber in the structure to local trees. The study is being con-

ducted out of suspicions that the home may have been built in 1722, which would make it one of oldest buildings in Londonderry. The decision came after members scanned the house for historical memorabilia in March. It is currently believed that it was built in 1790.

After going before the Town Council and convincing them to cover the \$1,600 charge for the study on July 10, member Ann Chiampa has been spearheading the effort, which was inspired by agricultural history and preservation expert James Garvin. She and other members are currently in the process of making the home presentable for when William Flint of Historic Deerfield will arrive to perform the study.

However, multiple factors are causing concern amongst members, such as how much longer it will be before the home is officially slated for demolition, failed attempts to reach out to the current owners of the property the home sits on, and how much of an effect weather may have on the den-

drochronology study.

Transitioning to a more festive topic, member Kirsten Hildonen discussed the society's plans for Old Home Day. As expected, their contributions will be themed around Londonderry's past, focusing on historical reenactors, carpentry and cannon preparation displays, and various kids' games with prizes for winners. Crafts such as candle making and basket weav-

ing will also be included in the celebration.

Members are also encouraging local photographers to enter this year's photography contest, which will involves taking pictures of the numerous historical landmarks across town and submitting them to the society. The winning photograph(s) will also be featured on the society's website, Londonderryhistory.org, which is where

submission can be sent.

Finally, with potential new faces being introduced to the society, members are planning on using the day as an opportunity to sign up more members.

In other news, plans were being made to fix the electrical outlets in the barn and outside areas, with costs coming to about \$750. The repairs are expected to be completed by August.



Last year's activities at the Londonderry Historical Society grounds included demonstrations of colonial tools. Photo by Chris Paul

Scobie Pond Kayaking Event to be Hosted by Conservation Commission

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The summer is always a great time to get out and embrace nature, whether than means taking a hike through New Hampshire's numerous forests or simply taking a gander at the plethora of wildlife that comes out during this time of year. Of course, water sports come to the minds of many around this time, and for Londonderry residents, traveling out of town to participate in them won't be necessary this year.

Most people typically associate the Londonderry Conservation Commission with their efforts to preserve the town's natural beauty, including its numerous wetlands. But, those efforts are only part of its mission. It is not enough to simply protect our natural resources; we have to enjoy them as well.

This is exactly why the commission is planning for a kayaking, or "pad-

dling," event at Scobie Pond, set to take place on July 29 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The event is open to any and all residents, whether you are a veteran kayaker or have never stepped foot inside of one before. Although those with equipment are welcome to come, commission members will be on hand with some of their own, including kayaks and life jackets.

According to Marge Badois, chairman of the commission, the event is all about exposing locals to one of the many bodies of water available to them in Londonderry, as many are not even aware that they exist.

The event was held last year, and although only about five or six people attended and Scobie Pond is relatively small, the reaction was quite positive, with attendees excited to see waterfronts in town.

The event also serves as one of many that the commission tries to hold

every month to get people interested in the natural side of Londonderry, whether it be a guided hike through the forest or the annual Musquash Field Day.

Scobie Pond, which is right off of Brewster Road, was named after John Scobie, a linen weaver who owned the pond in 1733. Originally serving as a haven for wildlife, it became a popular destination for fishermen in Londonderry. It was eventually targeted by the Beaver Fish and Game Club of Derry in 1933 to replace the fish population with trout and salmon, as well as to reduce the pond's size by one third. Nonetheless, the fish population still remains quite varied today, with the likes of bass, pickerel, horned pout, black crappies, bluegill, and perch swimming around.

For more information on this event, contact the Conservation Commission at 432-1100 ext. 142.

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Local Family Opens its Farm to Public for Entertainment and Education

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Farming has always been in the blood of Londonderry's Schacht family. Ever since the family moved here 35 years ago from Billerica, Massachusetts, working off the land and tending to a wide assortment of animals has been practically all they've known.

But, that does not mean that they desire to keep their vast knowledge of farming to themselves. Based out of their home on Dan Hill Road, the Schacht family farm, titled the Carriage Shack Farm, has been opened to the public for the last several years, most recently holding their latest bi-weekly Family Summer Fun Fest on July 22.

Run by Duane and Brenda Schacht, along with their children Quinton and Cheyenne, the event allows families to get close and personal with the Schacht's numerous animals, including goats, sheep, alpacas, pigs, chickens, turtles, and so on, giv-

ing visitors the chance to pet and feed said animals.

These events started small, beginning with a small group of school children visiting the farm. From there, the family expanded the farm into what it is today.

Their uses for the animals extend far beyond simply using them for a petting zoo, though. Aside from the assortment of events that are held at the farm such as Easter-themed days and Fourth of July celebrations, the family also offers to bring the animals to customers, from private home parties to schools and corporate events.

Above all else, the Schacht family loves to educate people about the animals they house. The family offers field trips to schools, showcasing the lives of both the animals and those who take care of them, explaining the daily responsibilities of working and living on a small family farm. According to Duane, they "try to teach people



Quinton Schacht gives Adam Bold a pony ride while Duane Schacht cranks an ice cream machine during a Family Fun Day. Photos by Chris Paul

as much about the animals as [they] can."

The goats and sheep at Carriage Shack Farm also tend to be given extra duties, as the farm offers what they call the "Poison Ivy Patrol," where goats and sheep are rented out as an eco-friendly alterna-

tive to eliminating poison ivy. They are currently being utilized for this on Sugar Plum Lane.

