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**Kids on the Common** With the Concerts on the Common music series in full swing, the cannon on the common was a popular spot last Wednesday night for kids to hang out and listen to music. See more photos page 19.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Issues Still Linger For Kendall Pond Conservation Parking

LORI COSTA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the previous meeting for the Conservation Commission, it was agreed upon to create pull-in parking spaces at the conservation area, so cars can be seen from the road. If cars can be seen from the road, it may deter the devious behav-

ior that has been upsetting residents in the area. This was agreed upon by both Conservation and the neighbors of Kendall Pond. New site plans have been approved for the area by the Director of Public Works, but were met with concerns by the Conservation Commission. In the new plans, the

only way to enter the new cleared area will be through the existing driveway.

Town officials also recommended the idea of revisiting the stationary gate idea or replacing the logs that are currently in the parking lot. Also part of the project is the Con-

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## Planning Board Says No to Zoning Ordinance Change

GABBY GUERARD  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Tensions ran high during the Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, July 11, when the board spent over an hour and a half on one agenda item: a public hearing for applicant CC Properties, LLC, requesting a zoning amendment to amend the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance, Section 2.2 to allow a financial institution, not exceed 5,000 square feet, with a single drive-through window, to be allowed in the C-III district.

The applicant was represented by Kenneth Gould, owner of Gould and Gould Law Offices, attorney Cynthia O'Neill, and Richard Flier, the new

owner of the property on 2 Litchfield Road.

Town Planner, Colleen Mailloux, began by explaining that while it was a specific request, it relates "To all properties within the C-III district and adding this use within all those properties." The board may not delegate zoning to any one plot or area, and an amendment applies across all C-III districts.

Flier, and therefore CC Properties, LLC, expressed intent to build a new building next to the historic building to accommodate potential renter Merrimack Federal Credit Union, who also possesses the mortgage on the property. By adding this new building for the Mer-

rimack Credit Union, including a drive through, Flier hopes that the rent generated may provide him with the finances needed to make repairs on the property.

However, the plan includes a number of hurdles. According to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance Section 2.2, neither a financial institution nor drive-thru window as an accessory are currently permitted in a C-III district.

Mailloux explained that, "The C-III district was primarily intended for light business, professional and office uses only, and drafting the zone was intended to provide a transitional or buffer zone between the

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## Leadership Londonderry Returns After Several Years

NOELLE TARDIFF  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After not running for several years, the Leadership Londonderry program is now accepting applications its town and school government informational training program, which will run from October of 2018 to May of 2019.

The program, designed to educate, inform, develop and motivate citizens for leadership roles in the community and beyond, will educate participants about the operations, fiscal management, and issues of local government.

Pollyann Winslow, who founded the program with Mark Oswald back in 2003 and continues to direct it, explained that they did so in order to create an opportunity for those within the community to understand how the town and school governments work.

"There are really many qualified people with a willingness to serve on a committee or run for office, but they're just not sure how to get started," Winslow said.

Any resident of Londonderry is invited to apply, and a committee of former Leadership Londonderry participants

will select those they feel are qualified to participate in this year's program. Individuals with community ideals, experience, and qualities that show leadership potential are the ideal candidates.

Winslow explained that ideal candidates

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## Rec Has Floss Off

Last week, the Londonderry Summer Recreation Program held a Flossing dance contest, where those who wanted to competed to be the Best Floss dancer. The winners were, from left, Nevah Reyes, Kaleb Curran, Jack Porter and Katie Brunelle.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Kendall Pond

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 Conservation Commission allocating \$2500 for this project, which some members are still unsure about. Since the police department has gotten involved on numerous occasions, some members of the Commission feel that this

is a town/crime related issue and not a conservation one. The Public Works Department may also have a say in this, because of the physical changes that may have to be made going forward.

Chairman for the Commission Marge Badois said that having more visible parking from the road may

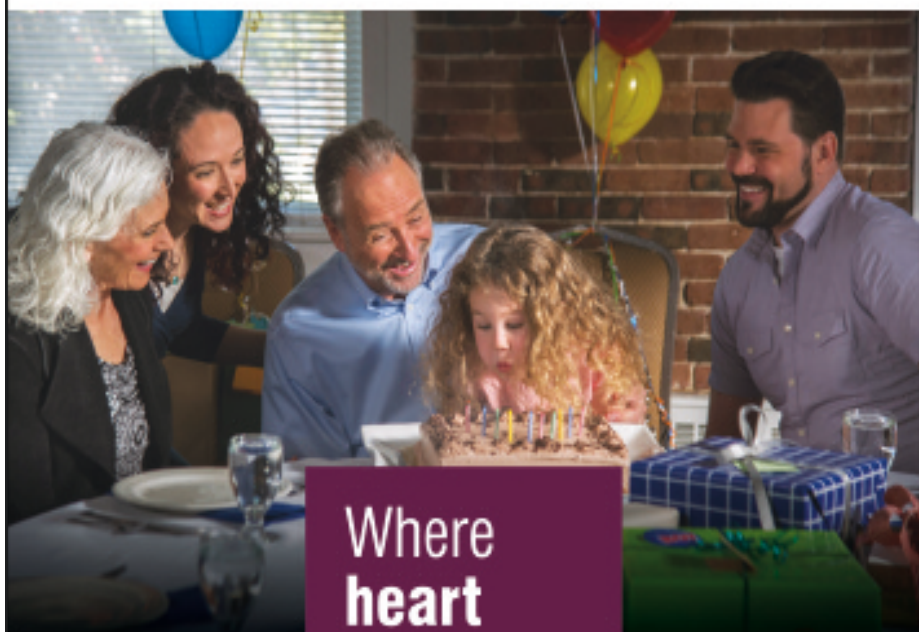
help people to see that there is an area for residents to enjoy. Although this new parking lot's goal is to deter crime from taking place, it may also be a help to attract more people to the area if it is more visible from the road.

Commission members agreed that they do not want to set a precedent of

being responsible for funding crime prevention. In an extreme situation or the crime in area continues/gets worse, the town has the authority to shut the conservation area down completely. Multiple town organizations have expressed that this is the last thing they want to see happen includ-

ing the Town Council, Conservation Commission, and the neighbors of the Kendall Pond conservation area. Only time will tell in which direction the town and Conservation Commission will choose to go and who will pay for the new installation of the parking area. The Commission agreed that if the new

parking area draws more people to the site, they will have no problem paying the money for the project. If this is determined to be a policing issue, however, then more discussions will have to take place in order to find out who should be responsible for paying the bill.



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## Zoning Change

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larger, more intense commercial uses, and the residential zone.”

“Based on the currently permitted uses in the C-III zone, [including] professional office, religious facilities, funeral homes, group child care centers, and private schools, I think it would be reasonable to say that a financial institution is similar and no different in nature than a professional business office,” she said. “[However], there is the potential for a drive-through to change the character of that C-III neighborhood or zoning district. It’s not necessarily consistent with what the intent was of the zone.”

Flier explained that the addition of a drive-through was a must.

“If we were to put Merrimack Credit union inside of the building,” he said, “We would have to gut a good part of it, to make the building functional.”

Gould believes that even with a drive-through, the credit union would still be a good candidate for the C-III district and that it, “Would not be a burden on the town.”

“Nothing with the restrictions we’re putting on this financial institution would create greater commercial activity than what currently exists in these C-III’s,” Gould said. “It would not change the character of those areas at all, it would not increase the traffic to those areas, it wouldn’t make those areas look more retail than business like.”

The board had a number of concerns, yet the members’ discussion heavily focused on the aspect of the drive-through.

“I see a particular use driving this decision, and what happens when that use is no longer a viable institution?” Asked board member Leitha Reilly. “Then we’re stuck with a drive-through. I don’t think a drive-through is appropriate in a residential area.”

Gould countered by stating, “There would never be a person trying to get a zoning change without looking for a particular use.”

Chairman Arthur Rugg brought the discussion back to the core of the request: C-III districts. “I think we all want to preserve historic structures in town, and I think this presents us a problem on our zoning,” he said. “I really want to see how it relates to C-III. I want to see what the effect of changing the zoning would do to those other properties throughout the town.”

The Chairman then opened the discussion to the public, requesting that, “Those who want to have input, be brief, be to the point, no long soliloquies, and stick to the C-III zoning.” Despite his request, the discussion would be anything but brief.

Marge Badois began by voicing her concerns about the district. “Allowing a financial institute in all of the C-III zone is probably a mistake,” she said. “By doing an ATM, whether it’s a drive up or an internal, you’re basically creating a business

that’s open 24-7, and I don’t think it’s appropriate that close to residential (areas) in those zones.”

Debra Paul, former tenant of the 2 Litchfield Road property, echoed Badois’s concerns. “That area right now is more residential now than when I purchased it 10 plus years ago,” she said. “It is a very slippery slope by opening it up to all of the C-III.”

As the new owner of the property at 2 Litchfield Road, Flier claimed that the building itself and the barn belonging to it were, “Trashed, vandalized considerably,” and that wires had been cut.

Chris Paul, former owner of the property responded to Flier’s claims after the meeting, “Mr. Flier has a real problem with accuracy. He has been before a number of boards in town, and each time he makes claims the former owner, me, has neglected the building. The only time the building has been neglected is after he purchased it.”

In her statement during the meeting, Debra Paul addressed the condition of the facilities, stating, “The building, by no means was vandalized nor were wires cut. The building is very solid, and so is the barn.” Paul further mentioned that the family had done the best that they could with “Three days notice, in hundred degree weather, during a holiday weekend

when very few people were around (to help).”

She also addressed Council member Jim Butler and several members of the audience who had been to the property while transitioning from her ownership over to Flier who could attest to its condition.

Planning board member, Ann Chiampa addressed the board as a member of the public, having stepped down from the board, and brought to their attention the importance of Ordinance 2006-3, an amendment to the zoning ordinance relating to the property.

The ordinance includes the following conditions: 1. The Town shall receive a historic preservation easement and historic preservation facade easement from the property owner requiring that the exterior of the historic structures be maintained in their current state, not to be altered, demolished or added to. 2. That the specific use of the property be restricted to residential and office space. 3. That no additional structures be placed upon the property unless required by the site plan regulations (i.e. drainage structures, etc...) or to accommodate utilities, all not in detriment to the historic character of the building. And 4. That no retail operations are allowed at that location.

