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The land abutting the Woodmont Commons project on Hovey Road has been cleared recently to expand Pillsbury Cemetery. Photo by Chris Paul

Pillsbury Cemetery Near Woodmont Sees Expansion

SHANNON FINNEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In an effort to alleviate the growing problem of limited burial space in Londonderry for years to come, three acres of land will be added to the only town cemetery with plots available for purchase.

When Pillsbury Cemetery was established in 2004, it was estimated that 10-12 of its plots would be

filled per year. Since 2004, however, the rate of plot purchase has increased. Over the past few years, there have been 23-25 burials annually, according to the town's administrative support coordinator, Steve Cotton. Currently, there are only about 60 plots left in the cemetery.

Pillsbury is one of eight cemeteries in Londonderry, but the other seven

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Residents Continue to Raise Concerns on Exit 4A Project

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Congestion along Route 102 and I-93 has been a point of concern amongst residents and officials for a number of years. But although it has been discussed and debated since the mid 80s, a solution has yet to be fully realized. However, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) seems to be coming to a conclusion on what will finally alleviate the issue, as was the topic of discussion during a public hearing held on July 25 at West Running Brook Middle School. Leading the presentation for the dozens of Derry, Londonderry, and Chester residents in

attendance were NHDOT Chief Project Manager Keith Cota and CLD, Fuss and O'Neill Consulting Project Manager Chris Bean. According to the two, the hope is to establish an I-93, Exit 4A interchange that will help to reduce congestion and improve safety from I-93 into downtown Derry. Not only do they argue that such a project would help to promote economic development downtown, improve interstate access to the eastern side of I-93, and assist pedestrian foot traffic downtown, but it would also ease their concerns over the sheer amount of traffic along Route 102. Their projections show that the area's intersections will

most likely reach capacity by 2040.

After working to create a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) and mulling over five potential alternatives, the most popular, Alternative A, was one of the two major focuses of the presentation. The project would see a new diamond interchange added to I-93, built 1 mile north of Exit 4 on new alignment from the interchange to Folsom Road. On top of acquiring 12 residences and 5 businesses for the additional construction, Connector Road, Tsienneto Road and others would see expansions that would involve a series of 2-lane, 3-lane, and

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Londonderry Readies for 119th Old Home Day Event

As the town of Londonderry nears its 300th birthday, the town will be taking the opportunity to remind those in and around the area that Londonderry still has plenty to offer residents both young and old.

From Aug. 15 to 19, Londonderry will be holding its 119th Old Home Day events, each will provide activities that appeal to all ages and groups, perfectly fitting in with the lively summer season.

Old Home Day originated back in 1899 when it was created by Governor Frank Rollins in

response to a decline of the concept of the small farming town in New Hampshire. Rollins formed the event throughout towns across the state to encourage former residents to return to their "old homes" and see that they are still full of life. On top of Londonderry, the event is also held in towns such as Hudson, Cornish, Sandown, Newbury, Northfield, and Pittsburg, just to name a few.

Not only is Old Home Day one of the oldest consecutive celebrations in all of New Hampshire, but Londonderry is "one of

the few towns in New Hampshire that consistently holds the event on the same day every year, attracting over 10,000 people," according to resident Janet Cichocki.

Putting together a five-day-long event is never an easy process, which is

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Class of 2022 Gets Early Start on Fund Raising with Car Wash



Members of the Londonderry High School Class of 2022 held a car wash on Saturday at the BP station to be raising funds for the expenses associated with class activities. The weather was perfect for the event, and the members collected quite a bit on the popular Nashua Road spot.

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Budget Committee Gets Ready to Head into New Fiscal Year

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's 2019 fiscal year began on July 1st, and the town budget committee is preparing for their busy fall season.

During last week's Thursday night meeting, the board's first order of business to review the third and final version of the guidelines for allocating town funds through the community service grant program. Each year, the base level of funds for this program is set by the town council, and then the budget committee decides how these funds are allocated to each social service agency applying.

Historically, the committee decides to keep

fund distribution priorities in the community service grant program similar to previous years, explained Chairperson Kirsten Hildonen, however there is no guarantee that the nonprofit organizations will receive comparable funding each year they apply. As the guidelines explain, "...the needs of the community may change," thus requiring a change in the allocation of funds. This year, in planning for fund allocation in FY 2020, the committee focused on forming the guidelines to take these possible changes into account. "The big idea is to allow us to become more adaptable to the community," said Hildonen. The chairper-

son also noted that the committee wanted to set a "stricter, more clear set of guidelines, and to set a hardened deadline [for applicants]".

The committee's next order of business was to decide whether to keep August's budget meeting or to cancel it in order to attend a planned tour to South School, Moose Hill, and the high school.

These tours occur annually each budget season and are meant to give committee members some background for when it comes time to vote on budgeting issues pertaining to the town's schools.

"Seeing the schools and where the funding is going and what their

needs are... it helps," said committee member Tim Siekmann, who supported this claim by mentioning the recent asbestos removal and "redoing" of some of the flooring and windows in some of the schools.

"If we all go to Moose Hill, we'd all have a better idea coming into budget season of the space challenges that school is facing," said Hildonen. The chairperson was referring to the tight quarters in classes at the kindergarten in recent years, and to the portables which are being installed as a temporary solution to this problem. These portables should be up by the time of the planned school tour on Thursday,

Aug. 23, said Hildonen. "We'd be able to see the situation that they're in," she added.

Siekmann moved to attend the August school tours and cancel the budget meeting and Vice Chairman Alex Rego seconded. Hildonen encouraged the committee to attend as many of the school tours as possible. The committee agreed to make time around their work and school schedules to attend the tours.

The committee anticipates a large turnout for the fall meetings. "There's the possibility of a number of citizen petitions that want to come before us," the chairperson said. Siekmann agreed, mentioning a possible turnout

by representatives from charitable organizations, referring to the upcoming meetings when the allocation of town funds to social service agencies is voted upon. Stating an additional cause for possibly high future meeting attendance, Hildonen recalled last year's budget season when Jim Edwards made his case for new lights at Londonderry's Nelson Road fields and won the support of the committee. "I think his success in... working with us and the town has set a very strong precedent for how people can responsibility do citizen petitions, so I would expect to see some more people wanting to talk to us."

How Do You Like Them Apples? Old Home Day Parade Keeps on with Tradition

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 119th Old Home Day celebration is just around the corner, and following in the steps of nearly 120 years of history and traditions the annual Londonderry Old Home Day parade.

According to the website for Old Home Day, the parade, which is always held on the third Saturday of August, is one of the largest parades in the state of New Hampshire. Local non-profit and state organizations, local businesses, high school bands, pipe and drum bands, and national political candidates are all included in the participants of the hour-long cavalcade.

Each year, approximately 10,000 spectators gather along the 1.2 mile

long route on Mammoth Road to watch the procession. The parade route begins at Londonderry Middle School and ends at Mack's Apples.

The theme for this year's Old Home Day parade is, "How do you like them apples?" the winning entry from Ms. Murphy's 4th grade class at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. Murphy's students came up with the idea for the theme as they were studying their hometown, and had an ice cream party to celebrate their winning theme. It is now up to parade participants to live up to this theme with their unique floats.

Interested non-profit organizations or businesses should adhere to the guidelines listed on the Londonderry Old

Home Day website.

Prospective participants should complete a registration form provided also provided on the Old Home Days parade page by Aug. 10.

There is a mandatory \$300 registration fee for businesses, which are restricted to one motorized vehicle or float. All motorized vehicles should be antique or "rare and unique." Non-profit organizations are not required to pay a registration fee, and a \$100 grant is available to each non-profit that enters a float.

The Committee reserves the right to limit the size or reject any participant group if it deems that doing such is in the best interest and spirit of the Old Home Day celebration.

All motor and float units will be assigned an assembly area and should form in such no later than 8:30 a.m. the day of the parade, while non-motor units form in their respective assigned assembly areas no later than 9 a.m. Motorized units of any kind shall not be allowed to return to the start of

the parade route until the parade is completed.

Parade participants must keep up with the pace of the parade. Failure to maintain a reasonable pace will result in participant removal to an appropriate location.

Throwing objects to spectators is strictly prohibited, however, items may be handed out. The use of spray or foam material is also prohibited.

Failure to comply with any parade rules or direct orders from the Parade

Coordinator or Committee members may result in direct expulsion from the parade.

The parade is scheduled to start from the Middle School at 10:30 a.m. rain or shine on Saturday, Aug. 18. Information for parking will be provided in the parade informational packets.

Rain or shine, this year's parade promises to please all in attendance as the town commemorates another year of the Old Home Day celebration.



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Editorial

Why Civic Engagement Is A Necessity

Why are you important to society? To your community? How do you tie into the bigger picture or into the grand scheme of things?