Animals are not the only attraction at the farm. Visitors can partake in face painting and sand art and enjoy homemade and handcrafted treats. The



family's barn is also open for birthday parties, while the walls are adorned with a variety of historical memorabilia, including old fashioned bikes and wagons. Duane noted that the fami-

ly tries to do a little bit of everything.

For more information on the farm, its hours, and its events, visit www.carriageshackfarm.com

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Appletree

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an offer.

Auctioneer, Jim St. Jean of James R. St. Jean Auctioneers, started the bidding off at \$5 million and only reached the final price after about six bids.

The 191,105-square-foot retail shopping plaza's assessed value is \$15,607,500 and is commercially-zoned with its major tenant being Shaw's Supermarket. According to the description sheet available at the auction, the building's 2016 taxes were \$335,561.

The mall is currently 47 percent occupied by 14 tenants, according to St. Jean's summary, and was built in 1982. Three of the mall's larger spaces, including HomeGoods, T.J. Maxx, and Goodwill, have still yet to be filled.

The terms of the auction required that the winning bidder give a \$50,000 deposit by cash or certi-



An attempt to auction the Appletree Mall ended in the bank holding onto the property on Monday afternoon, July, 25. Photo by Chris Paul

fied check with an additional deposit to increase total deposit to 10 percent of bid price, which would be due within ten

business days.

The plaza, anchored by Shaw's Supermarket, was first scheduled to be auctioned off on January

27. That auction was postponed to Tuesday, February 28, and finally hit the auction block on Monday, July 24.

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Eversource

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tors that interest the commission is the new potential for creating more parking spaces around the Musquash. Commission members have long been working to increase parking spaces around the conservation area as a means of encouraging more people to visit the area. They have made suggestions in the past to increase parking around

the likes of Scobie Pond, Tanager Way, and Kendall Pond, but when residents in those areas were invited to voice their opinions on such projects with the commission on June 27, the commission was met with much opposition, with residents preferring that the commission members focus more on making these areas safer and more secure.

Therefore, with Eversource's project all but guaranteed at this point,

commission members are hoping to take advantage of this added space and finally give more residents the chance to embrace the beauty of the Musquash. Although there has been some dispute between members over whether their funds should be put towards buying more land or beautifying the land they currently own, most are in agreement that parking is one of their major priorities.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Londonderry Junior Legion Crew Returns, Has Up and Down Campaign

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For a number of years, there was no Londonderry Junior Ameri-

can Legion baseball squad. But a local entry was added at that level this summer with youthful former Londonderry

hardball players Jason Parker, Nick Flanders, and Ben Byerly leading the crew as its coaches.

The Londonderry Post 27 bunch had a peaks-and-valleys kind of campaign, starting out well enough with a 2-2 record in New Hampshire District A after four completed games. But, the locals were just 4-10 - having gone 2-8 in their next 10 contests - rolling into their season-ending contest at home at Londonderry High School against Alton this past Sunday, July 23.

After an 0-2 start, the Londonderry crew pulled out pleasing wins over Brookline (a 12-2 blow-out) and Weare (5-2) to even its record at 2-2.

The locals then dropped two consecutive decisions before managing a 1-0 nipping of Milford to move to 3-4 overall. But that would be it on the winning for the Londonderry squad until their 10-0 mauling of the Milford mob made them

4-9 some six games later.

The Post 27 crew saw its record slip six games below the .500 mark with a 5-1 home loss to the Merrimack contingent on the evening of Thursday, July 20 despite some strong pitching from standout starter Zach Luongo.

Luongo held the visiting Merrimack crew scoreless on two hits through the first three frames - leaving the bases jammed with opposing players in the first inning -

and then gave his team a 1-0 lead in the latter half of the third himself when he laced a double which plated teammate Chris Tutt from first base.

Luongo lasted six innings on the hill, allowing Merrimack two runs (both unearned in the fifth inning) and nine hits while striking out six would-be hitters. The visiting side later scored three times on four hits in the sixth in making it a 5-1 contest.

The hosts finished up

with a total of just five hits, with Sean Cavanaugh smacking three of them (all singles).

"The whole season the offense has been slim," lamented head coach Parker. "Zack (Luongo) has been our ace, and he's been so consistent. He came up against one of the top teams (Jutras) recently and shut them down."

Along with the aforementioned Cavanaugh, Luongo, and Tutt, the

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Londonderry shortstop Alex Cafaro rifles the ball across the diamond during his legion team's recent game with Merrimack. Photo by Chris Pantazis

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Londonderry 10-U Hardball Crew Falls Just Short of Regional Title

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Despite the fact that it fell one victory short of winning the regional Cal Ripken championship during the middle of last week, there's certainly no question that the members of the Londonderry 10-U all-star baseball squad have all kinds of reasons to be proud of themselves. Their coaches and parents have made sure the local boys know that in the wake of their strong, runner-up finish at the regionals.

The local hardball crew got all the way to the title game of the single-elimination, championship round of that big regional tournament Wednesday, July 19 in Marlborough, Mass. But, the locals fell just short of their goal of a New England title and a trip to the nationals in Indiana due to a shutout loss to the Connecticut champs from West Hartford on July 19 after winning a wild semifinal contest just hours earlier. The Londonderry squad had pounded the West Hartford bunch by an 11-2

score in an earlier meeting during the regional tourney.