The document was

signed by Brian Farmer, the chairman of the Town Council and the Town Clerk on May 1, 2006.

Ergo, moving forward with the credit union would directly violate the conditions of the property, to add to the exterior of the historic structures or the property itself, by adding a 3,000 square foot structure, as well as the fact that it is a financial institution.

Given the violations, Cherylann Pierce proceeded to explain her disapproval of the subject matter.

“I don’t think that it’s appropriate to allow that purchaser to come up with this idea of, I need a way to make money to fix the property, because I didn’t realize the shape the property was in. It was what it is when he bought it,” she said. “I think that it’s an improper use of this board’s time, of the Town Council’s time, the zoning board has already denied it on two occasions.”

Martha Smith agreed with Pierce’s sentiments and stated that she expects more from the town departments. “Other boards have heard the whole thing and they’ve thought about it,” she said. “When they asked for the variance at the Zoning board of adjustments ZBA, it was denied, both in their first hearing and in their rehearing. I think there should be a little bit of respect among

these boards.”

Following the public’s input, the board conducted another discussion to finalize their thoughts. Rugg referred to the recommendation as a “Tough decision,” due to the number of variables involved.

“We all like to preserve old houses, but I look at the issue as strictly zoning,” he said. “What has been requested affects a lot of other parts of town. I think sometimes we’re victims of consequential circumstances, so we don’t know what will happen.”

The Board’s original motion to make a recommendation to allow a financial institution smaller than 3,000 feet with a singular drive-through window in the C-III district did not pass. Therefore, another motion was made, though this time it was to make a recommendation to not allow a financial institution smaller than 3,000 feet with a singular drive-through window in the C-III district. This motion carried with a majority voting to not make a positive recommendation to the Town Council. Only Town Council liaison Jim Butler voted contrary.

The request will now be going to the Town Council, with the first public hearing anticipated to be held on Monday, Aug. 13, and a second public hearing anticipated on Monday, Sept. 10.



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# Editorial

## Honesty Works Best

Maybe it's the Live Free or Die philosophy gone haywire, but the State of New Hampshire does not have an ethics code or disciplinary mechanism for local officials, it's left to individual municipalities, and many do not have one.

Even in towns with written ethics codes, it's not uncommon to hear a local official take a swipe at the code and question both its validity and necessity. When voters approve an ethics code, it often is missing any enforcement mechanism, putting its effectiveness in doubt, an ethics committee.

We don't agree with the viewpoint that anything goes, and that officials know when to recuse themselves, when a potential conflict or appearance of conflict of interest exists. Indeed, some officials are quick to say the alleged conflict is none of anyone's business.

And if an official has a conflict of interest, that does not mean he or she is bad or committed wrongdoing. A conflict can be as simple and unavoidable as being a relative to someone who could benefit from a board action. Recusing oneself is not an admission of guilt. Instead, it makes clear to everyone that a potential conflict could exist.

Nevertheless, there will always be local official screaming "witch hunt" that raises the possibility of a conflict of interest on in an of it self what are

they hiding. It has been said, "ethics depends on against whether anything wrong was done." No it doesn't. An ethics code doesn't change with the wind. There's no question that in small towns, it's hard to avoid conflicts. But that doesn't mean a code of ethics is irrelevant, unless you have an ethics committee to enforce it.

Weather someone is in the hot seat right now or not, ethical quandaries crop up in every town. And attacking an ethics code begs the question of what someone is trying to hide. It's easy to allege "politics" behind every request for recusal. That's way too facile. The only way to conduct the public's business in as bias free a manner as possible is to be as transparent as possible. That's why public meetings are broadcast over local cable access.

We wonder why anyone holding public office or appointment would be uncomfortable acknowledging a potential conflict or the appearance of one. It doesn't lead to automatic recusal. But it does make public what otherwise could stay hidden from residents both on and off the board.

In public life, appearances count. When residents don't know what their representatives are up to, they listen to rumors and conspiracy theories and end up distrusting the decision makers. That helps no one. Honesty and openness are the better policies.

# Letters

## There is No Crying at Town Board Meetings

To the editor,

We are blessed to have our way of small town government. We have simple enough rules. These are in place to maintain the character and charm of Londonderry, while allowing for appropriate manageable economic growth. Accordingly we have a Master Plan. We have engaged, caring people on our boards. They learn the rules. They protect us. They work very hard on their own time and dime. These are volunteers who have the townspeople's best interest paramount, whenever considering a resident has a request. At a recent Planning Board meeting they endured pleading, crying, lies, and slander. They ever so carefully re-directed these remarks to the question at hand. Would they recommend a change to a zoning ordinance for a single resident for a single purpose? The board listened patiently as several people approached the microphone to speak their mind against such an outrageous request.

Zones have been set up in our town. The zone in jeopardy was CIII. This zone is very important to the very fiber of our town. It is to act as a buffer between commercial and residential. This change would affect the entire CIII zone in town and there are quite a few. What is permitted is light business, residential and professional offices.

This petitioner has been to the Zoning Board first in January of 2018 and was denied. He went before the Zoning Board again in February and was denied. Here we were at the Planning Board meet-

ing of July 11, hearing his request still again. He clearly made an error in judgment. He chose to purchase a historical property, with in the Heritage Commission District with a preservation easement on it and town restrictions. He paid 208 thousand dollars for the parcel at 2 Litchfield Road. It was built in 1800. Yes the property needs some TLC...He is a multi-millionaire who claims to be an expert in restoring historical properties...His agenda is to change the uses for CIII zone. His plan is for a Merrimack Valley Credit Union who happens to own the note on it. To build a second building on the property because he needs the income from a bank's rent to pay for the necessary restoration...why did he not think of that before? The property was most recently listed at 320 thousand dollars.

Someone asked, "Has the town ever been asked to change the CIII zone for any reason?" NO. This proposal goes against our Master Plan. The Planning Board denied recommending for a zoning change except for Councilor Butler who is the liaison for the town. The vote was 7 against and 1 for changing Zone CIII to include a financial institution with a drive through window. I encourage you pay attention. All this towns' time and money for all these meetings has been an egregious waste of money. The petition will be allowed go before the Town Council on August 3rd and September 13th.

Cherylann Pierce  
Londonderry

### Response to "ALL"

To the Editor,  
Read the "Letters to

the Editor" last week and just shook my head in dismay.

Legend: "OLLA" means: Old Lying Lard A\_\_\_. I have made a commitment to never utter the lying, con-artist, traitors name.

Under Immigration: Build that wall comment. "OLLA" says it will cost 25 Billion". Boy, people still don't know everything that comes out of his pie hole is a lie. Heck, the Big Dig in Boston cost 25 Billion. On the 2000 mile Mexican border, draw a line, and this would equate to a pencil dot on that line. Get real, that wouldn't even cover the payoffs!

"Would only be a small part of the 4.407 Trillion Dollar Budget". Favorite subject, wouldn't you just know it; Republicans spending like there is no tomorrow again! Why is it budgets are only a concern when Democrats are in office? Did you know the Debt has increased by 1.6 Trillion since "OLLA" took office? Did you know the long hard fought battle to get our 1.2 Trillion Deficit, left to us under the last Republican (Who was left a 230 Billion surplus BTW) down to 590 Billion, has been going up steadily since "OLLA" took office? So far, increased by 194 Billion? All under the Great, Fantastic, Supercalifraglistic economy? Did you know this Corporate Tax cut (give away) that just happened witnessed the largest Stock buyback in history last quarter? Forbes: the Biggest Corporate Buy backs in History". Bet you didn't think that was what it was going to be used for? Or, Tax Cuts will add another 5.5 Trillion in debt! I suppose not, just spend and spend.

Under "Proof of Residency": I see Voter restriction is alive and well these

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# Planning Board Reviews Condominium, Lot Line, and Maintenance Trimming

GABBY GUERARD  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board agenda was filled with several items for their Wednesday, July 11 meeting. The first item of new plans was an application for formal review of a subdivision plan to create 28 residential lots, Woodmont Commons, on Pillsbury and Gilcreast Roads.

Owner, Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC and applicant, DHB Homes, LLC requested a continuance until the first August meeting. The continuance was granted by the board, so the 28 lots residential Pillsbury Realty Development and DBH Homes will be heard on August 1.

The next order of business was an application submitted by owner and applicant Pathway Homes, Inc. for formal review of a

condominium conversion of Three Weymouth Road, Map 15 Lot 187, Zoned AR-1. Jacques Belanger of Keach-Nordstrom Associates represented the application of Pathway Homes, explaining that the lot already exists on Weymouth Road. The road is a dead-end with a cul-de-sac, which the previous owner had granted the town rights to use and maintain. The previous owner has also gotten a variance for a duplex on the property, however the current owners have elected to convert it to a condominium-type plan. The two units are currently connected to a municipal sewer, and the structure was already in place when the owner bought it.

The board had no questions, nor did the public, therefore the application for the condo-

minium conversion plan was conditionally approved, in accordance with the plans prepared, with the president conditions noted by the staff recommendation to be fulfilled within two years.

The following application for formal review was for a lot line adjustment between 268 Mammoth Road, which is owned by the Town of Londonderry, and Four Sargent Road, Zoned AR-1, which is owned by Post 27 American Legion. Applicant Greeley-Parmenter Harrington was represented by Neil McCarthy of Promised Lands Survey LLC during the hearing.

McCarthy explained that the plans would restore the lot line that existed in 1993, and in doing so, a portion of the current American Legion property would be trans-

ferred to the town property. He also added, "The current American Legion property is serviced by water and sewer, so it would make it non-conforming, because it has both of those utilities."

Board member Leitha Reilly raised a concern regarding whether the plans would still meet the frontage requirements. Upon review, McCarthy stated that it does have sufficient frontage, with 287 feet, meeting and surpassing the requirement of 150 feet. The public had no questions. Therefore, the board proceeded to approve all four waiver requests made by the staff, and granted conditional approval of the lot line adjustment plot, in accordance with the plans prepared by Promised Lands Survey LLC, with the president conditions

noted by the staff recommendation to be fulfilled within two years.

The board rounded out the first half hour of the meeting with a public hearing pursuant to RSA 231:158 for the removal and trimming of trees by Eversource Energy along Adams Road, which is a state designated scenic road. Town Planner Colleen Mailloux explained, "Because this is a designated scenic road under RSA 231:158, they are required to come here, hold this public hearing, and inform the Planning Board of their intentions. There's no decision or recommendation required by the board, but this is just the process to make sure that the town is aware and that abutters are aware of the need for the clearing and trimming."