While we often find ourselves worrying about navigating the ins and outs of our own day-to-day lives, the way that we as people, interact in our community is critical in what role we play in our town and how it works.

The idea that we affect our communities by using our voices and becoming involved is known as civic engagement. And it is especially important for residents who want to stay in a town for a while it is almost like creating your place in the community.

By encouraging residents to become active participants in their community, it not only helps the town grow and improve, but also creates citizens who are better informed on the processes and events happening in the area.

However, how many of us can name all of your Town Councilors, School Board members and State Representative? How many of us pay attention to local elections and to decisions that affect your taxes? Probably not.

We believe that civic virtues are essential to a successful, strong, healthy, vibrant, community.

Civicness is the spirit of service; it is a sense of personal ownership of one's role as a citizen in town, making society work better. An example of this could be to vote in your local primary and general elections.

Letting your voice be heard on a smaller scale has a much larger effect. Instead of being upset later on over what and how decisions were made, and complaining about something you can change, take action now.

Learning through having conversations in which the goal is to learn how to solve a problem. These conversations can include disagreements.

When individuals or groups disagree, instead of yelling, both sides should focus on listening to the opposing argument. In learning another's perspective first, instead of assuming or judging, a civil engagement is created.

This level of civility, which we can maintain in most of our interactions with others, helps prepare us for becoming better problem solvers and members of new.

Community is building, and building networks of relationships that bridge traditional divides. In recognizing your differences from another, you are a more aware and willing citizen when it comes to acknowledging and accepting those who differ from you.

Civicness is believed to encourage, educate and nurture the growth of civic responsibility and awareness in our communities. History has proven the communities with civic-minded residents tend to stay in the town for generation because of a strong sense of belonging.

Civic engagement is a necessity. Make a difference in your community now and for the rest of your life.

Letters

Response Letter

To the editor,

The letter from Mr. Moskowitz in the July 26th issue really calls for a response. The threat to our security does not come from befriending Mr. Putin. I'm sure Mr. M. was equally concerned with the sale of 20% of uranium by the past administration.

The threat to our security comes from within. Having a border wall to stop the flow of illegal immigrants, some of who are truly a threat to our security along with those that are unwanted, such as MS 13 thugs. I would think Mr.M would be concerned with the protection of illegal's with little known background, provided by sanctuary cities and wanting to do away with ICE.

Pres. Trump has eliminated ISIS a terrorist organization, done away with the Iranian agreement, a true danger to security, dealt with No Korea like none of the past administrations were able to.

I thank President Trump for the security he has provided to date. Now let's build that wall for true security.

Jerry Page
Londonderry

Traitor in the White House

To the editor,

Who would have believed it? Me, that's who and 70 Million more like me. We saw the Lying Con-Artist for what he was. Most were really not

that concerned, but I was. The Electoral College process was there to prevent this, right? Oh No, It's now just a bastardized process, very much controlled by gerrymandering efforts, only to control elections. I mean in what bizarre universe would the following would be true: Say you have 4.5 Million voters in a State, 49.9% vote for candidate A, 50.1% for candidate B. Assume the State has 20 Electoral Votes, all 20 would then go to the 50.1% (B) candidate. Which then says: This State "voted" for Candidate B. When in the real world, nothing could be further from the truth.

This brings me to the Liar, Con-Artist, and Traitor. Liar? I wrote a letter 2 weeks ago and the Lie count stood at 3,001. Writing now, Lie count stands at 3,251!! I would then say: if the shoe fits, wear it!

It should be so obvious to anyone not affected by the State Run Media outlet, Fox Fake news, what is happening. As the Traitor takes pages from Mein Kampf to try and protect his sinking ship. Has to hires Ghouliani (Goebbels) to be his Spin doctor. Honestly, he's just acting like a crazy uncle now. On Cohen, last month: Great Guy, Upstanding, Honest etc. Today: Liar, Scoundrel, etc. Make up your crazy mind.

Some Republicans are saying: So what if he did. Well, there are a few problems with that. 1) Its Illegal, 2) its Treason, 3) Its immoral (like this would be a concern). So:

You can tell the poor

souls still following you: "Don't believe what you read and hear". (FYI, Nazi Propaganda machine told its people: not to believe what they see and hear (as the bombs were falling around them).

You can stop reporters from asking questions. Bar them from Rose garden. Have your Ghoul threaten people: "Michael Cohen better keep his mouth shut".

You can try and silence Michael Avenatti. FYI, Judge laughed it out of Court. See the Ghoul knows there are 3 other women who have been payed off. But we'll save this for next time.

I am confident that anyone with an ounce of integrity left, knowing there are 100 more tapes coming out, would probably just up and leave. However, this is no ordinary pile of Human garbage we are dealing with. This is someone with delusions of being a Dictator. Perhaps, why he loves Putin & Kim Jung UN?

Here's one which should people's eyes (hopefully). Everyone knows about Russia interfering in our elections and beyond. Well, guess what just happened on July 19th? "Republicans Block Bid to Extend Election Security Grants".

In closing: To the protesters of Occupy Lafayette Park, in solidarity with you! To borrow a Burgess Meredith line from Rocky: "Go for the Ribs, don't let the bastard breath".

Steve Homsey,
Londonderry

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Cemetery

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are booked.

Given the increased rate of burial, the town of Londonderry has faced the inevitability of cemetery plot space running out completely. A resolution to this problem was presented when the Woodmont Commons Development offered the town a land gift of three acres to use to expand the Pillsbury Cemetery.

The master plan for the Woodmont Commons project was formed in August, 2013 and approved the following month, thus approving the subdivision of land that would be used for the cemetery expansion project. The land was donated to a board of trustees of elected members John

McLaughlin, Howard Bookman, and Dan Collins. Funds were allocated to put the expansion project into action and a three-phase plan was laid out for the project.

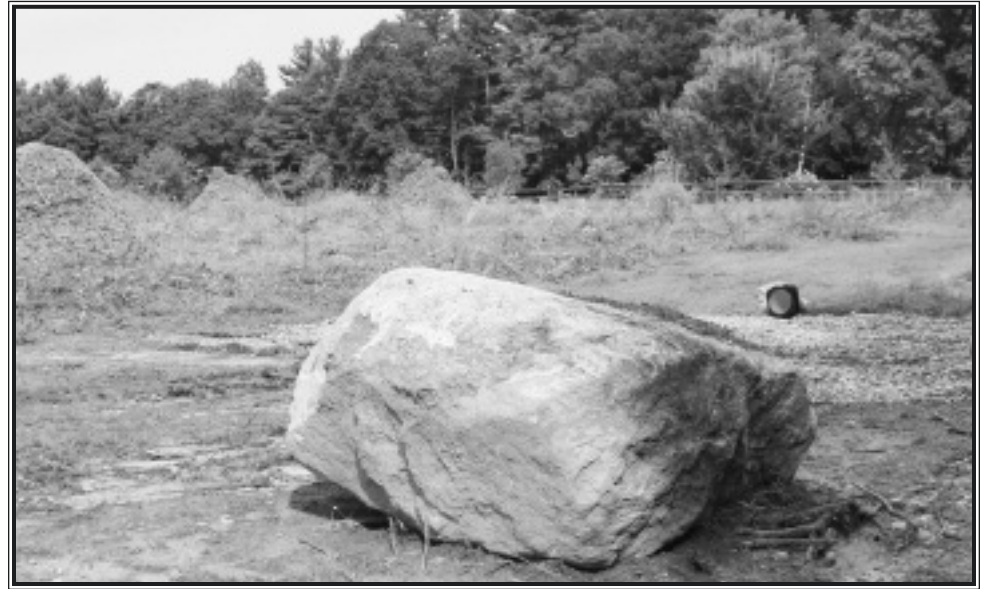
The first phase of the project was awarded to Severino Trucking out of Candia, N.H. The estimated cost to complete phase one is \$265,325, according to Cotton. Previously, the trucking company was awarded the largest construction project ever put out to bid by the state in 2016, the Newington/Dover project, according to NH department of transportation.

The beginning of phase one of the cemetery expansion project will involve "clearing and prepping the land," says Cotton, and before phase two is commenced, there

will be 125 additional plots available in Pillsbury Cemetery. The town official estimates that this first phase of the project will be completed by late fall.

The Woodmont Commons Development project will bring many more changes to the town other than a larger cemetery. A "unique urban village in the rural countryside," the development will include "modern residential living with phased apartments, condos, and townhouses," to quote the project's website. Once the 20-year long, 603-acre plan is completed, it will include 882,500 square feet of retail space, 700,000 square feet of office space, and over 1,400 residential units.

Woodmont is expected to bring even more growth to Londonderry



Land is being cleared near the Pillsbury Cemetery on Hovey Road.

which has already been named the fastest-growing town in NH. Between 2015 and 2016, the population went up by 724 people, a growth of 2.88%.

