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Making Progress

Work crews were busy this week clearing and widening paths through the Town Forest in the center of town behind the Town Common this week. Bill Davidson clears a path near the frog pond on Pillsbury Road.

Photo by Chris Paul

School Board Votes Down Agreement for Rabbit Habitat

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

With three members present, the School Board voted down a memorandum of understanding with the New Hampshire Fish and Game and U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service to establish rabbit habitat on School District property.

Only Chairman Steve Young voted in support of the agreement to complete the timber harvest within the two parcels behind the middle school

and high school, strategically located near a clearing for rabbits in the Musquash conservation area.

In April, the Conservation Commission voted 7-0 to recommend the Town

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Town Council Opposes Proposed Gas Pipeline

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The Town Council voted 5-0 to approve a resolution opposing the construction of Kinder Morgan's proposed natural gas pipeline in Londonderry.

"The pipeline will create no direct benefit to the residents of Londonderry, and the disruption to the residents of Londonderry caused by the construction of the new pipeline may outweigh the benefits to the Town and its residents," the resolution states.

"I'm concerned about a shortage of energy in general in the region, and I think a pipeline needs to be built to address that need," Councilor Tom

Dolan said. "But I'm going to put that aside because I'm here to represent the residents of Londonderry, and there's a really strong contingent that would like us to at least recommend this not be built."

"I would like to applaud the Council and the Town Manager for taking this action and presenting this resolution," said Cherylann Pierce of 23 Mayflower Drive, who has been mobilizing opposition to the pipeline project in Londonderry.

Pierce asked the Council if the Town plans to join the coalition of communities that have contributed money to a legal fund for fighting the Northeast Direct Project.

"The Council has not

taken that up yet. We are just coming into this now. We did have a lawsuit a number of years ago against Granite Ridge, and we're looking at six boxes of files from that to try to determine what the Town's position was on that. We're trying to understand the positions people are taking," Councilor John Farrell said. "We did learn from the attorney examining files thus far that we have a 30-inch pipeline in town."

"Looking back at what we did is good, but we're wasting time," Pierce said. "Other communities in New Hampshire know what they're doing. Massachusetts knew what they were doing."

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Opposition to Pipeline Encourages Letter Writing as Company Donations Pour In

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Opponents to Kinder Morgan's proposed natural gas pipeline organized a workshop on writing letters to local elected officials and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) expressing their concerns with the project.

The meeting also served as an opportunity for activists from several communities to share information and discuss their efforts to mobilize against the project.

Among the group's concerns are that the project won't directly benefit New Hampshire

communities, property loss and disruption, introduction of health and safety risks and environmental impacts.

"We wanted to follow a workshop format to share what we've done and exercise this together," said Julia Steed Mawson of Pelham, who co-hosted the July 16 meeting at the Londonderry Cable Access Center with Cherylann Pierce of 23 Mayflower Drive. "We're all trying to learn and listen. There are no easy answers to this project."

"Letters to the FERC don't need to be fancy. They can be only a few sentences long. Every sub-

mission counts," Pierce said.

"None of us is as smart as all of us," Steed Mawson said. "We're hoping to share information, and gather people together to share their experience. That would be a big step forward for us."

Pierce called the process a "rollercoaster," not-

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Council Renews Junkyard License Despite Ongoing Litigation

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The Town Council voted 5-0 to grant renewal of Ed Dudek's license to operate Murray's Auto Salvage, despite the Town's ongoing litigation with the business owner.

"Ed Dudek has complied with all the conditions of his license, one of the most significant being that the height of vehicles don't go above his fence. He had received a notice of violation and is now in compliance with that violation," Code Enforcement Officer Richard Canuel said. "He continues to work with the Department of Environmental Services (DES), especially since the fire. DES been out to the site and done inspections, and there are certain things he needs to do to be in compliance. Ed has done his due diligence and what the Council has asked him to do to this point."

But neighbors of the auto salvage on Hall Road said Dudek continues to operate his business outside permitted hours, creating noise they described as a nuisance, pointing out that Dudek didn't come into compliance until June.