The State champions from Londonderry had been the only squad to go undefeated in regional tourney pool play rolling into championship play last week, but they just fell short of that regional crown they so desired.

"The kids have had a remarkable run through the districts, states, and regionals against some extremely competitive teams from across New England," said coach A.J. Marsh. "I'm super proud of them. Throughout the regional tournament they listened to us as coaches, worked hard as individuals and teammates, and demonstrated how strong a team they are. I received numerous compliments from officials, umpires, and coaches on how they played, competed, and conducted themselves. They definitely proved they can play with anyone and are not to be taken lightly."

The local crew went a perfect 3-0 in pool play over the weekend of July 15, with the third of those

wins being the 11-2 blasting of the Connecticut opponent with whom it would have another meeting.

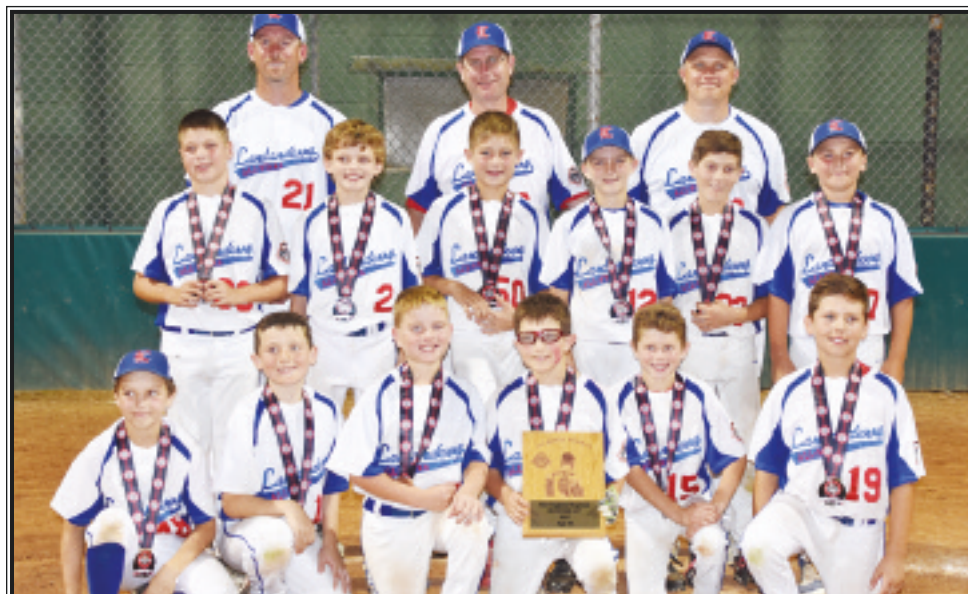
Londonderry then handed Vermont a 12-2, mercy-rule defeat on Monday July 17 before further play had to be postponed due to rain on Tuesday July 18.

Ryan Williams, Jonathan Wilson, Brady Gillis, Devin Boles, Jayden Hamilton, Boden Belanger, Zach Mantegari, Cole Metivier, Casey Marsh, and Frankie Jarek all tallied a hit for the winning side in the elimination of the Manchester, Vermont squad in the Monday game.

The Tuesday rain-out meant that the Granite State boys were looking at having to win two games on Wednesday the 19th to claim the regional crown.

Game one against the Freetown-Lakeville crew began at 5 p.m. that afternoon, with Londonderry squeaking out a barn-burner of a 10-9 victory.

The locals found themselves in an early hole after spotting the Bay State bunch a 5-0 lead in



The Londonderry 10-U all-star baseball team fell just one win away from the winning a regional crown in Massachusetts last week. Shown here with the runner-up trophy are, in back from left, assistant coach Dave Hamilton, head coach A.J. Marsh, and assistant coach Brian Belanger. In middle row from left, Jayden Hamilton, Boden Belanger, Ryan Perry, Ryan Williams, Jonathan Wilson, and Devin Boles. Kneeling from left, Cole Metivier, Brady Gillis, Casey Marsh, Frankie Jarek, Zach Mantegari, and Carter Browning. Courtesy photo

the first inning. But the determined Londonderry crew battled back hard and ended up winning the battle in walk-off fashion in the latter half of the sixth inning thanks to a clutch, two-out single by Hamilton which scored Mantegari from second base to bust a 9-9 tie.

Then came a euphoric but somewhat anxiety-provoking 90-minute wait to play the West Hartford crew in the title game. But the local boys wound up on the down side of a 5-0 decision in that huge contest as their regional championship hopes slipped away.

However, Londonderry parent Walter Gillis spoke for many in the

wake of that contest when he stated, "It seemed like every game a different player stepped up. Everyone contributed, whether on the field, with a bat, or on the mound. I've noticed that for the great teams, the star of the team is the team. I think that's the case for all of you."

The members of this all-star team have been playing together since age eight. In 8-U ball they were eliminated from the state championship tourney. A year later as a 9-U crew they won the 2016 state title and finished third at regionals. Then this summer as a 10-U squad they won another state crown and finished

second at the regionals.

Needless to say, the future looks bright for this local baseball bunch which has already won against top competition in some pretty high-pressure play.

Junior Legion

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squad's players included Alex Cafaro, Luke Marsh, Nick Cote, Tyler Kayo, Nolan Lincoln, Alex Peters, Jacob Slide, Anthony O'Donnell, Nick O'Connell, and Josef Guerrette.