The expansion of Pillsbury Cemetery seemed

necessary to, and was a part of the Woodbury planning board's conversation from "very early on," said Nancy Michels, an attorney representing the development project. According to administra-

tive support coordinator Cotton, the added cemetery plots in Pillsbury will be sufficient for now, but if current trends continue, there may be more burial space needed "15-20 years" from now.

Old Home Day

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why preparation for each iteration begins as soon as the final activity comes to a close. The committee for the event meets once a month at town hall to form ideas, gain the attention of sponsors, and do whatever they can to help make the five days a huge success.

Old Home Day will be kicked-off on Aug. 15 with the Senior Night, which

features a Barbeque prepared by the Lions Club and a concert.

The Barbeque is held in the Lion's Hall Pavilion, and will begin with bingo at 4 p.m., food will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Following the meal, the Windham Swing Band will play for the attendees in the Town Common from 6:30 - 8 p.m. The event is open to all Londonderry residents and is

free to all Londonderry seniors ages 62 or older, but tickets will be required for entry. Tickets will be available at the Londonderry Senior Center or through the Town Hall.

Other events throughout the five days will include:

Kidz Night, on Thursday Aug. 16, on the Town Common, beginning at 5

p.m.

A softball game between Londonderry's fire and police departments at Matthew Thornton on Friday night, Aug. 17, starting at 6 p.m. followed by a concert at the High School and a fireworks display.

Saturday morning Aug. 18, feature the annual Lundgren 5K Road Race and the annual parade on

Saturday, Aug. 18.

Sunday will have a Church Service and Picnic from 10:30 a.m. 2 p.m. on the Town Common.

For more information on the festivities for Old Home Day and the event overall, residents can visit oldhomeday.com.

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Keeping it Clean for National Water Quality Month

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Summer months, people are advised to stay hydrated, and to keep a water bottle handy at all times. After all, the human body is more than half made up of water, which is depleted as the body sweats as a means of keeping cool.

Water is the ideal substance to quench thirst in the summer heat, but the quality of water makes a difference in how it hydrates the body.

The month of August is generally known as the hottest month of the year, and according to the National Association of County and City Health Officials, it is also National Water Quality Month. This observation serves as an important reminder for local health departments and members of the community to reflect on the safety of water in their communities, says NACCHO.

Although the United States is among the most developed countries in the world, and therefore has one of the most developed drinking water systems, NACCHO states that

there are still many factors that threaten the safety and quantity of drinking water.

According to NACCHO, one of the biggest threats to water quality and availability is lack of funding and support for local health department water sources, and that many health departments are reducing or eliminating water programs as a result of budget cuts. This added to the long list of human activities that pollute communal water sources, such as improper disposal of pharmaceuticals, personal care products, and other non biodegradable waste, it can become difficult for water to be tested and treated if necessary in many areas.

"Safe drinking water is essential to everyone's health, which is why we supervise public water systems, and strongly urge private well users to test their water and treat it if needed." Says Sarah Pillsbury, Administrator of the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

According to the Groundwater Foundation,

to ensure that it is safe to drink, private well water should be tested a minimum of once per year, and drinking water supplies obtained from shallow wells and surface water sources should be tested seasonally, as these are more susceptible to contamination. Furthermore, the Groundwater Foundation states that it is important to test drinking water from the tap as well as the source.

For help with getting water tested, local state Health and Human Services Departments will be able to make referrals to local certified laboratories. Many communities offer free screenings called "Test Your Well" events, while others charge a fee varying by company. Should water require treatment, many testing laboratories are equipped to assist with whatever treatment is needed.

"A key part of the overall approach to ensuring safe drinking water is preventing contamination of groundwater and other sources of drinking water." Pillsbury continued. "There are many ways those sources can be contaminat-

ed, and everyone has a role in prevention. It's a matter of the state regulating certain things, municipalities managing land use with a view of protecting water, organizations such as land trusts doing their part to protect water, and individuals being aware that what goes into or onto the ground will end up in our water. None of us can take clean water for granted."

The Groundwater Foundation further states that people can do their part to protect and conserve groundwater by using plants native to the local habitat, as they do not require as much water or fertilizer to flourish. Choosing grass varieties adapted to the region's climate also helps reduce groundwater contamination risk, as they do not need as much

extensive watering or chemical applications as other varieties.

Using fewer chemicals in the home and yard, and the proper disposal of those used will also help cut down on contamination risk, along with the proper disposal of potentially toxic substances such as chemicals, pharmaceuticals, paint, motor oil, etc. Many communities hold household hazardous waste collections or sites to help ensure that these substances are being disposed of properly (contact your local health department and check the Around Town section of your paper to find one nearby).

The use of natural and nontoxic household cleaners whenever possible also helps to cut down

on harmful chemicals potentially seeping into eventual drinking water. Materials such as lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar make for inexpensive, environmentally friendly, and effective cleaning products.

Clean drinking water is a vital part of a healthy and happy Summer, and with every community member working together to conserve and protect the quality of local water sources, we can ensure that the water we drink is happy and healthy.

For more information on water quality in New Hampshire and for contact information for Water Division officials, visit www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/index.htm

New Upper Room Event Hope to Build a Positive Workforce

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center, is excited to present "Building a Positive Workforce" as a Business Before Hours event in collaboration with the

Greater Derry-Londonderry Chamber of Commerce. Held before business hours, Wednesday, August 1 from 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. at The Upper Room, this event will

introduce a curriculum for employers to support their young adult workers.

"At The Upper Room, we are part of the solution. Along with our great partners at South Central NH Public Health Network and Granite United Way, we are here to help both employers and their young adult workers navigate struggles and transitions," says Executive Director Brenda Guggisberg. "We know there are young adults in our communities who need resources and support, and that helping them benefits our local businesses, and all of us in the long term."

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Heritage Commission Looks At Three New Site Plans For The Town

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Heritage Commission met Thursday night for their bi-monthly meeting to discuss business regarding new design reviews brought to their attention. The first site plan was brought to the Commission by Doug MacGuire. The application was for a design review of a site plan for 44 elderly housing units and associated site improvements to 48 Old Nashua Road. According to MacGuire, the goal of this project is to create a smaller cottage style community

that is geared to be more affordable than other 55+ communities that are currently in town. This community would also be made for people or couples who are looking to downsize to a smaller living arrangement. MacGuire also pointed out to the Commission that this project is meant to be a walkable community for residents to take walks along the entire property. The project is currently in formal design review before it goes before the Planning Board. An outside company would be responsible for the upkeep of the out-

side of the homes, which includes landscaping and snow shoveling. The Commission had just a few questions for MacGuire regarding the color scheme of the houses, but they were pleased with the overall answers they received. Members of the Commission overwhelmingly gave their recommendation for this plan to move forward.

After the first presentation, the second site plan given to the Commission was for the construction of a 5,840 SF, two-story salon, spa, and office. This plan also includes site improvements to 6 Mohawk Drive.

The presentation was given by Matthew Routhier from Bedford Design. There are currently two lots located on this property. One lot is holding the office building and the other is currently vacant. According to Routhier, the goal of this project is to construct a two story salon/office building. The site plans were met some hesitations from members of the Commission who felt that this did not meet the architectural feel of the current building that is on the property on Mohawk Drive. Town Council liaison Jim Butler expressed

his fear that if the proposed plans go forward, there will be push back from residents in the area and other townspeople. Ultimately, the Commission decided not to give their approval for the site plans to move forward until they fix some aesthetic issues they currently have.

The final site plan was brought forth by Jason Hill. This application was for a design review of a site plan to construct a 2,000 SF building addition with connector drives, display areas and associated parking and site improve-

ments to 3 and 5 Tracy Lane. This bit of land is tricky, because it is both on Hudson and Londonderry town property, so the applicants will need two stamps of approval to get their project off the ground. The original Reeds Ferry Sheds building will remain the same, but a driveway is looking to be added to the north of the site to interconnect the facilities. The presentation was short and sweet and the Commission gave their stamp of approval for the project to continue on the Londonderry side.

Exit 4A

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5-lane typicals to accomplish the goals of the project. Furthermore, there would also be room made to help treat storm water coming off of the project and protect or minimize the damage to nearby historical

properties. The latter would be done to follow Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Overall, the project is expected to cost around \$56,000,000.

The other point of discussion of the meeting was whether or not project managers would seek out a design-build method over

the design-bid-build method when determining how to go about building the project. Cota and Bean argued that the former is preferable because, as opposed to designing the plans for the project, having contractors bid on who will get the project, and finally constructing the project, the design-build method would have contractors work with the project overseers directly while designing the project. This would allow the NHDOT to both choose a contractor based on skill instead of money, and save up to a year on the time span of the project.