"That's why we're here all the time," Claudet Adams of 54 Hall Road said. "As long as he is in compliance a week before the license renewal, everything is fine."

"I think what has changed is the Council took a firm position by entering into litigation," Council Chairman John Farrell said.

The Town filed a petition in Rockingham Superior Court on Jan. 28 for declaratory judgment, injunctive relief and enforcement of statutory penalties against Dudek and his business due to their own ongoing compliance issues with the salvage yard.

The Town also recently issued Dudek a license to rebuild the barn on his property used to disassemble vehicles. The permit was granted at Dudek's own risk, as ongoing use of the property, including the barn, is subject to the pending litigation.

Richard Bielinski of 89 Hall Road told the Council he thinks the barn should never have been permitted to be constructed, and that the Town's Zoning Ordinance doesn't allow the barn to be rebuilt.

"What I'm being told and makes absolutely no sense by our zoning, is this barn should be rebuilt because it meets zoning requirements," he said. "Unfortunately, that has nothing to do with replacing a nonconforming use of a building."

Bielinski argues the building permit for the 4,000-square-foot barn was approved because it was

presented as a replacement to 5,000 square feet of property - tractor trailer boxes, a cement pad and a 420-square-foot shed; but, the trailer boxes are not real property, are not allowed to be stored in an AR-I zone and are not part of the grandfathered use.

"This doesn't have to do with if the building meets setback requirements, it has to do with the use. The definition says it's the use of a building. That permit should never have been issued," he said. "Now there's a chance to correct it, and you do it all over again."

Additionally, Bielinski noted construction of the original barn featured materials zoning ordinance restricts in a wetland buffer - asphalt shingles and pressure treated wood.

"The new building is being built with asphalt shingles, and I see green wood posts going up. Pressure treated wood is not allowed," he said. "Everything I'm telling you is right in our ordinances."

"I never offered as an opinion, nor heard anyone else say the reason the building permit needed to be reissued this spring was because the building met zoning setback requirements," Town Attorney Mike Ramsdell said. "I don't dispute that the ordinance on its face would

prohibit (Dudek) from rebuilding. But the provision is more than 50 years old and it hasn't kept up with the law. It's unenforceable and the Town had no choice but to issue the permit for the application that was issued in the spring."

"I have to say, issuance of the permit was not a decision that was taken lightly, especially considering the controversy and issues in the past," Canuel said. "There was no legal basis for me to deny that building permit, even though the Town is in litigation with the business."

Canuel noted the Planning Board allowed Dudek to construct the barn as proposed, under the premise that processing vehicles inside the building rather than in the wetland would better protect the environment.

Claudet Adams and her husband, Gerard Adams, submitted that their well water is contaminated, but were unable to produce documents verifying the claim during the July 20 meeting.

Al Baldasaro of 41 Hall Road, an abutter to the salvage yard, said he sees police officers responding to Hall Road frequently to address concerns from neighbors on the street, and thinks Dudek has done everything in his power to comply with the conditions on his license.

"No one wants a junkyard in their backyard, but it's needed to get rid of old cars," he said. "My water was checked. It was not

found to be contaminated, and his next door neighbor's is not. I'm required through my VA loan to have it checked again and it has not been found to be contaminated. There must be the only one neighbor on the street whose water is contaminated. The DES requires every junkyard in the state to monitor wells and make sure they are at certain levels."

Baldasaro noted many trucks coming down his road that neighbors complained about are looking for the access road and are simply lost.

"The biggest issue on Hall Road is all the trucks coming down the road from one end to the other - some of them are not supposed to be on that road at night. They're looking for the access road - they don't know where they're going," he said. "But this has to stop. There comes a place in time where you're harassing a business owner. And look at the taxpayer money that has been spent on this over the years."

Town Manager Kevin Smith confirmed the cost of legal fees related to licensing of the auto salvage have run in excess of \$10,000 since 1998, when Murray's was established.

Freda asked Dudek to confirm that if the Council granted him his license, he would continue to adhere to its conditions.