The Londonderry squad won its final game over Alton by a lopsided 10-5 tally, thus ending up at 5-11 on the campaign.



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LHS Will Be Well Represented at Annual Shrine Football Contest

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School will be represented by five current and former athletes at the 64th Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl game at Castleton University in Vermont at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Former Londonderry High grid stalwart Chris Komst is the lone Lancer player who will be in uniform for the New Hampshire squad, but there will also be four LHS cheerleaders aiming to cheer the Granite State team on to another victory. They are Victoria Kelly, Kaylie

Longua, Hannah Martin, and Cassandra Stuart.

The Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game - which is the second oldest of its kind in the country - features recently-graduated high school senior grid stars from New Hampshire and Vermont facing off in a now-legendary

football contest which raises funds for the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

The selection committees for the Vermont and New Hampshire grid squads had to sift through more than 200 player nominations in building their states' rosters, with New Hampshire coach Rob Cathcart from Trinity High School and Vermont's Bob Lockerby from Bellow's Falls getting their talented and determined crews built for the game ahead.

Vermont collected a stunning 50-2 route of the Granite Staters last August in earning their first victory since 2000. New Hampshire presently owns an impressive 47-14-2 lead in the Shrine series, and the 2017 Granite State team will be intent on getting a new winning streak rolling.

Recently-graduated Lancer Komst will be wearing number 74 and playing on the offensive line for the Granite State contingent. He recently received the 2017 National Strength and Conditioning Association High School Strength and Conditioning All-American Award for football, and he'll be attending Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, in the fall.

"Playing in the 64th Annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game makes me feel like I am contributing, in a small way, toward the Shrine's ability to assist in the treatment and care of all children who need their support," said Komst. "It's an honor to represent New Hampshire in this bowl and to be a part of the Shrine tradition, and it's not a responsibility that I

take lightly. I hope to continue the fundraising momentum so that children's lives can continue to be improved by my efforts."

Lady Lancer cheerleaders Kelly, Longua, Martin, and Stuart will be cheering under the direction of coaches Jada Belt and Jenn Ferland.

Folks interested in contributing in the names of the local athletes can do so by visiting the athlete pages at firstgiving.com.

"Strong Legs Run That Weak Legs May Walk" is the motto of every Shrine grid game, and this year two men who played in the very first Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game at Holman Stadium in Nashua in 1954 will be in attendance in continuing their alumni efforts and highlighting the history of the annual contest.

12-U All-Star Hardball Crew Wins Bay State Tournament



The Londonderry 12-U all-star baseball squad which recently won the Tyngsboro (Mass.) Classic included, in back from left, coach John Fennell, Hunter Rheume, Aidan Washington, Hayden Austin, Nathan Seibert, Ben Martin, Adam Wholley, coach Dave Wholley, and coach Ryan Kearney. In front from left are Brandon Galan, Kevin Griffin, Kevin Adie, Nathan Kearney, Connor Fennel, and Michael Crowley. Courtesy photo

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry 12-U all-star baseball squad was truly some kind of powerhouse during the recent Tyngsboro Summer Classic Tournament. The members of that squad will assure you that even powerhouse teams sometimes have to squeak out dramatic, extra-inning victories to accomplish their objectives.

The locals blew out their first four opponents during that tournament but then had to dig deep

to claim one-run wins over Hudson in the semifinals and the host Tyngsboro troop - in extra innings no less - in the championship contest in taking the tourney title.

The Londonderry crew, which was coached by Ryan Kearney, Dave Wholley, and John Fennell, bested Hudson by a 4-3 margin in advancing to the title contest, and it followed up that strong bit of work by defeating the host team by a matching 4-3 margin in extra frames with all the proverbial marbles on the table.

In earlier-round play, the local contingent had tallied lopsided wins over the entries from Nashua (7-2 score), Groton, Mass. (13-5), Lowell, Mass. (17-3), and Salem (8-3).

The undefeated, title-winning Londonderry contingent included players Hunter Rheume, Aidan Washington, Hayden Austin, Nathan Seibert, Ben Martin, Adam Wholley, Brandon Galan, Kevin Griffin, Kevin Adie, Nathan Kearney, Connor Fennel, and Michael Crowley.

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Recently, local news stated that a case of measles was reported by a visitor to one of our local beaches in New Hampshire. Although cases of measles are rare, it is good to know what symptoms to look for and what to do if those symptoms appear.

Measles (also known as rubella) is a childhood infection caused by a virus. Once quite common, measles can now almost always be prevented with a vaccine. Signs and symptoms of measles include cough, runny nose, inflamed eyes, sore throat, fever and a red, blotchy skin rash. As a result of high vaccination rates, measles has not been widespread in the United States for more than a decade. Today, the United States averages about 60 cases of measles a year, and most of them originate outside the country.

Measles signs and symptoms appear 10 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Signs and symptoms of measles typically include fever, dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, inflamed eyes, tiny white spots or a skin rash made up of large flat blotches. The infection occurs in sequential stages over a period of two to three weeks.

The cause of measles is a virus that replicates in the nose and throat of an infected child or adult. When someone with measles coughs, sneezes or talks, infected droplets spray into the air, where other people can inhale them. The infected droplets may also land on a surface, where they remain active and contagious for several hours. You can contract the virus by putting your fingers in your mouth or nose or rubbing your eyes after touching the infected surface.