However, the project was not without its disapproval from the public. Once attendees were allowed to voice their opinion about the project, several voiced their grievances with Cota and Bean.

One of the first to speak was Derry Town Councilor and State Representative, Phyllis Katsakiores. She gave a brief history of the project, and mentioned how she was one of the people to

draft the original legislation to address congestion along Route 102 over three decades ago, and that she was dismayed with how little progress has been made since then.

"It took 34 years to get where we are today. There has been a bill, signed by the Governor, all this time," Katsakiores noted.

Londonderry residents also had their say on the project. Amongst them was resident Ray Breslin who not only wanted to know where the funds for this project were coming from, but also argued that the project has been redone several times in the past and would only add more traffic to affected areas.

"It's going to create more problems, rather than cure them," Breslin stated.

Breslin was also distressed at the fact that very little public input has been used in developing the plan.

He also mentioned to the state presenters that the bypass being created would all but kill Derry's downtown.

Derry resident Tom Landers asked if property owners along the project stand to lose property. To which the state responded, yes.

He was also frustrated in the fact that Londonderry would seem to benefit more than Derry would with the new exit, and Tsiennto Road would be turned a highway or boulevard.

"Your plan is to reroute traffic from state roadways to rural Derry roads," Landers said.

As for the timeline of the project NHDOT will be seeking out a Request for

Qualifications (RFQ) to determine the qualifications of those involved in building the project into the spring of 2019, while then looking into a Request for Proposals (RFP) throughout 2019 and into the spring of 2020 to determine the best proposal for the layout of the project. The construction is then expected to start in the summer of 2020, extending into the fall of 2022 if this plan were to move forward. For more information and updates about the status of the project, visit i93exit4a.com.

OBITUARY

Stamegna, Alessandrina

Stamegna, Alessandrina "Sandy" (DiMille) – of Derry, NH. July 27. Beloved wife of the late Paul Stamegna. Mother of Andrew Stamegna and his wife Cathy of DE and Maria Hicks and her husband James of Derry, NH. Grandmother of Paul, Mark and his wife Lauren, Stephen, Theresa and her husband Christopher, Elizabeth and Sarah. Great grandmother of Rei-Lenora. Sister of Madalena Cicconardi of Italy and the late John DiMille, Gaetano DiMille, Antonio DiMille and Elena Capobianco. Sandy is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass in St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. Visiting hours in the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., (corner of Park St. and Rte.28) NORTH READING, at Reading line on Friday from 5-8pm. Entombment Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Please omit flowers and make donations in Alessandrina's name to the American Diabetes Assoc., 1 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108. www.cotafuneralhomes.com.

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Annual Baby Contest Gives Young Residents a Chance to Shine

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's youngest residents will be given a chance to shine at this year's Baby Contest, to take place during the Saturday Old Home Day events on August 18th.

The Old Home Day Committee continues to sponsor the annual Old Home Day Baby Contest, where infants from newborn to one year will engage in friendly competition for titles such as Best Personality, Best Dressed, Best Smile, and Little Miss and Little Master.

The contest has been a part of Londonderry's Old Home Day for over a decade, and has served as a chance to introduce the town's newest citizens to the traditions and fun of the yearly celebration and reflection of their hometown.

"We emphasize that this is a fun event, all in good fun," said Kristen Ducharme, member of the Old Home Day Committee and coordinator for the

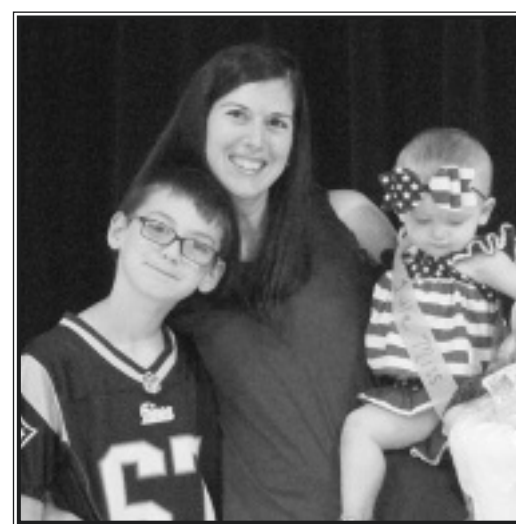
Baby Contest. "And it's a way to get young families and new residents involved (in Old Home Day)."

All babies entered must be residents of Londonderry and have birthdays that fall between August 10th, 2017 and August 10th, 2018. Pre-registration is required for the event, with no exceptions being made the day of. Event registration gives the Londonderry Old Home Day Committee approval to use any photos taken of children or the contest to promote future Old Home Days.

This year's volunteer judging panel will include Miss Londonderry and Miss Auburn, along with members from the Senior Center. Contestants will walk or be walked across the stage accompanied by their parents or guardians, and will be ranked in every category as the judges see fit. At the end of the contest, each baby's score will be tallied and the winners of each category will be



Last year's Old Home Day Baby Contest winners were Bentley Grace Kline for Little Miss, at right, and Ali Hamza Raza was voted Little Master at left. Other winners were Savannah Kehoe as Best Dressed, Tegan Palmer as Best Personality, and Julian Pescia as Best Smile.



Photos by Chris Paul

announced.

Winners of previous contests have taken home prizes ranging from gift baskets with toys to savings bonds in their names. This year, Ducharme is enlisting the help of businesses in Londonderry to provide enticing prizes for the winners of the 119th Old Home Day's Baby Contest, and of course to help give exposure to local business.

To families with little

ones who will be just barely too old to qualify for the Baby Contest, Ducharme mentioned that residents in the past have asked about holding a potential "Toddler Contest" in the future.

"I think you would definitely see a bit more personality there," Ducharme agreed. "Maybe next year."

The Baby Contest will be held in the Matthew Thornton Gymnasium at 9

a.m. A registration fee of \$10 will be collected during check-in the day of the event in the form of cash or a check made out to the Town of Londonderry. Pre-registration is required via email with the baby's name, baby's date of birth, parent's name, address, phone number and email to ohdbabycontest@outlook.com. Registration will be accepted no later than August 10th.

For those with babies in town, whether participating in the contest or not, a baby changing station will be made available across from the common at the Methodist Church, which will be hosting a number of activities throughout the day.

For more information on the Londonderry Old Home Day Baby Contest, send inquiries to ohdbabycontest@outlook.com.

Furry Friends Fetch Funds, and Need Foster Families

GABBY GUERARD
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For many households, pets are more than just animals. They are a friendly face to come home to after a long day at work. They are an intricate part of the family.

However, not every pet gets to sleep in a soft bed, or eat out of a big bowl. Some pets wander the streets alone at night, scrounging for their next meal.

The Greater Derry Humane Society (GDHS)

is determined to help put an end to that. The non-profit has worked around the clock to help rescue cats and dogs in the community and match them with forever homes. Though, the organization cannot do it alone; GDHS is seeking help.

Last year, GDHS reports rescuing 121 dogs and cats, all of whom were either strays, surrendered by families who could no longer keep them, transported from other rescue organiza-

tions, or even from the Derry Animal Control. However, board member Paula Dunlavey explained that while the actual rescue is important, it's afterwards when people become "real heroes."

Unlike many rescue facilities, GDHS is unique in that it does not have a shelter to hold the animals. Instead, the organization relies on foster homes. It is there that a rescued animal may decompress in a safe environment, until being

adopted.

This allows the pet an opportunity to become better trained and socialized, to learn to trust humans in a home environment, and to allow caretakers to learn more about their personality. Meanwhile, the fostering process provides the companionship of animals without the financial burden, as well as the chance to see how a pet will fit into a particular family's lifestyle.

Even though foster homes are the key to being able to rescue an animal, monetary donations are the most important need for the organization. Knowing that animals can require extensive care, especially following the initial rescue, GDHS provides food, necessary veterinary care, medications, and supplies to foster homes. Because the organization takes in pets who can require diagnostics such as x-

rays, ultrasounds, bloodwork, hospice care, and many other expensive medications, veterinary costs make up roughly 68 percent of all GDHS expenses.

For more information about the animals in need, as well as updates for events, adoptions, and available animals, visit "The Greater Derry Humane Society, Inc." on Facebook. Additional donations may be submitted to the website.