"We took a lot of effort to move the cars. Everything's organized and there's no intention to

return to that. I'm not going to do it again. The cars will always remain below the fence," Dudek said.

Dudek noted his salvage yard doesn't look like a junkyard from the outside, as Baldasaro told the Council during his testimony.

"What (Baldasaro) is saying is true. Everyone driving by doesn't know it's a junkyard. Customers always drive right by because it doesn't look like a junkyard," he said. "Unless you stop on the Mammoth Road side, you wouldn't even see the cars. We'll leave it that way because I don't want to ever go through that again."

Bielinski argued the Town said they would use violations of the conditions of Dudek's 2014 license as grounds for denying his license renewal in 2015.

In a letter dated Jan. 21, 2015 from Canuel to Dudek, Canuel informed Dudek the Council was aware of repeated violations of his license, and that he had come into compliance shortly before the public hearing on his 2014 license renewal.

"The Town Council is aware that this year is not the first time that Dudek's junkyard has failed to comply with the 'anti-stacking of cars' provision in his license until shortly before the public hearing on his license renewal. If Dudek's junkyard violates this pro-

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Proposed Change Would Prohibit Bus Routes on Class VI Roads

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The School Board voted to accept the first reading for a number of policies that were rewritten - among them, a redraft of the School District's policy on regulations for students riding school buses.

The most significant changes include a decrease in the maximum walking distance to bus stops for elementary students from three-tenths of a mile to two-and-a-half-tenths of a mile; and the addition of a provision prohibiting bus routes on Class VI roads (private roads the Town has not accepted).

"We were looking at redoing the policy, then the State recommended updating the policy while reviewing an inquiry regarding the School District," Business Administrator Peter Curro said, noting the District has provided transportation services as best they can on roads or sections of roads classified as Class VI.

Because Class VI roads are not maintained by the Town, Curro said they have created problems for buses during inclement weather.

"Some of these roads are just gravel pathways, and sometimes they're narrow enough for one vehicle

to go one way," he said. "We have had to pull buses out because they got stuck. We have two minibuses we use for these roads, and we have pulled them out with kids on board."

The District's attorney, Gordon Graham, has suggested in the past that the District stop providing transportation on Class VI roads.

"In full disclosure, there are families that live on these roads; so, if a parent comes before the Board begging for transportation, the policy says no," Curro said.

The new policy was modeled after the School Board

Association's template, with modifications to fit the District's unique needs.

In addition to the transportation policy changes, Curro noted the addition of a Right-to-Know policy, which codifies the State's Right-to-Know law under the District's policies and procedures.

"This is for staff and residents to know what the District can charge back to a resident for a Right-to-Know request," he said. "This is not to discourage a resident from filing a Right-to-Know request. It is their right. It just puts into writing clearly that there will be a charge for services."

The policy states, "The cost of copies is \$.50 per sheet when the request is for specific records identified by the requester, or when the requester personally reviews and inspects the records and selects the records to be copied. The requester will be charged the cost for thumb drives, discs or other electronic copying devices provided to the requester."

The policy goes on to say that if someone filing a Right-to-Know request "chooses not to personally review and inspect the records and does not reasonably describe the

requested records, the SAU or School District may charge an hourly research charge to cover the actual cost of providing the copy instead of the per sheet copy cost."

And if someone wants records to be mailed, they will be charged the actual costs of postage or delivery and the applicable costs for copies or research time, and must prepay those costs.

The Board voted 3-0 to accept the first readings for new policies at its July 14 meeting. The Board will again consider the policies in their second reading at their next meeting.

High School Accreditation Continued Through 2020

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The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Committee on Public Secondary Schools has voted to accept Londonderry High School's Five-Year Progress Report and will continue the school's accreditation through 2020, Principal Jason Parent told the School Board at its July 14 meeting.

Among the Committee's commendations in a letter to Parent were the school's formal opportunities for students to evaluate their courses; the establishment of a District Science, Tech-

nology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Committee; the addition of the Futures Lab; and the reallocation of a school resource officer (SRO) at the middle school, allowing the high school SRO to remain at the high school full time.