Regional arborist for Eversource Energy, Rick Sullivan, explained that like much of the town of Londonderry, Adams Road is scheduled to receive maintenance trimming. "Our goal is to reestablish the clearance that we had four years ago," said Sullivan. According to the trimming standard throughout the state, the company looks to achieve 15 feet of overhead clearance, 8 feet of side clear-

ance, and 10 feet underneath the primary lines. Sullivan stated that the company's contractor has already sent out notification letters via mail to all the abutting property owners, and have received consent from all affected owners to trim.

In addition to the trimming, Eversource also has a small removal list for three dead trees, and one oak tree with "significant decay in it." Sullivan explained that while the original list had more trees on it, the company was unable to get permission from the abutting property owners.

Board member Ann Champa raised a concern regarding the risk of trees falling on power lines. She asked, "Would this affect any other areas where the energy goes from this street to other areas, if there's a problem with the trees falling on the lines here?"

Sullivan explained, "Adams road is fed from both ends, so the power that reaches into Adams road doesn't travel onto another road."

The board had no further questions, and no one from the public raised a concern, therefore the board accepted the plan presented.

## Letters

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days. Make no mistake, this targets out of State College students, period. This could affect up to 50% of the college students in NH. What NH is saying: We give don't give a damn if you're an American citizen or not. If you don't have A NH driver's license or have a domicile here, you are not considered to have the rights of every American and Vote.

Under "Money Corrupts Politics": Yeah, no kidding. It seems the writer likes to point out "the pennies". Would be just fantastic if were concerned with things like "Citizen United". You may

know it as Corporations are people too. It was a Supreme Court battle. It really should have been named "Corporations Unlimited". Synopsis: The justices' ruling said political spending is protected under the First Amendment, meaning corporations and unions could spend UNLIMITED amounts of money on political activities. Not all Justices agreed. Justice Stevens argued that the Court's ruling "threatens to undermine the integrity of elected institutions across the Nation. He added: "A democracy cannot function effectively when its constituent members believe laws are being bought and sold." This little Jem was brought to

you by your friendly Republicans.

The only word I agree with in those letters is "SAD". It truly is!

Steve Homsey,  
Londonderry

### Thank You

To the Editor,  
American Legion Post 27 would like to thanks to the Charles George Companies in Londonderry for the donation of dumpsters to assist a veteran in

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# VeraniCARES Helps Give Local Veteran Peace of Mind

MELISSA RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

“I sit out on this deck and enjoy the peacefulness, just seeing the beautiful nature,” says John Webster, Londonderry resident and Vietnam War Veteran. “And it gives me peace that I love...”

Webster and his wife, Anne, were vacationing with their grandchildren in Florida when they received a phone call from VeraniCARES ambassadors Lisa Brochu and Stacey Shannon. In their phone call, Brochu and Shannon explained that VeraniCARES, a charitable outreach effort of the Verani Realty company, would be helping the husband and

wife with an extensive porch repainting project on their new Londonderry home.

“We were shocked, to say the least,” said Anne Webster. “There were a few tears in our eyes over it. We didn’t expect that.”

The Websters had recently purchased their home through Verani agents Brian and Michelle Healy. Michelle Healy explained that prior to assisting the Websters with their porch repainting, the company had the new home power-washed and the couple was given a credit for a roof replacement, taking a significant portion of the needed home repairs off of their shoulders.

Before the project began, Verani agents arranged for contractors and landscapers to have shrubbery and trees cut back and landscape addressed so that power-washing and painting could begin. After the Websters returned to their new home after visiting with their grandchildren, a team of Verani agents arrived with all of the supplies needed to scrape, prep, and repaint the couple’s front and side porches, making them look pristine and brand-new.

“I’m still overwhelmed by it,” John Webster continued. “When somebody does something for you like that, you feel indebted to

them...in the last sixteen years of my working career, I was always helping Vets, and now to have someone helping me is overwhelming...they were all marvelous people.”

Webster’s wife explained that he would normally try to take on a project like this himself, as he used to take on a lot of work painting houses. However, since the couple had moved to Londonderry, Webster needed to have a pacemaker put in, making the endeavor inadvisable for Webster to undertake on his own.

Since 2015, the efforts of VeraniCARES have been funded by Verani employees who elect to contribute

a portion of their paycheck to the movement, making it possible for each of Verani’s offices to give back to local causes. Verani Realty offers to match up to \$10 per sales commission or donation to help further the efforts.

This year was the company’s first May Day Give-A-Thon which also helped to empower the cause with more than \$55,000 worth of supplies, volunteer time and donations to nonprofits and local causes across New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

“To be able to give back to John and Anne, who have sacrificed so much for their country, was very rewarding,” said Deb Sutton, Area Manager of Verani’s Lon-

donderry office. “In this case, being able to reconnect with a past client and continue to help with their homeownership journey was extra special.”

Now that major restoration projects are out of the way, Webster said that he has more time to devote to his art, and he has recently joined the Londonderry Arts Council, and the couple now have more time to enjoy and settle into their new home.

For more information on VeraniCARES, the May Day Campaign, and other charitable efforts through Berkshire Hathaway and Verani Realty, visit [www.verani.com/about-us/veranicares](http://www.verani.com/about-us/veranicares)

## A Drive Through History: Londonderry’s Apple Way Scenic and Cultural Byway

NOELLE TARDIFF  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For many, summertime means exploring the great outdoors. It means finding new and exciting destinations to travel to, and luckily for residents of the historic town of Londonderry, adventure is right in our backyards.

A drive down Londonderry’s Apple Way Scenic

and Cultural Byway is an opportunity to experience much of what makes the town so special. The byway, which travels along Pillsbury, High Range, Mammoth, Gilcreast, Adams, and Elwood Roads, provides the opportunity for residents and visitors to experience cultural and scenic qualities of the state of New Hampshire.

Going back all the way

to 1996, Londonderry’s Apple Way was created in order to showcase the town’s agricultural history and its open space for assisting in maintaining its rural and agricultural roots. The town’s five orchards – Woodmont, Sunnycrest, Elwood, Moose Hill, and Merrill’s – make up the 10.4-mile scenic cultural byway.

The Apple Way be-

came officially designated as a New Hampshire Scenic Byway in 2006 by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. With that, a Local Byways Advisory Committee was established.

Then, in 2014 and through 2015, the Londonderry Town Heritage Commission worked closely with the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission to write a Corridor Management Plan, which would allow the designation of the byway to be updated and be formally recognized as such.

“The Londonderry Town Council designated the Heritage/Historic District Commission as the Local Scenic Byway Advisory Committee to oversee and manage the Apple Way Scenic Cultural Byway in 2015,” explained Heritage/Historic District Commission Vice Chair Arthur Rugg.

The orchards and the roads that make up the

byway act as a part of the town’s rural identity, which made them the perfect location for the state-designated byway. In order to choose an area of the town to be designated, the different committees and commissions looked at several sections and found what is now the Apple Way to “captivate the scenic and cultural qualities of the town,” according to Town Planner Colleen Mailloux.

“One of the major things in Londonderry that folks have always related to is the history and culture is its orchards,” she said, “so I think that choosing these roads as the Scenic and Cultural Byway really lended to preserving that quater [of the town].”

In the Corridor Management Plan, written by the Heritage/Historic District Commission and the Southern New Hampshire Planning commission, it is

explained that this byway provides value historically, culturally, recreationally, naturally, and scenically, adding value in some way to each of the roads that it encompasses.

According to Adam Hlasny, Senior Transportation Planner at the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, the commission also assists three other scenic byways in the region, including General John Stark (Goffstown, New Boston, Weare, Dunbarton), Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach (Auburn, Derry, Atkinson, Hampstead, Chester), and Upper Lamprey (Candia, Deerfield, Northwood).

New Hampshire is nothing short of beautiful scenery and historic destinations. So, if you’re looking for new places to explore within our state (or even within our town), Scenic and Cultural Byways are only a few of the destinations to do so.

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# Local Scout Earns the Boy Scout's Highest Rank Advancement

Ryan S. Leo was presented with Scouting's highest honor recently at the Londonderry Grange. He is the son of Glenn Leo and Rachel Leo Flagg. Ryan is a member of Troop 521, chartered by Londonderry #44 Grange.

Ryan joined scouting in 2009 as a cub scout, crossed over to a Webelo and then became a Boy Scout with his goal to achieve the rank of an Eagle Scout. Only three to four percent of Boy Scouts ever attain this prestigious honor.

Ryan had to earn 21 merit badges and demonstrate, through the testimony of character references that he lived by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. Ryan earned a total 39 badges, 18 above and beyond the requirements of Eagle at which he

earned three Palms on his Eagle medal. A Bronze Palm, Gold Palm and Silver Palm, an indication that Ryan has continued to earn merit badges over and above those required for Eagle in combination with demonstrating Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and demonstrating leadership ability. The last step to becoming an Eagle Scout is to plan, develop, and carry out a service project helpful to the community in a manner worthy of an Eagle Scout.

Ryan's project took place at the Massabesic Audubon Center in Auburn. He created a naturalistic landscape comprised of native bushes to attract native wildlife. The landscape design had to act as a "living fence" between the property and the road and had to be planted in a staggering



Ryan Leo, right, at the Eagle Scout Ceremony, with special guest, his cousin Brig. General, Ret. Francis Aucliar who represented the Air National Guard.

natural pattern to grow to touch each neighboring bush. Ryan researched native bushes, planting practices, fertilizer, root growth products, and

mulch. He consulted nurseries, and fundraised for the project. On planting day, Ryan was the Project Manager. He instructed, supervised volunteers

and assisted in the planting. Many thanks goes to Demer's Nursery who not only assisted Ryan in providing planting advice, but also a generous deduction in the cost of the bushes and necessary supplies he needed for his project.