Risk factors for measles include: being unvaccinated - if you haven't received the vaccine for measles, you're much more likely to develop the disease; traveling internationally - if you travel to develop-

ing countries, where measles is more common, you're at higher risk of catching the disease or having a vitamin A deficiency - if you don't have enough vitamin A in your diet, you're more likely to contract measles and to have more-severe symptoms.

Call your doctor if you think you or your child may have been exposed to measles or if you or your child has a rash resembling measles. Review your family's immunization records with your doctor, especially before starting elementary school, before college and before international travel.

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Local Runners Help the GDTC Stay in the Grand Prix Title Hunt

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) have long taken pride in the fact that year after year their group is competitive in the New Hampshire Grand Prix Racing Series.

The local club, which includes runners from throughout the area, is right in the mix for the Grand Prix title again this year.

The Grand Prix is an annual road running racing series for the running clubs of New Hampshire. Clubs compete against each other in a group of road races spread throughout the racing season. In addition, runners who complete every race in the series in a given year are granted the coveted "Granite Runner" status.

A total of eight races were chosen for the 2017 series, with five of them completed.

The locals - who regularly battle it out with The Gate City Striders based in Nashua and The Upper Valley Running Club based in Lebanon for the Grand Prix crown - posted the top team scores in the Red's Shoe Barn 5-Meter Race for a Better Community in Dover in April and at the recent 50th Annual Bill Luti 5-Meter Race in Concord earlier this month.

In fact, the local club's racers haven't finished lower than second in any of the five races held thus far, but they're looking up at the Gate City crew where point totals are concerned heading into race six - the 5K Run From the Law in Canaan - which is slated for August 6.

Gate City has posted a total of 761 points to lead the Grand Prix series after the first handful of races, with the GDTC second with a strong tally of 544.

The Greater Derry

group had nearly 50 runners compete in the 2017 series-opening race - The Leprechaun Leap 5K - in mid-March in Nashua. But, the Gate City Striders were just too strong that day, taking nine of the top 13 finishing spots in notching an impressive team score of 203. The GDTC group tallied a score of 165, with team members Eddie Clements of Salem (14th), 12-year-old Luke Brennan from Derry (16th), J.D. Toscano from Salem (17th), and Nick Gregory from Derry (18th) all crossing the finish line among the top 20 runners.

But, on April 9 in the Red's Shoe Barn race the Greater Derry team,

which consisted of 27 competitors, came out on top among the Grand Prix teams with a score of 152. Gate City finished second with a 142.

Rick Bernard from Hampstead was the local group's top finisher (17th overall) with Londonderry's Mike Dufour finishing behind him in 22nd place and youngster Brennan ending up 24th overall.

Next up in the series was the Chief Maloney 10K Unity Run in Greenland on April 30, and the team scoring wound up being incredibly tight at that event.

Gate City took first, with a team score of 132, just three points ahead of

the second place GDTC and Upper Valley contingents (129 each).

The Greater Derry crew consisted of 26 runners in that race, with Derry's Charlie Bemis finishing a strong eighth overall, Amy Bernard of Hampstead (and Pinkerton Academy) ending up 16th, and Londonderry's Dufour just one place behind her in 17th.

Race number four was the Gate City Half Marathon in Nashua on May 21, and the GDTC crew consisted of 22 runners that day. The Gate City Striders finished first with 141 points, with the locals second with a 125.

Bemis was the Greater

Derry crew's top finisher again that day (seventh), with Dufour next in 18th place and Gregory next in 22nd.

The most recent Grand Prix event was the Luti race in Concord on July 15, which was won by the Greater Derry group of 31 runners with its top score of 173. Gate City took second (143) and Upper Valley was third (135).

Gini Nichols from Candia and Lynne-Marie Fawcett of Chester each tallied 10 big points for the locals. So, with three series races remaining, the locals' title hopes remain.

Birch Tree and EES Continue to Vie For Top Position in 50-and-Over Softball League

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The action in the Londonderry 50-and-Over Softball League continued to be intense over the last two weeks, with

The Birch Tree Counseling Center squad managing to maintain its grasp on first place with the Efficient Energy Systems crew doing its all to keep pace and the Justin

Time Snacks Eagles and Rocco's Pizza working hard to stay in the hunt.

In Tuesday, July 11 play, Birch Tree pushed its record up to a fine 6-2 and its league-leading point total to 12 with a successful effort against the Eagles.

The Birch Tree bunch bagged a 20-15 victory over the pesky Eagles in that evening's late game, leaving the latter contingent contemplating its

third place record of 3-4 and six total points.

In the early contest, the second place Efficient Energy Systems crew had bumped its season record up to 4-3-1 (nine total points) with a 21-11 victory over the scuffling Rocco's Pizza mob (1-5-1).

Exactly a week later on the night of Tuesday, July 18, EES hammered its way to an 18-3 thumping of the Eagles. But the pace-setting Birch Tree bunch found its hands full with the Rocco's squad, with

the first place team finally managing to walk off with a hard-fought, 9-8 edging of Rocco's.

Hence, when July 18 play was complete, Birch Tree sat in first place with a 7-2 record and 14 points, EES was second at 5-3-1 with 11 points, the Eagles were third at 3-5 with six points, and Rocco's continued to work diligently to climb back into the competitive fray with a 1-6-1 record and three points.