Parent said the Committee also commended the Budget Committee's approval and presentation to the voters of a warrant article to allocate \$500,000 to fund architectural designs for a proposed community auditorium. Voters turned down the warrant article in March.

Despite concerns that failure to move forward with

construction of the auditorium, which NEASC has strongly recommended the District complete, would jeopardize the school's accreditation, NEASC doesn't necessarily require a change for a recommendation to be classified as complete.

"When they ask us to complete a recommendation, it's to do the leg work and to thoroughly investigate other options," Parent told the Board in April.

In the case of the auditorium, NEASC concluded that the Steering Committee's submission of the Auditorium Study Committee's research and investigation, with the School Board's \$25,000 commitment, was sufficient for completion of the recommendation.

NEASC Steering Committee Chairman Steven Juster said the next step for the Committee is to begin a Pre-Self-Study process NEASC recently integrated into the

program.

"Coming into the fall, we will look at the mission statement to see if anything needs updating," he said. "After that, we will get some small committees together and look at the new standards they have set and determine what we still have standing out."

Juster said the committee will consider the recommendations that have been completed for the last 10 years, and what rec-

ommendations remain to be completed in terms of facilities and curriculum.

The school's next NEASC visit will most likely be scheduled in the spring of 2020, and the Steering Committee will complete a Self-Study report between 2018 and 2019, according to Juster, noting there's always something the Committee is focused on.

"It doesn't really shut down between now and 2020," he said.



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Marie's Corner

With still a month of school vacation ahead, your children may be in need of more reading material or bedtime stories. May I suggest taking a step back to classic literature, stories which have stood the test of time? - Meaningful stories, with rich vocabulary, strong characters, and thought provoking morals.

Suggestions (picture books):

- Make Way for Ducklings - McCloskey
- The Little House - Virginia Lee Burton
- Caps for Sale - Siobodkina
- Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel - Virginia Lee Burton
- Blueberries for Sal - McCloskey
- Corduroy - Don Freeman
- Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse - Leo Lionni
- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble - Steig

Suggestions (fiction chapter books - Please check age appropriateness for your child. Publishers set the age recommendations below, but parents know their children best, of course):

- Stuart Little - E.B. White (grade 2-5)
- Ramona - Cleary (grade 3-6)
- How to Eat Fried Worms - Rockwell (grade 3-6)
- Black Beauty - Anna Sewell (grade 5-8)
- Harriet the Spy - Fitzhugh (grade 5-8)
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S. Lewis (grade 5-8)
- A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle (grade 5-8)
- The Hobbit - Tolkien (grade 5-8)

For more suggestions visit: www.nypl.org/childrens100. The New York Public Library provides a PDF list of their top 100 books for children.

Be talking to you soon,
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Editorial

Stop the Nastiness

Maybe it's the long, lazy summer days, when people have more time on their hands. Maybe it's the spillover from presidential candidates' vitriolic attacks against various groups in America and their fellow candidates. And most likely, the internet has removed some of the filters from our behavior by providing alleged anonymity. But regardless of the reason, things have gotten downright ugly, and Derry is far from immune.

As the budget cuts in Derry stay in the headlines and residents have every right to be worried that services they took for granted might no longer be there, Derry has become a toxic environment.

Following the charter, more than 1,000 residents signed petitions to have the Town Council reconsider eight budget cuts, and the Council is moving as slowly as possible in addressing that challenge.

But be that as it may, the solution is not to plaster downtown with posters calling into question one Town Councilor's past – which after 30 years, he admitted to in response – or posting Facebook messages of rumors about other Councilors. Facebook and blogs make it easy to say things without thinking first, and while the message may be funny, it can also be hurtful. And irrelevant, other than to bully and harass.

Regardless of whether the two sides – and there are definitely two sides in this divided town – like or even respect each other, they should feel obligated to work together. Councilors can't keep repeating that they were elected to cut taxes – did they offer the specifics of the tax cuts to their constituents when they campaigned? That would be odd, considering they declined to offer the specifics at Council meetings.