At the Eagle Scout Ceremony, Ryan was presented with various certificates from the Daniel Webster Council, VFW, Marine Corps and a special guest, his cousin, Brig. General, Ret. Francis Aucliar who represented the Air National Guard. Representing Londonderry High School was Mr. Michael Miller, Ryan's AP Government teacher who spoke thoughtfully and comically on Ryan's behalf. The Ceremony ended with Ryan speaking about his fondest memories of scouting, camping trips including backpack-

ing in Yellowstone National Park, visiting the Grand Tetons which he and his troop viewed the Total Solar Eclipse. Ryan ended thanking his family, fellow scouts, leaders, Demer's Nursery and Audubon Society; all who made it possible to achieve his goal.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values based youth development organizations. For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes and, through over a century of experience, knows that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society.

## Leadership

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would also be empty-nesters, parents of children in the Londonderry school system, longtime residents, and people who have recently moved into the community.

Twenty individuals will be chosen for this year's cohort as the curriculum is fast-tracked for an in-depth orientation regarding all local government functions as well as an opportunity for interaction with current community leaders such as the Superintendent of Schools, the library director, and more.

"It's nice for participants to be able to dia-

logue with these different leaders and find out what they do," Winslow explained.

Several of the topics that will be discussed in the curriculum include an overview of town and school government, public safety: police and fire, planning and economic development, finances and budgetary process, environmental state: conservation/health and code enforcement, Londonderry School District, quality of life: library, parks, trailways and recreation, cable, senior affairs, and the Heritage Commission, master plan review, and finally, the Manchester Airport and I-93 expansion.

"These are places that potential participants may end up," Winslow said. "They're not planning to become the next Director of Economic Development, but they might want to work on the Planning Board."

A typical class will run on the second Thursday night of each month from 4:30 - 8 p.m. To start, the class would be given a tour of a community facility, followed by a presentation by town/school officials such as including Town Council, School Board, department heads, and/or town committee members. Then, the group would break for dinner, and finally, a discussion of operations and

issues would be had.

Winslow added that while participants may not go forward to serve on a board, commission, or committee, they will finish the program with the ability to attend town meetings and share their thoughts with the people who do serve on them.

"You'll be able to go in a little more informed," she said. "You won't feel so intimidated, and you can say, 'I understand this, and I'd like to question this.'"

As a joint venture between the town, the Londonderry School District, businesses, and private organizations, Leadership Londonderry is sponsored by all of its

partners. Each participant will pay a minor fee of \$25, simply to cover the cost of meals at each meeting.

Applications may be found online at [www.londonderrynh.org](http://www.londonderrynh.org), and

should be submitted by Tuesday, July 31. For more information, contact Pollyann Winslow at (603) 421-0635 or Lisa Drabik at [ldrabik@londonderrynh.org](mailto:ldrabik@londonderrynh.org).

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# Council Gets Update On Drought, Kendall Pond, and Financial Policy

LORI COSTA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Monday night Town Council meeting moved right along with various new and old businesses being conducted in a timely manner. A public hearing was held for an order relative to the acceptance of unanticipated revenue.

The hearing was introduced by Doug Smith who was seeking approval from the Council of accepting grant funds on behalf of the fire department. Smith pointed out that the grant does require a 50% match by the town, but said the

good news is that from an additional expenditures point of view, there will be none that will be required in FY 19. There were no questions or comments from either the Council or the public and the motion was made and passed to approve the grant funds for the fire department.

Doug Smith also followed up on the discussion from the Town Council meeting in June regarding discussions of changes to financial management policy. According to Smith, the last revision to this policy was back in 2003 and the goal of the revision was to

make language more current and add updated provisions that make the most sense. The final version of this policy is expected to be delivered to the Council at their meeting in August. One of the changes to the policy includes a review of the policy for formal re-adoption every three years at a minimum. "This would be an opportunity for at least a three-year review formally by the Council," Smith said. Chairman of Council John Farrell made the suggestion to make the re-adoption every two years, so that a councilor doesn't sit on the Council

for three years without ever hearing the policy. The policy will be re-drafted to reflect this change.

There was also a request put in to the Town Council by residents to keep the lights on in both the tennis and basketball courts at the LAFA fields for an additional hour (until midnight). Some residents have been enjoying the summer weather and playing into the late evening.

The Council agreed to keep the lights on for additional hour until their next meeting to see how it is received.

Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik also gave an update on the drought situation in the state of New Hampshire. Currently, Londonderry is not in a drought situation as of yet but is still in the "abnormally dry" category according to the drought monitor map that is available to the public every Thursday. The abnormally dry category is just below the drought line on the monitor. Drabik also gave an update on the parking situation of the parking area at the Kendall Pond Conservation Area. As of Monday night's Town Council

meeting, the town, neighbors of Kendall Pond, and the Conservation Commission have come to an agreement on what to do about the parking lot situation. The plan going forward is to clear an area that is 35 feet wide and 65 feet deep next to the road to the left of the current driveway for the new Kendall Pond parking area. There will also be chains added to the granite posts that are currently in the area so that the only access to the new parking area is through the driveway that already exists.

# Rotary Club Awards Scholarships to Two College-Bound Students

NOELLE TARDIFF  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Wednesday morning, July 11, two of Londonderry High School's recent graduates were awarded over \$15,000 in scholarships by the Londonderry Rotary Club during their meeting at the Coach Stop Restaurant.

Sara Vilela and Kiara Breault were this year's recipients of the two scholarships given out annually by the Rotary Club: the Owen Walton Community Service Scholarship and the Fred Ball Memorial Scholarship respectively.

The Owen Walton Community Service Scholarship was named after the club's honorary member, Owen Walton, who was a member of the club for over 30 years, because

a major part of what he did for the organization was community service.

"Community service was his thing," explained Rotary Club President Terry McCormick. "So, when he retired, we created the scholarship in honor of him. Even though he's retired from the club now, he still does more community service than any person I've known."

Vilela was then welcomed to the podium to accept her scholarship.

McCormick explained that there were over 60 applicants for this award, which is granted to a student each year based on his or her involvement in community service.

As president of Londonderry High School's National Honor Society, Vilela explained that she



Sara Vilela received the Owen Walton Community Service Scholarship.

"was able to lead an extraordinary group of individuals in community service."

"That really taught me how to be a leader and how to continue on," she said, "so I'm hoping that one day I'll be able to come back and be a member of the Rotary Club in



Kiara Breault received the Fred Ball Memorial Scholarship.

order to continue all of the great work that [the organization] does."

Vilela will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall as a nursing student, which she explained will be the perfect career for her.

The Fred Ball Memorial Scholarship, which is the larger of the two, is paid out over the eight semesters that the recipient attends college.

Fred Ball was the Chief of Police in Londonderry as well as a member of the

Rotary Club until his death, so the club felt that it was only right that the award was named after him. Owen Walton was critical in creating this scholarship as well.

"As far as I know," McCormick said, "it's the largest scholarship that is awarded at Londonderry High School each year." This year, there were close to 80 applicants for this award.

Breault was extremely thankful upon accepting the scholarship, saying,

"This will help me get rid of a lot of my loans, and I really appreciate that."

She will be heading to George Washington University in the fall to study Political Science and hopes to take up a minor in international affairs.

Both Vilela and Breault were joined by their parents as breakfast was served at the meeting, and each was met with a round of applause and congratulations from members of the Rotary Club.

Outside of the scholarship fund, the Rotary Club has recently been working on community service projects surrounding hunger and homelessness. Members work closely with local food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters, while also organizing various fundraisers for the cause.

To learn more about the Rotary club, visit [portal.clubrunner.ca/2938](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2938)

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# Summer, Fun, and Local Programs for Everyone: Opportunities for youth involvement

GABBY GUERARD  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the school year finished and the hot July sun beating down, kids are officially on summer break. Though for busy parents, these months can become stressful, juggling work and supervising children.

The town of Londonderry recognizes this, and is home to many youth summer programs. The YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Town of Londonderry Recreation Department, and Leach Library each offer unique experiences with varying time commitments.

Of the above programs, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry offers the most inclusive range of hours with its traditional day camp, Camp Pa-Gon-Ki. The camp day starts at 8:30 a.m. and goes until 4:30 p.m., but the organization also offers Before Care from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and After Care from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The camp runs for a total of 9 weeks, which began the week of June 25 and concludes the week of August 20.

Each week is themed and provides campers with a variety of outdoor activities. Campers are split into the following age groups: Saplings- 5 years, Elms- 6 years, Maples- 7 and 8 years, Oaks- 9 and 10 years, and Willows- 11 to 15 years. Questions about camp may be directed to

Day Camp Director Melissa Mason, available via email at [mmason@graniteymca.org](mailto:mmason@graniteymca.org).

The YMCA also holds various classes throughout the summer, some of which include Private Swim Lessons, T-Ball, Fun and Fitness, as well as Skills and Play for both soccer and basketball. For more information regarding pricing, registration, and program descriptions, call 603-437-9622 or visit the website at [graniteymca.org/locations/greater-londonderry](http://graniteymca.org/locations/greater-londonderry).

Another local option is the Town of Londonderry Recreation Department's annual Summer Playground Program. The program is held at South Londonderry Elementary School, with hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Each day is uniquely themed. While this year's program began July 5, it will be available through August 10.

Children are grouped by both interests and age, ranging from those entering first grade in the fall to 14 years old. In small groups, kids participate in crafts, games, sports, and playground time. Parents may register their children on the first day they attend.

The Londonderry Recreation Department also has a number of youth summer camps listed on its website, including boys and girls basketball, football, golf, lacrosse,



Addison O'Donaghue and Olivia Walden make crafts at the Leach Library.

field hockey, volleyball, and conditioning. Contact information for these camps, as well as registration forms for the Summer Playground Program, are available at [londonderry-nh.org](http://londonderry-nh.org) under the "Recreation" Department. Questions may be directed to Recreation Director Art Psaladas via email at [apsaladas@londonderry.org](mailto:apsaladas@londonderry.org) or by calling the department at 603-437-2675.

Lastly, the Leach Library has summer reading programs for children and young adults, both of which are themed, "Libraries Rock!" Unlike day camps at the above organizations, the Library hosts shorter activities throughout the week, in addition to long-term reading goals, which may be logged at the individual's leisure.

The Children's Summer Reading Program encourages participants

to unite, hoping to read enough books to double the world record for the longest marathon reading aloud by a team, with a total of 43,800 minutes. Each completed book counts towards one minute of reading.