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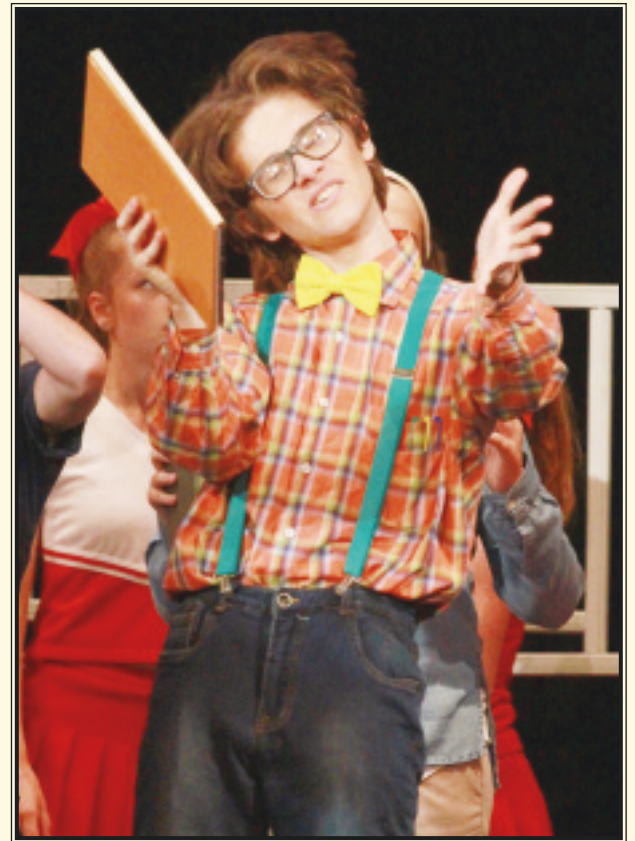
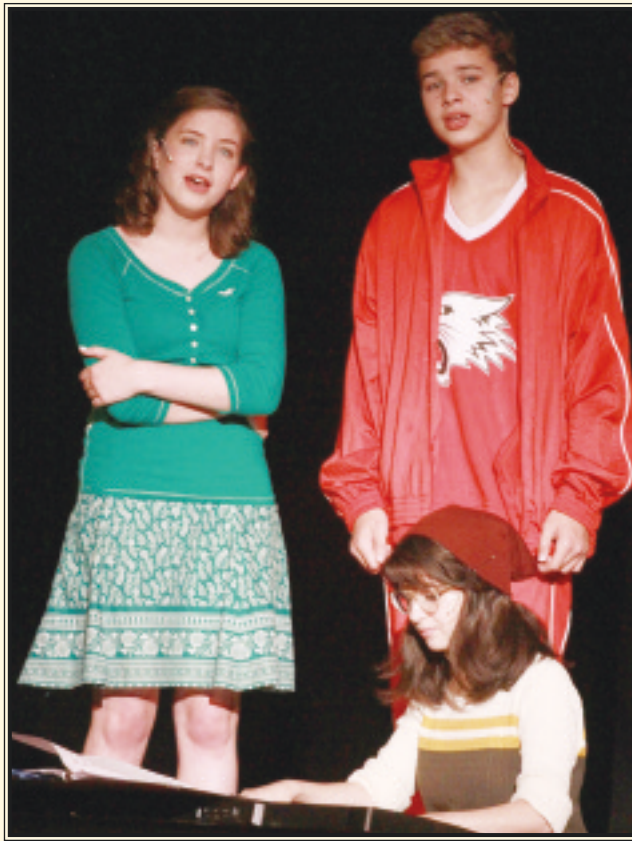


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High School Musical Hits The Derry Opera House Stage



The Kids Coop Theatre group performed “High School Musical” at the Derry Opera House with three shows on July 27 and 28. There were nearly 40 cast members of young actors and the production was directed by Marilyn Olbricht, Amanda Morgan and Jen Ryder. Leads were: Allison Newley playing Gabriella Montez, Joshua Ozaroff played Troy Bolton, with Isabella Charlesbois and Ryan Carrigan playing Sharpay Evans and Ryan Evans. Ruthie Vinson played Kelsi Neilson.

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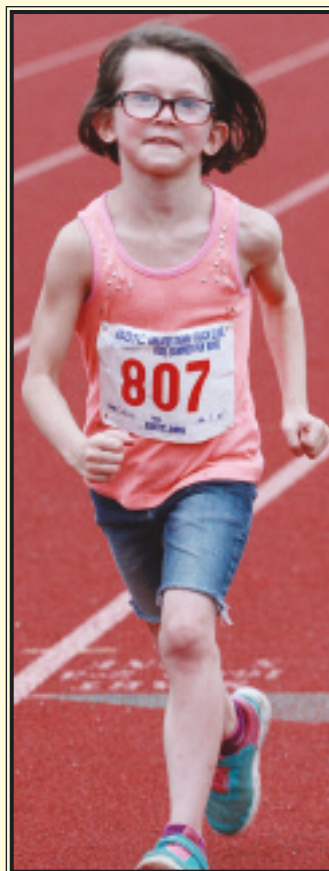
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Londonderry Junior Legion Baseball Splits First Two at States

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Post 27 baseball team overcame the quite palpable frustration of a slim loss on day one of the New Hampshire Junior American Legion Tournament to put forth a successful second performance on day two and forge on in that event, which was being held at Portsmouth's Leary Field.

The Post 27 squad was edged by a Manchester opponent on Saturday, July 28. But the next day the locals thumped the host Portsmouth squad and knocked it out of the double-elimination tourney to stay alive itself.

Londonderry began its involvement in the state tournament last Saturday by playing in game two of the event against Jutras of Manchester - the second seed from District A - on the Leary diamond.

The locals - who completed their 2018 regular season as the third seed from District B - played a strong game, receiving an excellent pitching performance from Nolan Lincoln and the defense

behind him. But what was missing from the effort - along with several key players who took part in AAU action instead of being with their Londonderry squad at the state tourney - were one or two key hits which likely would have made the difference between a win and a loss for the local crew.

The Post 27 bunch suffered a tough, 2-0 loss to Jutras to fall just one defeat away from being knocked out.

As he and the players left their dugout following the tough loss, Londonderry assistant coach Ben Byerly observed, "That's the best these guys have played in weeks. We just fell short on hits."

Lincoln went all six innings which the locals played in the field, throwing 84 pitches and holding Jutras to four hits while striking out five and walking four.

Manchester plated both of the runs scored in the contest in the bottom half of the second, tallying just one hit to do so.

Quite frustratingly, Londonderry left some



Chris Tutt played key roles in the field, at the plate, and on the pitcher's mound for Londonderry Junior Legion at the state tourney. Photo by Chris Pantazis

eight runners stranded on the bases as it looked in vain for a clutch hit.

"All of the guys, even the ones you wouldn't expect, have been doing their absolute best for us," said Londonderry coach Jake Ratka. "The only thing that was missing today was the clutch

hits."

One other major factor in the slim Jutras victory was the play of center fielder Darren Ceaser, who made three excellent catches. Had any one of

those balls gotten past the speedy outfielder Londonderry could conceivably have scored multiple runs.

Perhaps the biggest of Ceaser's grabs came in the top half of the second inning when Londonderry loaded the bases with two outs.

Londonderry batter Braeden Griffin thumped a hard liner to center and Ceaser managed to get to the ball over his head and snag it.

The locals left two runners stranded on base without scoring in the top of the sixth, but they began the top of the seventh with more reasons to feel optimistic.

Gavin Parent led off by reaching on Jutras' fourth defensive error of the day, and Tyler Kayo then drew a walk. But Griffin was called out on a close play at first base on a successful 4-6-3 double play, and the Manchester side was able to notch the final out just a moment later.

Chris Tutt, Zach

Rheault, and Matt McGill had the three Londonderry hits, and the locals were left looking at a second contest the next afternoon at 12:30.

Londonderry faced off with a host Portsmouth contingent - which ended its regular season as the fourth and final seed from District B - which had already lost one decision in the tourney as well. So somebody in the 12:30 match-up would be putting its uniforms into mothballs for the winter when their battle was done.

As it turned out, coach Ratka's roster tallied a pleasing 8-3 victory in which the local side scored six runs in the first two innings in racing out to a 6-0 advantage.

Righty starting pitcher Alex Peters went five strong frames for the victors, with Tyler Michaud capping off the team success with two fine relief innings.

The hitting stalwarts

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Londonderry 11-U Baseball Crew Goes 1-2 at Regional Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry 11-U all-star baseball squad continued its exceptional 2018 summer of hardball by competing in the Cal Ripken New England Regional Tournament in Dover recently. And the locals' title hopes at that event were not to be, despite an exciting and successful start.

The Londonderry team edged the Marlborough, Mass. entry in extra innings in its first game on the afternoon of Saturday, July 21. But the 2018 New Hampshire state champs were bested by their Granite State rivals from the Seacoast squad in game two and the Connecticut state champions from West Hartford in games two and three as their offense fell oddly and frustratingly quiet.

Still, the locals had every reason to be proud of the fact that they'd gone 22-7 in 29 games to that point, with continuing play in the Salem (NH) tourney still to go.

The double-elimination regional tourney was eight teams deep with four from Massachusetts, the one from Connecticut, and three from New Hampshire.