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GDTC Summer Fun Runs Resumed With Great Races on July 20



CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After losing its prior week's races to bad weather, the weekly Greater Derry Track Club (GDTC) summer fun runs resumed Thursday night, July 20, with a strong crowd of young racers - including many from Londonderry - who compet-

ed in some muggy conditions but still soldiered on well to the cheers of friends and family.

All in all, a big group of young runners took part in that evening's events, and Londonderry youngsters were right in the midst of things.

The 42nd summer series, which is directed

by the GDTC along with support from the Derry Recreation Department, will be held Thursday nights through August 3.

Registration is free, but runners are asked to donate a non-perishable food item which will be donated to a local food pantry. That effort has raised hundreds of pounds of food thus far.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. each of those evenings, with GDTC members leading stretching exercises and offering running tips up to 6:30 p.m. race time.

Kids aged two and three run approximately 50 yards, four to six-year-olds run 200 meters, seven and eight-year-olds

run 300 meters, nine and 10-year-olds race 600 meters, and those 11 to 13 run the cross-country mile. Runners 14 and older run the open mile, but everyone aged two through 92 from any town is welcome.

Every runner gets a participation ribbon complements of the Derry

Recreation Department and a commemorative t-shirt at the end of the program courtesy of the Greater Derry Track Club. Water, Gatorade, and watermelons are supplied each week. At the end of the series, prizes and medals are given for participation in this healthy lifestyle-conscious event.

Londonderry Christian Church Hosts Children's 5-Day Club

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Like any other church in town, Londonderry Christian Church (LCC) is always looking for the chance to spread the message of the Bible, whether it be here in Londonderry or around the world. In fact, one of their upcoming events hopes to do both, while also bringing the community together for a fun time.

From July 24 until July 28, LCC hosted the 5-Day Club, a program for children ages five through 12 that focused on teaching children about the Bible through a series of fun lessons and games in two-hour lessons from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on each of the five days.

According to Summer Tremblay, Coordinator of LCC's Children Outreach Program, the 5-Day Club

allowed children to "learn biblical principles, moral values, character qualities and respect for authority all in an exciting, fun-filled environment." Amongst the activities were Bible stories, songs, scripture memorization, and all sorts of other activities under a "detective" theme.

The kids had no problem staying interested during the program, as

each lesson was taught by high school and college students who have volunteered their time to the event, all of whom have previously received specialized training. Tremblay described the experience as a "really fun time for kids."

But, beyond the desire to educate children about the Bible, the 5-Day Club also serves to assist Christian missionaries ac-

ross the world with their efforts to do just the same. The club is sponsored by the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), a 70 year old international, Bible-centered organization. It was formed in 1937, they currently minister in over 150 countries, teaching biblical principles to more than three million children each year.

During the 5-Day Club,

both children and parents were encouraged to drum up donations, with the hope of raising money to support missionaries in any way they can. This year's focus was Abi Carter, who serves the CEF in Uruguay, and the funds raised will be donated to a CEF program that prepares young adults to teach 5-Day Clubs like the one held in Londonderry.

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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 londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Renew Opening At Calvary Bible Church

Renew opens August 12 from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road. Arrive by 10 a.m. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email renew-calvary@gmail.com, or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Advanced Media Camp

This year's Advanced Media camp at The Londonderry Access Center will be held from August 7 - 11 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This camp is for students entering grades 6 - 9 in the fall of 2017. Students must have previously taken the beginner summer media camp or had complete training with the Londonderry Access Center. In the advanced camp, students will strengthen the skills they learned in the beginner camp. They will produce a TV show of their choosing in just a few short days. For more information

or to sign up, please call Erin at 603-432-1100 x185.

Wild NH Photo Contest

Accepting photos now! Take a look at your snaps and submit your best photos to the 11th Wild NH photo contest! Submissions will be accepted from July 18 - September 2, 2017. Photos will be judged by September 16, and winning photos will be exhibited in a Massabesic Center art show from October 7 to November 18, 2017. Details at www.nhaudubon.org.

Let's Talk Turtles

On August 18, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, Chris Bogard will share her knowledge on threatened and endangered turtle species in NH. She will discuss reasons for their decline and what is being done to preserve these ancient species. Come and gain knowledge on how to help baby turtles and more! Cost: \$5/Free for Massabesic Volunteers. Registration required, please call 668-2045.

Moose in the Changing World

Join NH Fish and Game Biologist Daniel Bergeron, on August 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, to discover the his-

tory of this beloved animal in the state. Learn their life history, current status, management, research updates, and how our changing climate is impacting moose. Registration required with a cost of \$5. Please call 668-2045.

Londonderry Sings Auditions

Londonderry Sings, the annual contest which will take place on August 19 during Old Home Day this year, is looking for contestants ages 11-111! Singers should send their information to mary@oldhomeday.com along with a link to a YouTube audition.

Concerts on the Common

Every Wednesday evening on the town common from 7 - 8:30 p.m. On August 2, The Delta Generators featuring Brian Templeton: Brian has his brand of R+B, blues and country is simply unstoppable. On August 9, Manchuka an exciting 10-piece dance band consisting of a full rhythm section, a full horn section and two lead singers.