Additionally, the Children's Room hosts themed activities Monday through Thursday, such

as Story Time, Craft Time, and more. Some activities require registration beforehand, which begins each Thursday prior to the program. To register, call the Library at 603-432-1127. Questions may be directed to the Senior Librarian via email at [jdellvillar@londonderry-nh.org](mailto:jdellvillar@londonderry-nh.org). For a complete list and descriptions of all

activities offered this summer, visit [londonderry-nh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH\\_LeachLibrary](http://londonderry-nh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_LeachLibrary) and select the "Childrens Services" tab at the top of the page.

Similarly, the Young Adult Summer Reading Program for students in grades six through 12 allows participants to log independent reading and earn a raffle slip for each book they finish, with the chance to win prizes. The program also includes weekly Thursday night meetings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for events such as bingo, discussion, movie nights, and more. Questions may be directed to Megan Donovan by calling the above number or via email at [mdonovan@londonderry-nh.org](mailto:mdonovan@londonderry-nh.org). More information about the program can be found at the same website listed above, then select the "Young Adults" tab at the top of the page.



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# Kids Coop Theatre to Perform High School Musical on July 27 & 28



GABBY GUERARD  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Journey back to the year 2006: when Disney's High School Musical (HSM) first premiered. For the last 12 years, the phrases, "Get'cha Head In The Game" and "We're All In This Together" have taken on a new meaning, filled with memories of dance, basketball, and singing. Though, HSM will be reinvented once again, this time starring the familiar faces of teens throughout the local community.

Kids Coop Theatre's production of Disney film will hit the Derry Opera House stage on Friday, July 27 at 7 p.m. and Sat-

urday, July 28, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The cast of 38 brings a wide variety, ranging in age from 12 to 18, and represents a total of 12 towns.

The production includes 10 cast members from Londonderry, including Emily Smith, Gabrielle Page, Adriana Nadeau, Maya Lincoln, Simone Labell, Zelda Howard-Martin, Gianna Fowler, Ellie Cook, Jason Cain, and Colleen BAHAN.

Derry is home to the most cast members with 13, including Ruthie Vinson, Braeden Tremain, Bryn Steinmetz, Alyssa Rzasa, Ivy Phillips, Nicolette Manrique, Dakota Gosselin, Chase Elliott, Jack Downey, Erin Dow-

ney, Lily Barrett, Madison Barbrick, and Ryan Carrigan, who plays one of the lead roles as Ryan Evans.

Carrigan is joined by Isabella Charlebois of Hampstead, who plays another lead role as Sharpay Evans. Also from Hampstead are cast members Zoe Sternberg, Alletta Remillard, Madison Hawkes, and Angelina Gonzalez, in addition to Lindsay McAlpine of Chester.

Bringing together a cast with such a variety of members is no easy task, and for directors Amanda Morgan and Jen Ryder, it's not the only challenge the group has had to overcome. The group began the production at the beginning of June, which means the entire process is a mere eight weeks. As Choreographer, Ryder credits the cast's passion and work ethic as the key to overcoming this obsta-



Cast members of the Kids Coop Theatre's Summer performance of "High School Musical" have been hard at work over the past few weeks rehearsing at the Upper Village Hall in East Derry. The play will take place at the Derry Opera House.

Photos by Chris Paul

cle.

"There's really not a lot of time. I make dance videos and put them on YouTube, so that they can go home and practice," she said. "These kids have been watching them nonstop. They come to rehearsal, and have the dance already learned! I'm so proud of them!"

Another notable component is the young age of the cast. While this is a teen show, many members are aged between 12 to 14. Having been Musical Director for 29 shows, 28-year-old Morgan explained that she is impressed by their abilities.

"Even though it's been a little bit of a challenge having a younger cast, seeing them grow and work really hard has been really cool," Morgan said. "Listening to them sing,

you wouldn't know they were younger."

The younger members are so talented that two of the four lead roles, Sharpay and Ryan Evans, are played by locals Charlebois and Carrigan respectively, both of whom are just 13 years old.

Carrigan was so excited about HSM that he wore a blue sparkly hat to his original audition, channeling character Ryan Evans from the first day. "My name is Ryan [too], so I love being the part in general, and I watched this when I was younger," he said.

Charlebois was just as eager for the production, given that it's one of her favorite Disney movies. "I'm really excited about the show, because we have a really good cast and I've watched this movie for years," she

said. "It's just a fun show to all put together, and we're all a great team."

"They're a really great group of kids, and they're going to bring a lot of energy, so people should definitely come see it!" said Morgan.

Tickets will be available online and at the door. However, Producer Tina Ozaroff advised that those who would like to see the show should purchase tickets as soon as possible, because Kids Coop performances are known for selling out. Ozaroff added, "It's not general seating, so if you want a good seat, you should go online to pick your seat."

For more information about Kids Coop, visit [kids-coop-theatre.org](http://kids-coop-theatre.org). To purchase tickets online, visit the website, then select "Buy Tickets Now."



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LONDONDERRY TIMES

It would appear that doing so much winning over a number of years has only made one Londonderry all-star youth baseball squad hungry for more successes.

The talented all-star troop advanced to the Cal Ripken regional championships as a 9-U entity during the summer of 2016 and then again as a 10-U crew last summer, falling just short of winning crowns both times. But now this summer that skilled squad is headed back to the regionals once again as an 11-U contingent, and this time the locals hope to hoist the biggest hardware overhead after getting to the semifinals and then the finals respectively during those previous two tries.

The team qualified as the top seed from the Eastern part of New Hampshire several weeks ago by taking the area title on their home field. And there was drama at the state championships recently at the double-elimination New Hampshire championships at Roger Allen Park in Rochester.

The locals had to find a way to rise back up out of the loser's bracket - just like earlier in the area tourney on the Londonderry Athletic Field Association diamond - and knock off the tough Seacoast squad twice in consecutive games in championship-level action. And Coach A.J. Marsh's

machine accomplished just that in becoming the state champs and advancing to the regionals for a third straight year. This year the regionals will be played in Dover.

"It's been really fun to watch the way they dug in to win two elimination games in both the area and state tournaments," said Marsh. "They truly deserve to be going to the regionals as N.H. champs."

At the states, the locals started out with wins over Merrimack (11-1 in four innings) and Dover (5-2 in extra innings) on Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8.

The Londonderry side had to go to extra frames in a second straight game on Tuesday, July 10 against that Seacoast side which has become a rival through many great battles. But this time the local squad saw itself slide into the tournament's loser's bracket thanks to a tough, 8-7 loss to them in 10 innings.

"This was a heart-breaker, but it was such a great game. It really could have gone either way," said team press liaison Natalie Cook.

Londonderry came out strong and scored three times early, in part due to some Seacoast fielding miscues. But as the contest reached the bottom half of the third inning play had to be suspended due to lightning in the area. The game resumed after a break of approximately an hour, and Seacoast used the



Londonderry 11-U baseball all-star Brady Gillis slides into second base safely against Dover in recent tournament play. Courtesy photo

rest to rally itself and it knotted the score at 3-3 quickly.

The game was later tied up at 7-7 with the local crew batting in the bottom of the 10th when opposing batter Murphy Wall singled on a 1-2 count to plate the deciding run.

Londonderry was held to just four hits in the hard-fought battle with Seacoast managing eight.

Facing removal from the double-elimination tourney but still undeterred, the Londonderry crew battled its way to a 3-2 win over Dover in the loser's bracket final on Wednesday, July 11, with Jayden Hamilton giving his squad some strong pitching and Zach Mantegari's two key hits.

The local boys scored twice in the second frame on a hit by Jonathan Wil-

son and a fielder's choice off of Mantegari's bat. Dover scored twice in the fourth to knot the score at 2-2, but Londonderry bagged the winning run in the bottom of the fifth when Hamilton laced a double to right field to plate Brady Gillis.

Ryan Perry then took over in relief on the hill and helped his side preserve the slim victory.

Just as had been the case back in the area tourney in Londonderry weeks earlier, the local

team was faced with besting undefeated Seacoast twice in the championship round in order to bag the New Hampshire title. And as was the case at the earlier event, Londonderry was up to the challenge.

The first game began late on Thursday, July 13, and the locals squeaked out a 7-6 success in seven innings. Londonderry led 2-0 early, saw its opponent tie the tally at 2-2, and then watched Seacoast snare a 5-2 advantage in the bottom of the second. But coach Marsh's mob knotted the score at 5-5 in the top half of the third.

The local side vaulted into the lead by scoring once in the top of the fourth, but Seacoast got that marker back in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 6-6 contest.

But Londonderry bagged what would prove to be the winning run in the top half of the seventh when Hamilton came up big with the stick once again, singling in Mantegari from third base.

Seacoast wound up knocking a dozen hits to Londonderry's five, but the scoreboard told the

bigger story.

Ryan Williams, Casey Marsh, and Gillis handled the pitching for the winning side, and Hamilton and Jonathan Wilson each smacked multiple hits in the successful effort.

And with all of the proverbial marbles up for grabs in the title game later that evening, Londonderry leaped out to a substantial lead but had to hang on tight for a 9-7 victory which got it the state crown.

A six-run second frame put the local team in great shape, but Seacoast refused to go away and made things a bit more interesting than coach Marsh and his mob would have liked.

Wilson, Carter Browning, and Gillis all saw important mound duty, and Cole Metivier, Wilson, Devin Boles, Hamilton, and Browning all bashed important hits.

Along with the fine contributions of the aforementioned players, the state champs had Boden Belanger chip in with some strong efforts in a tournament none will soon forget.

The regionals start this Friday in Dover.

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# Junior Legion Baseball Crew Suffers Through a Sudden Slide

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As Boston Red Sox fans from all generations can assure you, the biggest barometer for how good a strong team truly is is precisely how well that squad fares against the best competition.

The American Legion Post 27 Junior team from Londonderry has been one of the strongest entities in District B all season. But then the locals went up against two of the other powerhouses in that tough district recently, well, the results were absolutely not what coach Jake Ratka and his charges were hoping for.

After pummeling Portsmouth by a 7-1 tally at

Londonderry High School Monday, July 9 and advancing its record to 10-0, the Post 27 team dropped three straight games to the other two upper-echelon contingents in the district to fall to 10-3 overall.

League-leading Dover, which entered this current week boasting an 11-3 mark, downed Londonderry by a 6-2 tally at LHS on Tuesday the 10th and then bagged an even more decisive success in a 10-0 blowout against a short-handed Post 27 crew over on the seacoast two nights later.