Londonderry went up against the contingent from Marlborough for the third consecutive year in the regionals, and the locals bagged their second straight success against the Bay Staters in the July 21 battle. But it took extra frames to get the job done.

In that contest, Londonderry's Devin Boles busted a 6-6 tie in the bottom of the ninth with a ringing single which plated the winning run and sent the local crew into celebration mode.

Londonderry's young men had sprinted out to an early and substantial lead only to watch the Marlborough side battle its way back. But Boles became the hero of the night by giving his side its walk-off win.

The local bunch bashed out some 11 hits with Cole Metivier and Zach Mantegari each smacking multiple ones. The pitching was handled ably by Jayden Hamilton, Carter Browning, and Brady Gillis in one long contest.

However, not a whole lot went right for the local all-stars in their Sunday, July 22 or Monday, July 23 contests at those regionals. Londonderry got

outscored by a whopping 20-1 combined tally in those match-ups with Seacoast and West Hartford.

After losing the final two games of the state tourney - and as a result the state title - the seacoast side was undoubtedly thinking in terms of revenge in its Sunday battle with Londonderry. And that entity handed the locals a 6-1 defeat.

The local stars actually out-hit their opponents 6-4 in the contest, with Brett McKinnon, Boden Belanger, Boles, Hamilton, Browning, and Ryan Perry each lashing one hit. Perry, Jonathan Wilson, and Casey Marsh handled the pitching duties for the local boys.

But the real stinger for the Londonderry squad was the 14-0 defeat it was dealt by the Connecticut crew in Monday night play. That loss knocked the locals out of the tourney.

Londonderry's lone hit of the evening was delivered by Saturday's hero Boles in the fifth frame.

"It was a tough couple of days for the team," said coach A.J. Marsh. "We had a great run through areas and states, but it looks like we lost some steam, coupled with play-



The wildly-successful Londonderry 11-U all-star baseball squad fell a bit short of its goal of a regional title recently. Courtesy photo

ing two very good teams. West Hartford is really talented. I told the boys they have nothing to be ashamed of. They should be really proud of their

accomplishments. Three-time state champs and to the regionals is fantastic." Before game-action began over the weekend, there was skills and drills

competition on Friday the 20th. And hard-hitting locals Boles (first) and Hamilton (third) wound up going top three in the home run competition.



Skating to Gold

Eighteen-year-old Katelyn McCarthy of Londonderry recently earned a gold medal at the 2018 Lake Placid Figure Skating Championships held at the famous Olympic center in Lake Placid, N.Y. from June 28-July 1. The local woman competed in the juvenile girls' test track division. McCarthy, shown here with her coach Julianne Pondelli, represents the Northeast Ice Skating Club. She graduated from Londonderry High in the spring and will be off to Saint Joseph's College in Maine in a few weeks.



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Lafa 12-U Squad Makes Memories and Wins Some in Cooperstown

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There are a great many reasons for baseball fans - young and old and even in-between - to be excited about making the trip to that sport's beloved and historic cradle in Cooperstown, N.Y. And the Londonderry Athletic Field Association (Lafa) 12-U All-Star baseball squad gets the opportunity to be reminded of that each summer.

Head coach Tim Dodge, his assistants, their players, and members of their families savored their annual trip to Central New York State recently in the wake of their huge, trophy-hoisting success at the Tyngsboro, Mass. tournament. Testing their mettle against teams from across the nation in one of The National Baseball Hall of Fame's weekly summer tournaments, the locals acquitted themselves quite well and made mem-

ories which will no doubt last a lifetime.

"This week has been great, right from the opening ceremonies walking into Little Majors' Stadium and hearing and seeing all the parents cheering on all kids as they participated in the team parade," said Dodge. "The games were great, the team played great, and the games were highlighted by a come-from-behind, walk-off win against the Muskego Warriors from Wisconsin and a 7-2 win over Dover, Mass in the playoffs. Every kid had a moment that they will remember forever. Overall we could not be more proud of the kids and the effort they gave this week."

The local stars played in a huge international tourney in Cooperstown which ran from Saturday, July 20, through last Friday the 27th.

And that span led into Cooperstown's most exciting weekend of the

year, with a group of great former major leaguers being inducted into the Hall of Fame. That crew included Detroit Tigers' legends Jack Morris and Alan Trammell, ex-California Angels' superstar Vlad Guerrero, Atlanta Braves' longtime stalwart Chipper Jones, former Cleveland Indians' slugger Jim Thome, and ex-San Diego Padres relief ace Trevor Hoffman.

The Lafa all-star squad's roster included Taylor Dodge, Joey Cafaro, Michael Thistle, Michael Maloney, Colin Parent, Matthew Traynham, Sammy Bernardini, Liam Stott, Drew Heenan, Spencer Nelson, Mary Croteau, and Drew Fuller. The assistants to head coach Dodge were Greg Thistle, Chuck Fuller, Ray Croteau, and Pete Cafaro.

The locals could not have headed off on their exciting and much-anticipated trip to Cooperstown in a better state of mind than they did after



The Lafa 12-U all-star baseball squad made its annual summer trip to Cooperstown, N.Y. recently to play in a tourney and returned home with some great memories and reasons to feel proud. Courtesy photo

winning the championship at the aforementioned Tyngsboro tournament.

On Thursday night, July 19, the local hardball squad capped off an undefeated run at the Bay State tourney by narrowly besting a strong Lowell Highlands' team in the

title game. The next day they were on the road with every reason to feel nothing less than great about themselves.

"The team went 6-0 in the tournament and played great in every game," said Dodge. "We won the finals 2-1 over a very good Lowell High-

lands team. I'm very proud and happy for this group of kids. Every one of them contributed during the tournament, and they ended their local all-star season on such a high note. They have been through a lot this year, and this was an outstanding finish."

Village Chiropractors Twist Up the EES Contingent Twice

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Several surprising outcomes during Tuesday night, July 24 play tightened up the Londonderry 50-and-Over Softball League's standings considerably. And now it's pretty safe to say that just about any outcome is possible in contests in that highly-competitive loop from here on out.

On the evening in question, the Birch Tree Counseling Center crew (now 5-4 on the season) nipped the Eagles (5-5) by a 10-8 tally in the early game to leave both squads with 15 points and in a tie for second place behind 6-3 Efficient Energy Systems.

But that EES squad began the evening and ended it with 18 points due to the fact that it lost both ends of a double-

header to a scuffling Village Chiropractors' crew.

The Village Chiropractors tallied wins of 20-11 and 21-6 in the two contests with the league-leaders to push their record up to 4-6 and their point total up to 12.

Rocco's Pizza, which had that evening off, sat in last place with its 3-5 mark and nine points when July 24 play had been completed. But on any given night...

Jr. Legion

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for the victors ended up being Kayo, Griffin, Alex Cafaro, and Tutt.

The local crew then looked ahead to the next afternoon - on Monday, July 30 - and another 12:30 contest against Dover in which it would again try to remain a viable title team.

The locals were knocked out of the tourney - despite another

strong effort - by an extra-inning, 5-2 defeat delivered by the Dover Post 8 crew early on Monday afternoon.

The locals leaped out to a 2-0 advantage in the latter half of the second inning, with Rheault delivering one of the three hits he smacked on the day.

But Dover knotted the score at 2-2 several innings later, and when the regulation seven frames had been played the score remained deadlocked right there. And

the tie wasn't busted until the top of the 10th when the seacoast contingent scored three more times.

Londonderry received six strong innings from starting pitcher Tutt, and Tyler Michaud was on the hill the rest of the way.

"This was one of the best games they played all season," said the local team's general manager Jim Blake. "The kids played three really good, sound, solid games in the tournament, and they should be proud."

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Ex-Lancer Football Duo Playing in the 65th Shrine Contest

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Since way back when the very first New Hampshire/Vermont Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Football Game was played at Nashua's historic Holman Stadium on Labor Day of 1954, there has been a mystique which has gone with being a recently-graduated high school senior star football player from one of the two neighboring states who gets to play in the big contest each summer.

Now some here in the Granite State may argue that a bit of luster has come off of the annual fundraising football contest over the last handful of years with the creation of the East-West All-Star contest played earlier in the summer and the shifting of the Shrine battles

from the ivy-covered confines of the Dartmouth College campus in Hanover over to Vermont. But talk to some of the players selected to play in the 2018 game this Saturday, Aug. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Castleton University - including recent Londonderry High grads and ex-gridders Alex Boucher and Mike McAlister - and their excitement isn't dampened in the slightest.

More than 200 player nominations were made to the New Hampshire and Vermont selection committees to create their respective states' Shrine squads, and Boucher and McAlister are both overjoyed to join the many hundreds of alumni who have played in Shrine contests over the last 64 years.