No, Councilors were elected to listen to the public, and that means hearing them out, even when their views don't agree. And working to keep that conversation going.

Derry's not alone. We've made similar comments about the back and forth jibes that populate Timberlane Regional School District business, from the superintendent on down.

Yet nobody comes out of such a mess looking good, and it's well past time to stop the nastiness. Name calling serves no purpose, and dredging up past crimes, while it's something voters should know about, is irrelevant to the issue of making decisions on budget cuts.

Working within the law to effect change is the high road – and running for office yourself or voting in the next election for candidates who represent your way of thinking is the democratic way.

Letters

Kinder Morgan Money to Rail Trail

To the editor:

This is a copy of the email I sent to Sue Andersen, Executive Assistant to Esteve Torrens, CEO of Stonyfield Organic in regard to the Londonderry Rail Trail. If readers agree, please make your comments known. Contact Sue at Stonyfield corporate and the Rail Trail committee:

Dear Sue,

Thank you for taking the time on the phone today to hear my concerns regarding the anticipated Stonyfield Rail Trail donation in conflict with the committee's acceptance of the \$300,000 Kinder Morgan donation accepted on Wednesday, July 15.

As I stated, the Londonderry Times reported in the July 9, 2015, volume 16, issue 28, in the article titled "Trailways Fund-raising Progresses for Phase Three of Rail Trail

Paving" that Stonyfield has also committed to a monetary donation. While I have nothing against the Rail Trail, in fact my family has also donated and enjoyed the Rail Trail, the concern lies in the recent Kinder Morgan donation to the same group.

Many anti-pipeline Londonderry residents, including myself, are gravely concerned about the proposed Kinder Morgan natural gas pipeline route through Londonderry – a devastating project that will be sure to cause water contamination, noise and light pollution, put children at the West Road soccer fields in harm's way, destroy wetlands, scar Elwood Orchards, decimate wildlife habitats, decrease personal property values, take land by eminent domain and to pass through, and be in direct view of residents' backyards.

We are shocked and disappointed that any nature/environmental group such as Londonder-

ry Trailways, or the town itself, sold out to its residents and accepted this "donation."

In an effort to persuade the Rail Trail group to stand with its citizens and return this dirty money, and in turn make a statement against the KM Pipeline, I am hereby requesting CEO Esteve Torrens and Stonyfield, the hallmark company of organics, green business, and pro-sustainability, to seriously consider rescinding the impending Rail Trail donation on the basis of conflicting with everything that is at the heart of Stonyfield's vision. By doing so you will also stand with Londonderry and the environment, but most importantly take action against the Kinder Morgan pipeline project.

I thank you again for your time and look forward to open communication and forward progress.

Samantha Brizuela'
Londonderry

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Town Hires Senior Accountant

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The Town welcomed new Senior Accountant Justin Campo, whose position has replaced the former Controller position held by new Finance Director Doug Smith.

Smith said the Town stole Campo away from its auditor, Plodzick and Sanderson of Concord, with whom Campo worked for three years.

"I worked to help municipalities identify issues with their accounting, and I'm looking forward to now helping a municipality avoid making those mistakes," said Campo, 25, who grew up in Londonderry.

Smith has been overseeing all Finance responsibilities since the Town's former Finance Director, Sue Hickey, left. She is now Chief Financial Officer in Derry.

He said he is relieved to have someone on board to help wrap up the FY16 budget process and begin the next budget cycle. And Campo's three years of experience working with a company that audits municipalities makes him an asset to the department, according to Smith.

The Senior Accountant will now report directly to the Town Manager, whereas the Controller previously reported to the Finance Direc-

tor.

In total, appointing Smith as Finance Director and hiring a Senior Accountant in place of a Controller will save the Town a minimum of \$50,000 in the FY16 budget, according to Town Manager Kevin Smith.

As finance director, Doug Smith's annual salary will increase by \$9,000 to \$109,000; Hickey's salary was budgeted at \$124,000.