The local Legion crew was then back on its home diamond on the night of Friday the 13th against a strong Newmarket contingent, and that

game wound up truly being a nightmare for the locals.

The visiting Newmarket crew bounced its District B record up to 11-5 - and assured itself of a playoff berth - with a 10-0 thrashing of Londonderry on its home field.

The scuffling locals saw their guests plate six runs on five hits and one error in the top half of the second frame, and Newmarket put the 10-run-rule into place by scoring four more times on three hits in the top of the fourth.

Londonderry, which was playing without star infielder Brandon Fish in the Friday the 13th battle but had several players back who had been miss-

ing in the lopsided contest the previous night, could only manage two hits off of steady Newmarket hurler Declan Devaney over the five innings which were played.

The visiting side knocked eight hits against the three Londonderry hurlers who toed the rubber on a tough night and worked hard to keep their team in the game.

The local team stepped into this week facing a busy final stand of four games before the weekend, and you can bet your bottom buck that coach Ratka and his roster were looking to head toward the District B tournament with an extremely important turnaround.



Alex Cafaro played shortstop and did some pitching in his team's tough loss to Newmarket last week.  
Photo by Chris Pantazis

# Londonderry Residents Play in Major Lacrosse Tournament

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After having been identified as two of the most promising young high school lacrosse players in the entire New England region, Londonderry residents and Bishop Guertin High School Cardinals Ben Abladian and Luke Romanek got the chance to test their mettle

against some of the other top lax athletes in the whole nation at the 13th Annual Under Armour All-America Lacrosse Tournament in Maryland recently.

That prestigious tourney took place from June 28 through July 1 on the campuses of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and Towson State University in Towson, and

Abladian and Romanek both played on the New England Command squad during the multi-day event.

Sophomore attackman Abladian and freshman face-off specialist Romanek both filled important roles for the superb BG Cardinals' boys' lacrosse squad and coach Chris Cameron this past spring, helping their

Cards go undefeated right up to the Division I title match with Pinkerton. And one of the two locals' teammates on the Command squad at the Maryland tourney was Pinkerton freshman stalwart and Abladian's fellow attack Hunter Drouin, who aided his Astros in their dramatic D-I title-game vanquishing of Abladian and Romanek and their tough Nashua-based contingent. The Londonderry residents and their fellow Cardinals entered that big New Hampshire match as the defending Division I champions.



Face-off specialist and Londonderry resident Luke Romanek of Bishop Guertin got to play in a major national lax tourney recently. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Senior Legion Baseball Squad Stuns Tough Derry Side

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Despite the fact that its 2018 season hasn't had anywhere near as many "ups" as it would have liked, the American Legion Post 27 Senior baseball squad has stayed right in there swinging with spirit.

And on the night of Thursday, July 12 at Londonderry High, the locals were able to capitalize on a slew of fielding miscues

made by a Derry Post 9 Legion crew which is considered a legitimate state championship team in a 3-1 decision which the Derry squad would much rather forget.

The visiting side rolled into that Thursday night battle with a big head of steam having snagged both ends of a double-header against a talented Merrimack team in Merrimack the day before. And those two successes

made Derry coach Mike Lynch's crew an extremely strong 9-3 in tough Senior District B.

For its part, the Londonderry Post 27 side was in the midst of a humbling losing skid and looking up at everybody else from the basement of the District B standings.

But the old adage "anything can happen on any given day" came into play in the Derry/Londonderry rematch of a June

27 game at LHS in which Saint Joseph's College of Maine-bound Derry pitcher George Welch twirled an impressive no-hit effort at the light-hitting Londonderry crew.

The Post 27 bunch did just enough hitting and got some truly stellar pitching work of its own from Travis Peabody in its 3-1 victory, in which the hosts scored twice in the third inning and once more in the fourth and

knocked a total of six hits.

"Derry looked pretty flat and I think they were looking past us," said Londonderry Legion baseball director Jim Blake.

Blake also made the point that pitcher Peabody's mound effort was the centerpiece of that night's Londonderry success. The hurler held a powerful Derry offense to a paltry four hits while walking just two batters and striking out a pair.

"It really was a great performance," added Blake.

With its season record sitting at 3-10 and a play-off berth no longer in the picture, the Londonderry squad stepped into this the final week of the 2018 regular season looking at campaign-ending games against Nashua at LHS and then Exeter at Phillips-Exeter Academy after Londonderry Times press time.

# Lightning Softball Squads Make History, Excel in Tourneys

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There is no question that the Londonderry Lightning softball organization continues to field some of the most exciting and competitively-successful contingents in New Hampshire youth softball.

The Lightning had its 12-U squad qualify for the Babe Ruth district championships recently with a fine second-place finish at the state championships in Londonderry. And during that major event, the local organization made state history by having its 10-U Blue and Red crews qualify to play against each other for the state crown. The Blue squad snagged the title with a 6-1 win, but the Lightning was assured of claiming both the first and runner-up slots with both of their contingents performing so well at states.

In 12-U play, the Lightning placed an excellent second overall at the district tourney in Litchfield the weekend prior to the state tourney to make it to states. And once there -

on their home diamonds during the weekend of July 6 - the locals made it to the title game but were bested by the Litchfield Blast squad. However, the 12-U crew finished as the runner-up, and qualified for the regional championships in New Milford, Ct.

The local girls outscored their opponents by a lopsided 55-9 tally over five games. Sam Daniels and Sarah Weeks combined strong pitching efforts behind a potent offense led by Madison Saucier, Riley Burns, and Sarah Peckham.

The 12-U contingent's full roster also includes Kaitlyn McHugh, Katie Nolan, Avery Dyer, Emma Houston, Brielle Foote, Emily Goldberg, Reiley Devall, and Sarah Peckham. Head coach Brendan Burns is ably assisted by Keith McHugh and Doug Peckham.

In 10-U competition at the district championships, the Londonderry Blue crew had placed second and the Red squad fourth out of nine entries from Southern New Hampshire as both quali-

fied for states.

And the two local squads performed a first in New Hampshire Babe Ruth softball play by both qualifying to play in the championship contest. Never before had two teams from the same town faced off for the NH crown.

"Our 10-U Red team beat previously unbeaten Windham in pool play, knocking them into the loser's bracket before our 10-U Blue team beat Windham again in the semifinals to send them home," said 12-U coach Brendan Burns. "10-U Red beat a very tough Merrimack squad to set up the all-Londonderry showdown."

Both local entries got solid pitching efforts, with Sara Daniels helming the 10-U Blue efforts and Elisabeth Kearney leading the Red effort on the way to that huge championship-level battle. Kearney also excelled at the plate for the latter crew, bashing a big home run in her team's quarterfinal victory.

"The championship game featured big hits



The Londonderry 10-U Blue and 10-U Red softball squads made history by facing off for the state Babe Ruth championship in Londonderry recently, with the Blue crew bagging the title. Courtesy photo

from Blue's Emma Saucier and Vivien Belanger, while Regan Burns turned in a defensive gem at second base. Blue took home the title behind Sara Daniels' pitching and great defense from Caelynn Blattenberger, Jennifer Raza, and Grace Nutter," said coach Burns.

The title-winning Blue crew includes head coach Brian Daniels and his

assistants Matt Leblanc, Dave Merhib, and Chris Raza, and players Sienna Schulz, Ginny Flaherty, Allyson Burgess, Hailey Conway, Natalie Merhib, Maeve Campbell, Isabel Lesieur, Jennifer Raza, Sara Daniels, Kaylee Leblanc, Caelynn Blattenberger, and Grace Nutter.

The runner-up Lightning Red contingent was made up of head coach

Mike Saucier and his committed and dedicated assistants Mike Campo, Tara Crowley, Catherine Kearney, and Nissa Belanger. The group of fine players included Emma Saucier, Regan Burns, Shannon Crowley, Vivien Belanger, Elisabeth Kearney, Annie Williams, Riley Campo, Caileigh Aguiar, Makenzie Daneau, and Addison Browning.

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# Local Kids Excel in Week Three of the Summer Fun Runs

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Speedy, young runners from Derry and Londonderry managed a whole bunch of top finishes during week three of the 43rd season of the Greater Derry Track Club's (GDTC) summer fun runs at Londonderry High School on the evening of Monday, July 9.

An estimated 200 runners took part in that night's races, with their registration offerings of non-perishable food providing an impressive tally of some 230 more pounds

of food being donated to the St. Jude Food Pantry of Londonderry.

Collecting top-three finishes in the nine-year-old divisions were girls' winner Camryn White of Derry, Addison Martinez from Londonderry in second right behind her, and Olivia Zouafi from Derry in third. In the boy's division, Londonderry youngster Josiah DelSignore snagged second place.

In 10-year-olds' competition, Jonah Roberts and Elijah Roberts from Derry went 1-2 among the males, and Eve Klok from

Derry and Jaya Kelly of Londonderry were first and second.

Among the 11's, Londonderry girls Lindsey Gregoire and Lilliana Cawthorn took first and second, and among the boys Jacob Hall from Derry proved unbeatable.

In the competition among the 12-year-olds, Michael Horan of Londonderry took a first and Bailey Yager from Derry notched a third.

And in the 13-year-olds' action Amelia Hernandez was first among the girls and Nathan Pope

and Kevin Plakyda of Londonderry finished second and third respectively among the boys.

The GDTC Summer Fun Runs are being held every Monday through Aug. 6 at Londonderry High, with that one item of non-perishable food serving as each runner's registration fee.

As the GDTC puts it, "all children ages two to 92 are welcome to come and run."

Registration begins at 6 p.m. each race night, with the runs at 6:30.

Members of the

Greater Derry Track Club lead stretching exercises and offer running tips prior to races, and each age group runs a different distance.

Two and three-year-olds run approximately 50 yards, four to six-year-olds run 200 meters, seven and eights run 300 meters, 9-10-year-olds cover 600 meters, 11-13-year-olds run a cross-country mile, and 14's and older run the open mile.

Everyone gets a participation ribbon compliments 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 event.

While they are co-sponsored by the Derry Recreation Department, the races are open to children from any town or city. In week one, youngsters from Hudson, Litchfield, Salem, Windham, and numerous other towns took part.