Mike McAlister

And you can rest assured that the two locals and their Granite State teammates will be quite prepared by head coach Pat Riberdy of Winisquam High School of Tilton and his assistants to end a modest two-game winning streak which the Vermonters have built up over the last two summers.

New Hampshire holds



Alex Boucher

a huge 47-15-2 advantage in the storied Shrine series, but Vermont holds the momentum at present and will work hard to maintain it. The Green Mountain squad bagged a 19-0 shutout last August.

"When I first received my (nomination) letter I was ecstatic," said Boucher, who plans on playing football at Western New England University in

Springfield, Mass. "To be nominated and chosen to play in the 65th Annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game means the world to me. I have played football since I was seven-years-old and have loved it since the first day. The opportunity for me to play in this game and have my family be able to watch me is truly special."

His former LHS teammate McAlister, who plans to attend and play football at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, is likewise juiced to be able to officially end his high school football career with a Shrine Game appearance. One of the centerpieces of the annual contest is the fact that it serves to raise vital funds for the famous Shriner's Hospitals.

"I was told by my high

school coach (Jimmy Lauzon) that I was nominated to play in the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl and to maybe expect a call from the coach," said McAlister. "I was honored that I might be considered and appreciative that my coach had nominated me. I was hopeful but realistic, not knowing who else was nominated, because there are so many good athletes in New Hampshire. I was at home when I received the phone call from Coach Riberdy, and I was overcome by emotions of excitement, humbled, and honored all at once. I am very proud to represent the Shriners and the state of New Hampshire football team as well as Londonderry High School in order to help raise money to benefit the Shriner's organization."

GDTC Team Performs Well at Latest Grand Prix Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The defending 2017 New Hampshire Grand Prix Race Series champions from the Greater Derry Track Club still face an up-hill climb in their defense of their title. But the locals did some extremely strong work in notching their second place finish to the 2018 series-leading Gate City Striders of Nashua in the most recent Grand Prix race in Concord.

The Nashuans rolled into 2018 series race number five - The 51st Annual

Bill Luti 5-Miler in the state capital on Saturday, July 21 -with a tally of 766 points to hold first place over the second place Upper Valley Running Club of Lebanon (543) and the third place GDTC squad (503).

The local club - which has a great many members from local towns like Derry and Londonderry as well as from as far away as Northern Massachusetts - placed behind only the Gate City Striders at the Concord event, in which some 10 New Hampshire running clubs

competed.

Gate City had its 27 runners notch 158 points in the Luti race, with Greater Derry tallying 138 thanks to the performances of its 27 competitors. Upper Valley only had 15 runners take part in that most recent race, and it finished that day with 81 points.

Hence, the prestigious series goes into its final three races with Gate City sitting in first place with a big 924 points, Greater Derry now in second place with 641, and Upper Valley in third with 624.

The series' remaining events are the Epsom Old Home Days' Race on Aug. 12, The Half-Way to Saint Patrick's Day 5K in Manchester on Sept. 9, and the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD) Hero Half Marathon over in Hanover on Oct. 14.

At the aforementioned Luti race in Concord, the locals had Derry resident Charlie Bemis pace their effort by tallying nine points on his own. Current Pinkerton Academy girls' cross-country coach and teacher Amy Bernard notched eight points, and Bemis' fellow Derry residents Nick Gregory, Luke Brennan, Carolyn Morgenstern, Genevieve Martin,

Jim Peters, Maria Checket, and Pat Crothers, and Londonderry resident Rob Barry also made important contributions.

In the series-starting, Lebanon Shamrock Shuffle 5K on March 10, the host Upper Valley squad finished first quite handily thanks to its team point tally of 227. Gate City was second with 163, and Greater Derry was third out of eight competing club teams with 135.

The locals had some 29 runners take part in that first 2018 race, with Derry resident Rich DiSalvo pacing the charge by scoring 10 points himself. Other significant contributions were made to the

GDTC effort by Mike Dufour from Londonderry and Nick Gregory, Morgenstern, and Caryn Pepin of Derry.

The Greater Derry club had some 25 runners take part in the second Grand Prix race - The Nashua Soup Kitchen 10K - on April 8, with a total of 10 teams taking part in that event on the Gate City Striders' home turf.

And the Nashuans overtook first place in the Grand Prix series by scoring 225 points to Upper Valley's 138 and Greater Derry's 122.

The local side's performance featured nine-point efforts from DiSalvo

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Many Decades On, Bill Newcomb Remains An Influence at PA and LHS

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Anyone who has gained even a modicum of knowledge about Bill Newcomb during his long, long associations with Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School can attest to the fact that for him coaching young people is nearly as important as his next breath. He simply must do both.

So nobody with any personal experience with or knowledge of the Pinkerton graduate and board of trustees member and former longtime LHS athletic director will be surprised to learn that he has been spending several hours on numerous steamy, humid Monday nights this summer giving instruction to serious pole-vaulting standouts from numerous Southern New Hampshire high schools in the Londonderry High vaulting pit

named "Newk's Pit" specifically for Newcomb.

On the sweat-inducing evening of Monday, July 23, 71-year-old grandfather of five Newcomb could be found in that pit working with some 10 vaulters from Pinkerton, LHS, Manchester Memorial High, and Windham High School on their timing, approaches, pole positioning, and just about anything else a young vaulter would want to know to be a top-flight competitor in high school and, hopefully, college pole-vaulting.

Newcomb has become a true guru of young pole-vaulters in the Granite State since beginning to learn the finer points of that track and field event back in the late 1980's along with his son Matt, who went on to become a powerhouse vaulter himself at Pinkerton before moving on to the University of Pennsylvania.

Kelly Feibel-Fox, a former Londonderry High running standout who has gone on to coach at Manchester Central and now Windham High, has brought several of her Windham vaulters along to her alma-mater this summer to work with Newcomb. And 1995 LHS graduate Fox is finding herself gaining vital pointers from Newcomb as well.

"This guy just loves teaching and coaching kids, and he has a wealth of knowledge," she said. "And I'm learning so much too. There are so many technical parts to this event, and Bill knows them all."

Newcomb graduated from Pinkerton in 1965, before the academy had its own track, and starred in baseball before moving on to the University of New Hampshire, where his famous roommate was future Boston Red Sox catcher and Baseball Hall of Famer Carlton Fisk. The two men have stayed in contact over the decades.

The story of Newcomb's becoming the very first athletic director at a brand new Londonderry High School back in 1978 is one which can't help but elicit a chuckle from the listener. And



Longtime LHS athletic director Bill Newcomb still loves coaching and has been working with pole-vaulters from all over this summer. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Newcomb chuckles along too, knowing full well that it's one of those tales which falls perfectly into the "you never know what can happen" category.

"Connie Mannix from Hampton (and Winnacunnet High School) had agreed to take the Londonderry athletic director's job, but he reconsidered because he was worried about relocating his family over here to Londonderry. And he ended up deciding against taking the job," said Newcomb. "So I get a call from (LHS physical education teacher and later boys'

basketball coach) Dan Kiestlinger, and he asks me if I applied for the athletic director's job. I told him I thought I lost the application. Before I know it there's a knock on my door and it's Dan with another application."

Newcomb successfully turned in that second application and wound up becoming the very first athletic director at the brand new Londonderry High, serving in that position for the next 24 years.

Residing in Windham for many years now - and watching son Matt and daughter Kathleen both star in sports at Pinkerton - Newcomb joined the board of trustees at PA back in 1986. He still serves on that influential board, and since retiring from his AD's post at LHS the Pinkerton grad has continued coaching one sport or another at Londonderry High each and every year.

Newcomb worked with track and field athletes under the leadership of Larry Martin - for whom the LHS track is named - at Londonderry High until Martin retired, and Newcomb has continued on with Martin's suc-

cessor Matt Smith. He has also coached volleyball at LHS.

It was at the Merri-mack Track and Field Invitational in the spring of 2015 that Newcomb gave the Londonderry High athletic family, all of the athletes with whom he has worked, and his own family a tremendous scare when he suffered a heart attack and had to be rushed to the Southern New Hampshire Medical Center in Nashua for emergency treatment.

Recovered fully from that scary, life-threatening experience, Newcomb has forged ahead and continued to do the things he loves with renewed gusto. And the athletes who come to him for pointers and encouragement - including those working on their vaulting skills in Newk's Pit on steamy summer nights here in 2018 - are the recipients of the years of knowledge and a true love of athletes and athletics which exude from the former and very first LHS AD.

"Coaching is what I do in retirement, and like I tell people, 'It's the only thing I do without working at it,'" he said.

GDTC

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and Morgenstern, eight important points from Dufour, seven from talented Derry 14-year-old Brennan, and six from Gregory. Their fellow Derry resident Crothers was also good for a handful of points.