Child Passenger Safety Program

The Londonderry Fire Rescue and Londonderry Police Department, along with volunteers, have collaborated to form the New Hampshire Child Passenger Safety Program. The pro-

gram helps residents and those outside of Londonderry with child restraint concerns by answering questions, providing safety information, and making appointments to inspect car seat installations. They also host inspections during the month on a Saturday morning or week night at 103 High Range Road in Londonderry. Certified technicians are available. For more information, call (603) 432-1104 ext. 4623 or email cps@londonderrynh.org.

Old Home Day Kick-Off

On Wednesday, August 16, the Londonderry Old Home Day celebration will be kicked-off with the 118th Senior Barbecue. For this event, the committee considers seniors to be age 62 and older. The barbecue is free to all Londonderry seniors, but you must have a ticket. Tickets will be available at the Londonderry Senior Center starting July 5. The barbecue will take place in the Lion's Hall Pavilion. Prior to food being served from 5 - 6:30 p.m., bingo will start at 4 p.m. Following the meal, there will be a concert at the bandstand on the Town Common from 6:30 - 8 p.m. This year, we will feature the Windham Swing Band. The concert is open to all Londonderry residents. In event of inclement weather, the barbecue and concert will be moved to the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter, the group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

Robert Frost Farm Events

J.T. Turner will portray Robert Frost in his highly acclaimed one-man show, "Robert Frost, Light and Dark" on July 30 at 2 p.m. Turner's script amplifies the situations in Frost's poems by relating them to the poet's life. Join the actor as he brings America's great poet to life including readings of Frost's most popular poems. Mr. Turner's portrayal of Robert Frost is a deeply moving tribute to the poet, an unforgettable performance you won't want to miss! All events will take place at the Robert Frost Farm in Derry. Free admission to all.

Lancer Golf Tournament

The Lancer Nation Boys' Basketball Association's 3rd Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown. The event will feature a four-person team scramble format with awards going to first and last place teams, and there will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. The cost to participate will be \$115 per person, which will include greens fees, golf carts, a Lancer Nation golf towel, a Corflex bag with giveaways, a backyard BBQ lunch, and opportunities to win raffle and silent auction items. Day of event registration will begin at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start slated for 9. On-line registration at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSvel1eAfqxmPUn5bcr1XsHnwGV-y2MQrhi0qGLBm4ULWFJg/vi> ewform, and more information can be obtained at lancerbasketballnation@gmail.com.

Free Dinners

Free, family-friendly meals will be served in a relaxed atmosphere at the following locations on the following dates. At the Epis-

copal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 13. At Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, August 20. At the First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, spaghetti suppers will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 28, August 25, and September 29. At St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, August 27, and September 24. At St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, and September 16.

Derry Garden Club

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Friday, August 4 at Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury. It is a non-profit museum. There will be a brief business meeting starting at 10 a.m. and we will tour the homes and gardens immediately after the meeting. The fee is \$13 and pre-registration and payment is required. You may choose to eat in the Shaker Village Box Lunch Farm Stand or bring a lunch. Please bring a chair.

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Going Green: How We Can Help Bees Thrive

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SUBMISSION

Worldwide, honeybee populations are on the decline. This is important to us because many of the plants we eat require pollination, and, in the United States, we have relied on the honeybee as our major pollinator. In fact,

honeybee hives are transported all over the U.S.

Although a single cause has not been found, through years of careful study, scientists have concluded that a variety of stressors may be the cause. For example, parasites, pathogens, poor nutrition, and a special class of insecticides chemically similar to

nicotine that are called neonicotinoids, may, in combination, create the conditions for colony collapse disorder.

While experts are identifying the best ways to deal with the agricultural effects, the good news is that we can encourage pollinators in our own yards. As summer is in full swing in New

Hampshire, we are starting to see the vibrant blooms of flowers in our town. These colors are not only pleasing to look at, but a diversity of native perennials can encourage native bee pollinators. Native perennial plants are also beneficial to the gardener, as they require minimal care and maintenance once they

become established.

Last year, the first census of native bee populations found over 100 species of bees in New Hampshire, with the eastern bumblebee and the sweat bee being the most abundant. Scientists at the University of New Hampshire Bee Lab are investigating what species of plants these

bees prefer and suggest that a diversity of early flowering plants can have a positive effect on these pollinators.