## Londonderry Junior Varsity Boys' Lax Squad Aimed High

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's first-year boys' varsity lacrosse coach Roger Sampson's skilled and determined 2018 squad worked extremely hard - you'd certainly expect no less under a proud former Marine - and made it all the way to the Division I tournament semifinals before being knocked off.

Kyle Graham served as an assistant coach under Sampson during the campaign and also ran the LHS junior varsity squad, knowing full well that the varsity would be losing some nine players to graduation and that some of his jayvees would doubtless be vying for varsity roster spots in the very near future.

"This group of young athletes worked hard

from the first day of the season until the last, and we had many outstanding players," said Graham of his JV group.

"The success of the unit was based on the unselfish transition play of all of our midfielders, especially Robert Doucette's ability to play both offense and defense consistently. And the team's strong fundamentals were a large part of our success," added the coach.

The offense was quarterbacked by freshman middle Zack Fawcett, whose skills and leadership efforts belied his youth.

"His superb field vision is shown as he led the team in assists," said Graham.

Another talented ninth grader, attack Hunter Smith, paced the JV

Lancers in goals (33) and points (48) and, in the words of his coach, "played a big role in the success this season."

Fawcett and Smith both came up with huge performances in the Lancers' most challenging matches of the campaign.

"In our toughest games this season, those two players had their best statistical games," said Graham. "In our overtime win over Pinkerton, Smith scored five goals and had two helpers for a total of seven points. The team scored nine goals that day. In the home game against Exeter, Fawcett scored four goals in the second half including three in the fourth quarter for a total of six goals in our 7-5 win."

And while the locals were able to score goals in abundance, they also

had a strong defense which worked diligently to keep the opposition from doing the same.

"The defensive unit worked tirelessly on ground balls and communication," said Graham. "With freshman standouts like Robert Derhak, Lance

Martinue, and goalie Luke Brown, the foundation for a rock-solid Lancer defense is evident. They never allowed double-digit goals-against in a game."

And the LHS coach derived great pride from the fact that his squad set

its season goals high and worked hard to accomplish them.

"This team set out to be the best team around and the mentality of this team was that we are sharks because sharks can't turn their heads on the way to the top," said Graham.

## Despite Decisive Wins Local League Standings Stay Tight

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Despite the fact that both games played in Londonderry 50-and-Over Softball League action on the evening of Tuesday, July 10 were on the lopsided side, the standings in that competitive loop continue to be quite tight.

The early game on the aforementioned evening was close most of the way, with Efficient Energy

Systems eventually walking away with a pleasing 12-5 defeat of The Eagles. And in the nightcap, The Birch Tree Counseling Center contingent handed Rocco's a somewhat humbling 14-6 defeat.

As a result of those two decisions, Efficient Energy Systems' season record moved to 6-1 through seven games, giving that contingent a top tally of 18 points. But that point total was a mere

three better than the second place Eagles' 15 thanks to their 5-4 mark through nine contests. Birch Tree sat at 4-4 through eight games with a total of 12 points. Rocco's was 3-5 through eight games for nine points, and The Village Chiropractors returned from a few weeks off with a total of six points thanks to their 2-6 mark. But heavy rains cancelled this week's play.



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# Win or Lose, NH Special Olympians Take First in True Sportsmanship

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Several decades ago, during a time of deep prejudice in this nation, one woman saw a group of people direly underrepresented and decided to take matters into her own hands.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's, Eunice Kennedy Shriver would witness the exclusion and careless placement of individuals with intellectual disabilities into custodial institutions, where they were often ignored and neglected. During a time when most would choose to ignore or hide these individuals, Shriver knew that they, in fact, had many talents and gifts to offer that were being wasted due to the

ignorance of others.

Shriver believed that if given the same opportunities and experiences as everyone else, those with intellectual disabilities could accomplish far more than anyone had ever thought possible. In 1962, Shriver would open a summer day camp to explore intellectually disabled children's skills in a variety of sports and physical activities, and this idea would grow into the very first Special Olympic Games in 1968.

There, Shriver would pledge that the new organization would offer its athletes, "the chance to play, the chance to compete and the chance to grow."

Today, the Special Olympics is a community

4.9 million strong, with the goal of reaching out to the almost 200 million people in the world with intellectual disorders. The organization is a global movement of 172 countries whose mission is to create a new world of inclusion and community, helping to make the world a better and more joyful place.

This year the Special Olympics USA was held in Seattle, WA from July 1-6. 4,000 athletes and coaches representing 50 state programs competed in 14 Olympic style team and individual sports, including powerlifter Cory Remillard of Derry.

Though the Special Olympics encourages friendly competition, one way the organization

stands out among the other sports teams is through the way the athletes treat each other.

"The best part of the Special Olympics is the sportsmanship," said John Remillard, father of Cory Remillard. Remillard explained how his son, who dutifully rises by 5am at least twice a week to train, had experienced his first loss this past competition to an athlete from Iowa by just four pounds. Instead of letting this discourage him, Cory Remillard reached out to the lifter who had bested him, shook his hand and genuinely celebrated his victory with him.

"In the end, it's just a game," Remillard said, agreeing that the athletes strive more for personal

growth than victory or pride. "Being a good person is more important."

Remillard explained that thanks in part to his involvement in the Special Olympics, his son's self-esteem and work ethic are "riding high." He marveled at all of the athletes' dedication, sportsmanship, and genuine teamwork and friendship.

"Professional (athletes) can learn a lot from them," Remillard said, remarking on unsportsmanlike conduct and bending of the rules so often seen in other sports organizations.

"It's awful, it's teaching kids the wrong things," Remillard said.

With so many more people to reach, Remillard stated the best way

to help support the efforts of the Special Olympics was through volunteering.

"By volunteering time, coaching, refereeing, just being part of the games, they'll be better for it," Remillard said of prospective volunteers.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver's vision has come a long way, but the Special Olympics is still determined to reach out to even more athletes, coaches, and volunteers to spread their message of equality, friendship, and personal growth.

For more information on the New Hampshire division of the Special Olympics and how to support the cause, visit [www.sonh.org](http://www.sonh.org)

## Recent LHS Graduate Rutina Playing in 2018 Lions' Cup Match

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Recent Londonderry High School graduate and former Lancer soccer standout Josh Rutina will complete his fine high school soccer career this coming Saturday, July 21 by playing in the 44th Annual Lions' Cup Match in Vermont.

Rutina, who was a major point-producing forward for the Lancers, will play on a New Hampshire contingent which will face off against Ver-

mont's contingent at Castleton University in Castleton, Vt. The Granite State squad's head coach for this 44th annual match is Brent Detamore of Profile High School in Bethlehem.

Each summer New Hampshire and Vermont have their boys' and girls' soccer all-star squads - made up of recently-graduated high school seniors - square off. The contingents are made up of skilled and battle-tested athletes nominated by the coaches from their

respective states. The competition began in 1975 and is organized each year by the non-profit Lions' Twin State Soccer Association, a joint venture between the Lions of the neighboring states.

Funds raised from the charity events are divided evenly between the states. The Vermont Lions donate their funds to operate the Green Moun-

tain Lions' Camp for deaf and hard-of-hearing children. The New Hampshire funds go to the Lions' Sight and Hearing Foundation, which supports vision and hearing projects throughout the Granite State.

Vermont cruised to a 5-0 win in the girls' contest last summer, and posted a 5-2 victory in the boys' game. Those 2017

matches were played at New England College in Henniker, N.H. But the Granite Staters lead both all-time series', with a 17-13-5 record in girls' play and an 18-17-8 tally in the boys' matches.

The upcoming 2018 contests are scheduled to start at 4 p.m. on the 21st, with the girls' match first and the boys' game set for 6:30. Admission is \$5 and free for children under age 12.

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## Library Hours

The Leach Library's hours for the month of August will be Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Saturday, August 18, for Old Home Day.

## Adult Summer Reading Program

This fun program for adults is running now till Friday, August 31. If you have not yet registered, please stop by the Reference Desk to sign up. All adult library card-holders in good standing are eligible to join the program. For more information, please call 432-1132.

## "Escape the Tide Pool"

The lower-level meeting room will be transformed into a seaside lair during sessions on Monday, August 20, Tuesday, August 21, Thursday, August 23, and Saturday, August 25. Solve all riddles and puzzles within the 60-minute timeframe to escape the tide pool or be swept out to sea! Groups of 4-8 adult participants (ages 18 and older) will follow clues to investigate the tide pool, conquer the kelp forest, hunt for treasure, battle the surf, and more. All participants will win a prize from the treasure chest. This special event is free and open to adult library cardholders. Adults without a library card can also participate by providing a valid driver's license. Advance registration is required.

## YA Meetings

All meetings are held in the downstairs meeting room from 6 - 7 p.m. and are open to all participants entering grades 6 - 12. Snacks and drinks are served at all meetings. You might win one of the door prizes which will be raffled off to lucky participants. Keep turning in your raffle tickets until 8 p.m. on Mon-

day, August 6, for a chance to win one of the large raffle prizes.

## Proceed with Caution

On Thu. August 2 work as a team to discover new worlds at the Leach Library. Together you will make a map and create clues to find your own lost world.

## Pizza Party & Raffle Draw

It is time to celebrate your achievements on Thu. August 9 at the Leach Library! Remember to keep track of the total books you read this summer, follow the enclosed guidelines, and hand in your reading log by closing time on September 8, to be eligible for the Janice Anagnos Memorial Summer Reading Certificate, as well as the special Grand Prize for the participant who reads the most books from June 1 - September 8.

## Family Fun Magicpalooza

On Wednesday, August 1 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. join us at the Leach Library for a magic show. Join magician Lon Cerel as he performs incredible feats of magic. Filled with lots of audience participation and the appearance of a live bunny, participants will leave with a smile. Those participants who wish to will have a chance to go home with a balloon sculpture (live animal). Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program.

## Craft Time

Design your own songbird mobile on Thursday, August 2 from 10 - 10:45 a.m., or 1 - 1:45 p.m., at the Leach Library. Patrons will be able to create their own mobile using a variety of materials, including feathers and markers. Each session is open to 70 participants. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program.

## Hide and Seek

On Monday, August 6, play Hide and Seek at the Leach Library from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Participants will hear stories of animals that blend in with their surroundings, as well as stories of hide and seek games that took a silly turn. All participants will leave with a camouflage bucket hat to help commemorate the day. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. To register, stop by the Children's Room.