The series events then moved to Windham on June 10 for the Windham Rail Trail Alliance Fast 'n Flat 5K, in which the Greater Derry squad boasted some 31 competitors.

However, Gate City's Striders once again bagged the most points with a tally of 202. The locals were second (157), with Upper Valley a distant third (88) out of six total running clubs which competed.

DiSalvo and Amy Bernard both bagged nine important points for the GDTC side. Teen Brennan finished seventh overall in 17 minutes and 14 seconds to notch eight important points for his

crew.

Other significant contributions were in turned in to the local contingent by Londonderry residents Breanne Piazik, Colum Creed, and Mike Jean, and Derry residents Gregory, Andrew Fongemie, Jon Schmitz, Matt Lynch, and Marie Checket.

The June Grand Prix race was held on the 23rd in the state capital in the form of The Capital City Classic 10K, with Greater Derry's competing squad consisting of some 17 runners.

Gate City ended up winning its third event in a row with a tally of 176 points, with Upper Valley (90) and Greater Derry (89) battling it out for runner-up honors among some 11 competing squads.

DiSalvo and Brennan combined for 16 points between them, with additional contributions coming from Jim Peters and 71-year-old Charles Morganson of Derry, as well as their fellow Derry resident Priscilla Camarda.

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

Block Party

Life Way's FREE Summer Block Party Event on Aug. 18, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at MacGregor Park in Derry. This event is our way to give back to our community. Our communities are hurting with the tragedies of suicides, the drug epidemic and increase in homeless poverty. This is a way to bring joy and hope. This event is for all ages. There will be free food (burgers and hotdogs), drinks, snacks, snow cones, and cotton candy, Fun Kid Activities: Bungee Trampoline, Rock Climbing Wall, Inflatable Games, Kids Crafts and Face Painting! Christian Music, Testimonies, Door Prizes & much more! We will also be giving away FREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS - Limit one per student.

Auction & Yard Sale

Derry Rotary's annual auction and yard sale, Aug. 25, yard sale section opens at 9 a.m. with the live auction gavel at 9:30 a.m. Registration for you bidder number is open at 9 a.m. and is free to all. Some stuff is old, some stuff is new, but we definitely have some stuff for you! Plus a \$5,000 cash raffle with a top prize of \$2,500. Tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$125. Food concession is available throughout the event.

Senior Yoga

The Londonderry Senior Center offers yoga classes to the senior community. Lisa Kress and Barbara Scott offer an eight-week series of affordably priced yoga classes which are designed especially for seniors to help increase balance, flexibility and strength, as well as maintaining well-being. Sign up for either the Tuesday or Thursday class, or both. New session begins the week of Aug. 21 from 9 - 10 a.m. Classes are held at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Registration begins Aug. 7 and there are limited spots open for both days. Payment is due at the time of registration in order to hold your spot in the class. For more details call the Senior Center at 432-8554.

On Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Local vendors, music, arts and crafts, wagon rides, garden tours, trail guides, history displays, and more. Currently seeking interested

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Supporting Women's Education

The Londonderry Women's Club is now accepting applications for an Adult Female Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. The requirements are: must be a female at least 23 years of age and a current resident of Londonderry; must be currently enrolled at an accredited post secondary institution and must have completed a minimum of half of the time or credits toward the named degree, certificate or licensing program. The deadline for submitting applications is Sept. 30. Applications are available at the Leach Library and online at www.londonderrywomensclub.org

Old Home Day Senior Barbecue

The Old Home Day Senior Night will take place on Aug. 15, at Lions Hall Pavilion, starting at 4 p.m. This annual barbecue is for Londonderry residents only and is free of charge. However, you must have a ticket to be admitted. Tickets are available at the Londonderry Senior Center or at the Town Manager's Office, see Kirby Brown. At 4 p.m. there

will be free bingo with prizes, then at 5 p.m. food ordering will start. Following the barbecue, there will be a Concert on the Town Common featuring the Windham Swing Band. The band will start playing at 6:30 p.m. and is free to all. In the event of inclement weather, all activities will be moved to the Londonderry High School Cafeteria.

Old Home Day Baby Contest

The Baby Contest will be held on Saturday Aug. 18, at 9 a.m., in the Matthew Thornton Gym. All pre-registered babies born between Aug. 10, 2017-Aug. 10, 2018 are welcome! Please contact ohdbabycontest@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!

Londonderry Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Aug. 10, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers)

Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship. More than 30 days before an election, applicants without proof of domicile will be asked to retrieve proof and return to register. Within 30 days of an election and on Election Day, applicants without proof of domicile with them may register to vote if they sign an affidavit attesting to their domicile and either agreeing to bring or send in proof or attesting that they are not aware of possessing proof of domicile.

Library Hours

The Leach Library's hours for the month of August will be Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 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. **Continued on page 17**

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"Escape the Tide Pool"

The lower-level meeting room will be transformed into a seaside lair during sessions on Monday, August 20, Tuesday, Aug. 21, Thurs-

day, Aug. 23, and Saturday, Aug. 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.

Proceed with Caution

On Thu. Aug. 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

Time to celebrate reading achievements on Thursday, Aug. 9 at the Leach Library! Remember to keep track of the total books read this summer, follow the guide-

lines, and hand in your reading log by closing time on Sept. 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 - Sept. 8.

Craft Time

Design your own songbird mobile on Thursday, Aug. 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, Aug. 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. Registra-

tion is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. To register, stop by the Children's Room.

Hawaiian Fun

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, relax and enjoy an Island Breeze from 11 a.m. to noon 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

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - July 23

Tuesday - July 24

1:15 a.m. Motor vehicle stop results in on Mammoth Road near State Shed. Three officers assist in charging Maria Angerlina, 26, of Manchester with Obstructing Government Administration; False Report To Law Enforcement; Disobeying

5:06 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Cohas Terrace.

Wednesday - July 25

7:13 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on High Range Road at Wiley

Hill Road.

9:48 a.m. Services rendered assisting Londonderry Fire Dept. on Old Derry Road.

11:24 a.m. Services rendered for criminal mischief on Mammoth Road at Moose Hill Orchard.

12:36 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity Pettingill Road at UPS.

1:07 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Walgreen Drug Store on Nashua Road.

2:31 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Stage Coach Circle

3:40 p.m. Motor vehicle accident results in transportation to hospital from intersection of Mammoth Road and Nashua Road.

6:01 p.m. Three officers respond to overdose which results in transportation to hospital from Pettengill Road.

9:04 p.m. Drug offenses

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Around Town

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the Thursday prior to the program. To register, stop by the Children's Room.

Animal Adventures

On Wednesday, Aug. 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, Aug. 9, see Brett "Ooch" Outchcunis 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 partic-

ipants 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 it's 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.

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

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 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, or Dina Michael Chaitowitz at

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

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 Aug. 12, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood

Road, Derry. On Aug. 19 dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry. On Aug. 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 Aug. 26, Lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude Church 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. On Aug. 18, Dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry.

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in NH meets every 4th Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Police Log

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investigated at Walgreen Drug Store on Nashua Road.

9:29 p.m. Four officers respond to motor vehicle check and investigate at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

Thursday - July 26

9:18 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on South Avenue. Michael Haley, 46, of Derry charged with Theft/Shoplifting.

9:46 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Sleat Hill Road in Cranston, RI. Michael Brown, 39, of Providence, RI charged with Identity Fraud.

1:26 p.m. Motor vehicle check results in arrest at 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road. Michael Kirwin, 37, of Derry

charged with Disobeying an Officer and Arrested on a Warrant.

4:12 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Buttrick Road.

7:47 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Coventry Lane

10:19 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Enterprise Drive at Bauchman's Towing.

Friday - July 27

2:49 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital from Stonehenge Road.

3:41 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on High Range Rd south of Litchfield Road.

9:34 a.m. Auto theft investigated on Jack's Bridge Road at Penske Truck Rental.

11:22 a.m. Motor vehicle

accident investigated on Old Derry Road at Wilson Road.

3:05 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Liberty Drive.

4:46 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Gilcreast Road at Home Depot

Saturday - July 28

1:26 a.m. Services rendered at motor vehicle accident on High Range Road.

9:11 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on High Range Road.

12:13 p.m. Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on West Road.

2:10 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Acropolis Avenue.

6:53 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. at

Londonderry Senior Citizen Center on Mammoth Road.

7:38 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Mammoth Road at Midridge Circle.

9:07 p.m. Fireworks complaint on Stokes Road.

Sunday - July 29

2:47 p.m. Services rendered for Motor Vehicle Accident on Nashua Road near Speedway Gas Station.

4:43 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Cote Lane.

5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on Nashua Road.

7:52 p.m. Six officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance on Oakridge Drive.

8:23 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Yellowstone Drive.

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