For more information on cultivating your own bee-friendly garden, visit the University of New Hampshire Bee Lab's website at www.nativebeesof-newengland.com.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - July 17
2:59 p.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Harvey Road at Navigator Road. Alan Brien, 30, of Manchester was charged with operating a vehicle with a suspended registration, failure to obey inspection requirements, failure to display plates, and driving after revocation or suspension of a driver’s license.
6:09 p.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Nashua Road at Derry town line. Robert Barber, 27, of Derry was charged with driving after revocation or suspension of a driver’s license and driving with a suspended registration.
6:25 p.m. Motor vehicle complaint results in arrest on Stonehenge Road at Rockingham Road. Karen Mckinley, 54, of Derry was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or liquor and yellow line infraction.
6:54 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Winterwood Drive
7:51 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Kitt Lane.
8:48 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Litchfield Road.
9:23 p.m. Three units responded to and investigated an overdose on Mammoth Road.
10:34 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Cortland Street.
Tuesday - July 18
2:20 a.m. Suspicious activity results in a building check and secure on Old Derry Road.
8:47 a.m. Assist requested by Londonderry Fire Department on Pillsbury Road at Pillsbury Realty Development results in individual being transported to hospital.
9:43 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Conifer Place.
10:38 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Market Basket on Garden Lane.
2:34 p.m. Motor vehicle accident services rendered at Mammoth and Pillsbury Road.
2:44 p.m. Domestic disturbance investigated on Pine Street.
7:13 p.m. Disturbance results in arrest on Mammoth Road. Stephen Filice, 18, of Derry charged with disorderly conduct, unlawful possession and intoxication, and criminal trespassing.
8:17 p.m. Neighborhood disputes investigated on Fieldstone Drive.
Wednesday - July 19
7:38 a.m. Domestic disturbance investigated on Conifer Place.
11:20 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Parmenter Road.
11:51 a.m. Motor vehicle accident services rendered on Canterbury Lane.
5:16 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Hunter Boulevard.
5:19 p.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Old Derry Road at Calla Road. Keith Rodrigue, 35, of Auburn was charged with driving after revocation or suspension of a driver’s license.
11:47 p.m. Attempted suicide investigated on South Road.
Thursday - July 20
1:41 a.m. Five units responded to a disturbance at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.
3:06 p.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made at Mammoth Road and Peabody Rw. Seth Prittie, 19, of Londonderry was charged with possession of controlled/narcotic drugs.
3:45 p.m. Neighborhood disputes investigated on Constitution Drive.
4:45 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made. Kenneth Borelli, 20, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts was charged with theft, criminal mischief (vandalism), criminal trespassing, receiving stolen property, and conspiracy to commit.
5:12 p.m. Keeping the peace on Constitution Drive.
5:16 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Gilcreast Road.
5:51 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Kendall Pond Road.
11:51 p.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road. Cassandra Randall, 24, of Rochester was charged with driving after revocation or suspension of a license.
Friday - July 21
10:04 a.m. Drug offenses investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
10:44 a.m. Suspicious activity reported and services rendered on Dianna Road.

12:14 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Market Basket on Garden Lane.
9:21 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Mammoth Road. Timothy Scanlon, 21, of Hampstead was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or Liquor and having an open container of alcohol.
10:22 p.m. Fireworks complaint reported and services rendered on Constitution Drive.
Saturday - July 22
4:02 a.m. Three cars involved in a motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road.
8:35 a.m. Animal control services rendered Pleasant Drive.
11:46 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Burger King on Nashua Road.
1:47 p.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest Made on South Road at St. Marks. Robert St Jean, 26, of Londonderry was charged with operating a vehicle with a suspended registration, driving after revocation or suspension of a driver’s license, and failure to obey inspection requirements.
6:05 p.m. Criminal mischief reported on South Road.
8:58 p.m. Fireworks complaint made on Trolley Car Lane.
9:03 p.m. Fireworks complaint results in arrest on Gillette Drive. Ralph Danner, 33, of Derry was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or liquor and having an open container of alcohol.
9:38 p.m. Fireworks complaint made made and services rendered on Shasta Drive
10:17 pm. Disturbance reported and warning issued on High Range Road.
10:49 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Gillette Drive.
Sunday - July 23
5:40 a.m. Suspicious activity reported and services rendered on Airport Road at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
6:26 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Tinker Avenue at Carr Tool Company.
11:07 a.m. Suspicious activity reported and services rendered on Dianna Road.

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Recreation Campers Play Beat the Heat and the Clock



Many of the Summer Recreation Campers at Matthew Thornton took part in the annual Obstacle Course through the jungle gym area on a steamy Friday morning last week. Aiden McKivergan was the overall winner with Emerson Dodge coming in second. Other winners and placers in thier divisions were Nopah Rao, Molly Monroe, Lillianna Cawthron, and Sage Matzar.

Photo by Chris Paul



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

- A. Application for formal review of a condominium conversion of Four Sunset Drive, Map 2 Lot 38, Zoned AR-1 (James O'Neil, Applicant) and Ronald Crecco (Owner)
- B. Application for formal review of a condominium conversion of 56B Noyes Road, Map 15 Lot 35C-B, Zoned AR-1 (Maria C. Ferrera & Michael J. Frank, Owners), and 56A Noyes Road, Map 15 Lot 35C-A, Zoned AR-1 (Jeffrey A. Hupfer & Gary Lepage, Owners) - City of Manchester Water Works (Applicant)
- C. Application For Formal Review Of A Lot Line Adjustment Between 14 Josephine Drive, Map 15 Lot 40, Zoned Ar-1 (City Of Manchester Water Works, Owner & Applicant), 56b Noyes Road, Map 15 Lot 35c-B, Zoned Ar-1 (Maria C. Ferrera & Michael J. Frank, Owners), And 56a Noyes Road, Map 15 Lot 35c-A, Zoned Ar-1 (Jeffrey A. Hupfer & Gary Lepage, Owners)

Police Log

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rendered on Sandstone Circle.

12:14 p.m. Weapons offenses reported and services rendered on Allison Lane.

2:20 p.m. Criminal mischief

reported and services rendered on High Range Road. **2:28 p.m.** Overdose victim on High Range Road transported to hospital.

3:30 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua and Gilcreast Roads.

5:48 p.m. Motor vehicle

stop results in arrest on Rockingham Road near Derry town line. Christopher Wright, 20, of Derry was charged with driving after revocation or suspension of a driver's license, operating a vehicle with a suspended registration, and possession of

controlled/narcotic drugs.

7:19 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

8:57 p.m. Weapons offenses investigated on Wiley Hill Road.

9:08 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Holly Lane.

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