## Hawaiian Fun

On Tuesday, August 7, relax and enjoy an Island Breeze from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Leach Library. Hear stories of sun and sand, surf and sea. Participants can learn some Hawaiian words and even get to do a fun tropical dance. Each participant will leave with a watermelon beach ball. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. To register, stop by the Children's Room.

## Animal Adventures

On Wednesday, August 8, the Leach Library presents Animal Adventures for an Avian Adventure from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Participants will encounter fascinating birds and other animals, and learn about their characteristics, habitats, and other interesting facts. There will be a chance to interact with some of our animal visitors, and those participants who wish to, may even have a chance to touch some of the animals. Animal visitors may include a Sunday Conure, Cockatoo, and Eurasian eagle owl (live animals). Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. To register, stop by the Children's Room.

## Yo-yo fun

On Thursday, August 9, see Brett "Ooch" Outchcu-



## Car Wash Support

The Londonderry Lancer Cheerleaders held a Car Wash fundraiser on Saturday, July 14 and some Londonderry Firefighters stopped by to show their support. Spirit Coach Chelsea Murfitt said, "It was so awesome to see the support from our community." *Courtesy photo*

nis from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Leach Library. Brett combines his three favorite things, yo-yos, music and dance. During the first part of the program, audience members will be amazed by Brett's awe-inspiring tricks. Thereafter, it's time to dance! Brett will lead participants through a range of different types of dancing. From line dances and follow along, to the freeze dance, this energetic program. Registration is required and begins

## Garden Club Meeting

The Derry Garden Club will hold its Aug. 3 meeting at The Robert Frost Farm, at 122 Rockingham Road, in Derry, from 10 to 12 p.m. The meeting will include a tour of the gardens on the grounds once occupied by one of America's beloved poets, Robert Frost. There will be a house tour as well as a brief presentation on New Hampshire Historic Sites. Members are encouraged to bring some perennials for swapping. Bag lunches will be provided. New members and guests are welcome.

## Old Home Day Baby Contest

The Baby Contest will be held on Saturday August 18, at 9 a.m., in the Matthew Thornton Gym. All pre-registered babies born between August 10, 2017- August 10, 2018 are welcome! Please contact [ohd-babycontest@outlook.com](mailto:ohd-babycontest@outlook.com) for details or to register. \$10 registration fee will be collected at the door. Come take part in this fun annual event for the youngest residents of Londonderry!

## Children's Summer Reading Program

The summer is here and it's time to rock out with this year's Summer Reading Program! The theme for the program is "Libraries Rock!". The Leach Library is pleased to be able to offer some great programs and activities this summer, including craft days, trivia contests and guessing games, just to name a few. There will also be special programs and performers throughout the summer. Have an enjoyable summer of fun during this summer's reading program! All reading program participants will work as one team to try to read enough books to double the world record for the longest marathon reading aloud by a team, with a total of 43,800 minutes! Each book read will equal one minute of reading completed. Follow our bookworm as he makes his way around the clock. Be sure to visit our website for our monthly Calendar of Events and all activities information. Check out the Leach Library Children's Services page at: [londonderryNH.org/Pages/LondonderryNH\\_LeachLibrary/CS/children](http://londonderryNH.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_LeachLibrary/CS/children)

## Harry Potter Celebration

On Thu. July 19 as part of the Leach Libraries Young Adult Summer Reading Program for grades 6-12 join us in celebrating twenty years of Harry Potter! Test your knowledge of the books and enjoy Harry Potter themed activities. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

## Book Discussion

On Thu. July 26 as part

of the Leach Libraries Young Adult Summer Reading Program for grades 6-12 come and discuss "Call of the Wild" by Jack London. Join Buck in a journey of survival as he learns what it means to be leader of the pack. The first sixty participants to sign-up will receive a paperback copy of the book to keep. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

## Craft Time

Paint your own wind chimes on Thursday, July 26 from 10 - 10:45 a.m., or 1 - 1:45 p.m., to paint your own hot air balloon inspired wind chimes at the Leach Library. During this program, patrons will be able to decorate their wind chimes with special paint. Each session is open to 70 participants. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

## Summer Fun Book Bingo

Join us Monday, July 30 from 11 a.m. - noon at the Leach Library to play a fun picture version of the popular game. Every participant will win and be able to choose books from our special selection table. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

## Win Tickets to Red Sox vs. Yankees

Etz Hayim Synagogue is raffling off two front-row seat tickets to the Red Sox v. Yankee game that will take

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**Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs**

**Monday - July 9**  
**2:55 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.  
**8:43 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Rockingham Road at Stonehenge Road.  
**9:28 a.m.** Three offers called to Domestic Disturbance and Restore Peace on Old Derry Rd  
**3:21 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Pillsbury Road.  
**4:01 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Pillsbury Road at Mammoth Road.  
**4:05 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Bridge.  
**7:36 p.m.** Drug Offenses investigated on Fieldstone Drive.  
**8:52 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Kendall Pond Road.  
**Tuesday - July 10**  
**9:29 a.m.** Report of suspicious activity results in transport to hospital on Premier Drive.  
**2:40 p.m.** Domestic disturbance results in arrest on Scots Place. Four offi-

cers arrest Bonnie Fritschy, 54, of Londonderry and charge her with Simple Assault; Criminal Mischief (vandalism); and Domestic Violence Simple Assault.  
**2:45 p.m.** Shoplifting reported at Home Depot and arrest made. James Lemire, 41, of Londonderry charged with Willful Concealment.  
**6:30 p.m.** Sex Offenses investigated on Mammoth Road.  
**8:18 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Mohawk Drive.

**Wednesday - July 11**  
**10:01 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on King Richard Drive.  
**12:43 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Old Derry Road.  
**2:42 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made at Brentwood Jail. Alan Grochowski, 37, of Londonderry charged with Stalking.  
**5:50 p.m.** Three officers investigate Domestic Disturbance on Buckthorn Street.  
**5:55 p.m.** Suspicious act-

ivity investigated on Stokes Road.  
**6:13 p.m.** Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance reported on Meetinghouse Drive. Four officers respond.  
**5:01 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance results in arrest on Mohawk Drive. Four officers respond and arrest Angel Cruz Sepulveda, 28, of Methuen, Mass. and charge him with Domestic Violence Simple Assault; Criminal Mischief (vandalism); Simple Assault; and Resisting Arrest or Detention.  
**Thursday - July 12**  
**11:21 a.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Mohawk Drive.  
**12:52 p.m.** Drug offenses reported on Winding Pond Road.  
**2:43 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Old Derry Road.  
**8:02 p.m.** Peace restored Neighborhood Disputes on Fieldstone Drive.  
**10:49 p.m.** Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Old Nashua Road.

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place on Friday, August 3, at 7:10 p.m. at Fenway Park. The cost of the raffle is \$10 for one raffle ticket; \$50 for six raffle tickets. Tickets include admission to the Royal Rooters Club, a private club for Red Sox season ticket holders and home to original memorabilia. The drawing will take place on Sunday, July 22, (your presence is not required for the drawing). To purchase raffle tickets, please contact the Red Sox raffle organizer at [redsox@etzhayim.org](mailto:redsox@etzhayim.org), or Dina Michael Chaitowitz at [d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org](mailto:d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org). Proceeds from the raffle will

benefit Etz Hayim Synagogue and will in turn help to support the synagogue's many programs that are available for free to the surrounding communities.

### Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this 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](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)

### Lions Club Meeting

General Lions Club Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m., at Lions

Hall, Mammoth Road. We are always welcoming new members to help support our community, so stop in to learn more.

### Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! On August 12, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry. On August 19 dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry. On July 27 and

The Concert on the Common Music Series continued on Wednesday night, July 11 with the music of the Bruce Marshall Band. Families filled the town common on what turned out to be a beautiful evening full of bubbles, music, popcorn, lemonade, barbecued ribs, ice cream and fun. Marshall has been performing at the venue for a number of years now.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

August 24 a Spaghetti supper will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry. On July 29, and August 26, Lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude Church 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. On July 21 and August 18, Dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 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 site plan to construct a warehouse/office facility and associated site improvements, 49 Wentworth Avenue, Map 14 Lot 44-35, Zoned IND-II, BDR Properties, II, LLC (Owner & Applicant)
- B. Public hearing on a waiver request to Section 6.01.c of the Londonderry Site Plan Regulations to allow the issuance of a certificate of occupancy prior to the placement of the final wearing course; waiver request to Section 6.01.b to allow the plans to be signed prior to the posting of the financial guarantee for off-site improvements with the condition that the bond be posted before construction commences; and to extend the time to satisfy the conditions of approval from September 1, 2018 to November 15, 2018 for a previously approved site plan for the construction of an affordable elderly 102-unit age restricted (62+) apartment complex consisting of two buildings, 30 Sanborn Road, Map 15 Lot 83-2, Zoned R-III, Town of Londonderry (Owner) & Steven Lewis, Inc. (Applicant) conditionally approved by the Planning Board on November 1, 2017.

## Police Log

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### Friday - July 13

**10:11 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Orchard View Drive.

**11:24 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on High Range Road.

**3:28 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Aspen Circle.

**11:58 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Orchard View Drive at Cinema 12 Theater

### Saturday - July 14

**8:43 a.m.** Motor vehicle

accident investigated on Auburn Road at Old Derry Road.

**2:18 p.m.** Services rendered for Fish and Game Violations on Page Road.

**3:02 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Pinto Lane.

**3:21 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Winterwood Drive.

**3:48 p.m.** Trespassing investigated on Old Nashua Road.

**10:23 p.m.** Three officers investigate Burglary on West Road.

**10:47 p.m.** Services ren-

dered for suspicious activity on Isabella Drive.

**11:39 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Old Derry Road.

### Sunday - July 15

**12:08 a.m.** Disturbance on Whittemore Road results in arrest. Zachary Lesko-Lebeau, 26, of Allenstown arrested on a warrant.

**10:57 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Mammoth Road.

**12:43 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Pillsbury Road at Ander-

son Lane.

**1:49 p.m.** Five officers respond to an attempted suicide on Gordon Drive. Results in transport to hospital.

**2:05 p.m.** Shoplifting investigated at Hobby Town on Orchard View Drive.

**2:11 p.m.** Shoplifting reported at Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road.

**11:01 p.m.** Assist other Police Department with transport to hospital from Manchester Boston Regional Airport.



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