The changes will be reflected when the Town begins putting together the FY17 budget in the fall, Smith said.

Campo, who attended Monday night's Town Council meeting, has a salary of \$55,000 per year.

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Zoning Board Denies Administrative Relief for Driving School at Church

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has denied Complete Auto Driving School owner Alfred Cardello's request for relief from an administrative order to stop conducting his business at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church.

Representing Cardello at the July 15 hearing, Attorney Ashley Scott argued that because the church has a history of use for educational purposes since the early 1900s, well before the Town's Zoning Ordinance was adopted, Cardello should be allowed to offer driving instruction there.

"There is no commercial use occurring at the school," said Scott, who noted students pre-register for classes and members of the general public can't walk into the church to inquire about his driving school.

Cardello told the Board he only uses the church for about eight hours of classroom instruction per week, and

he makes a substantial donation to the church that it uses to maintain the facility.

Scott likened Cardello's classes to a variety of other educational uses permitted, such as preschools and groups that offer Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

But Code Enforcement Officer Richard Canuel noted preschools and non-profit community groups are permitted accessory uses for a church under the Zoning Ordinance. Commercial operations are not.

"There's no argument it's education, but it's not the usual educational use you would see associated with a church," Canuel said.

"This is a driving school. You sell the service of educating a person so they can get their driver's license. The selling of that includes that you sell them classroom time and driving time in a vehicle. It is a service being sold. It may not be tangible in the classroom, but there is a service being

sold," member Jacqueline Benard said. "It's a business when you're selling classroom time. Part of the service they're buying from you is not just to drive in a car or truck, but also to be educated by text or video. How can you convince me this is part of the accessory use the church ordinarily conducts when you clearly are selling something in that classroom, not like Alcoholics Anonymous or other groups mentioned?"

"In the context of churches, accessory use is very broadly defined," Scott said. "It doesn't have to be community service, it just has to be the mission of the church."

Cardello, who received a letter from Canuel on May 15 ordering him to cease operating his business at the church on Pillsbury Road, said he moved his classes to the location in 2013 after operating at the Lions Club for nine years.

"I'll go right back to the Lions Hall, where I'll have to have students go

into a smaller classroom, with people there doing christenings and weddings, and Zumba classes going on downstairs," he said. "We'll dance around other people in the parking lot coming in for Zumba classes."

Cardello told the Board he doesn't think the church is in violation of the Zoning Ordinance for allowing him to use its space for his classes, and he plans to appeal the Zoning Board's decision.

Canuel said he was made aware of Cardello's business at the church when he placed a sign advertising his school in the State's right-of-way outside the building.

"We issued him a sign permit with the condition it's on the church's property and not in the right-of-way, and I did inform him he shouldn't be conducting business at the church," Canuel said.

"When (Cardello) applied for another permit, I could not approve a permit for a use I deemed not allowed to be on the site."

"We've enjoyed the classes there and the students, and we'd like Mr. Cardello to be allowed to continue to keep coming," Church Elder Charles Brown said.

Members of the Board agreed that although the driving school may be a community service, the classes are a commercial activity and fall under delivery of commercial services with regard to the Zoning Ordinance.

"This is a commercial enterprise, and the Zoning is clearly defined as to what uses are and aren't allowed," member Jim Tirabassi said. "The business is not grandfathered. It wasn't protected from day one because no one can provide evidence of other similar businesses

that used the church in this way before Zoning."

"Examples of the other types of instructional uses given were all community-type services that are somewhat church oriented, like AA meetings. They are things people are not charged a fee for, where people show up to assemble, and testimony from their counsel also stated that," Benard said. "They're the same types of services a church would offer. This is simply a commercial use in an AR-I zone."

Benard added that Cardello's next step should be applying for a variance to conduct his driving classes at the church.

"In this case, I think it's really about whether (Canuel) is right or wrong, and I think he is right - they need to come for a variance," she said.

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Electronic Device Misuse at High School Boosts Discipline Numbers

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School staff will continue working to strike a balance when it comes to the use of electronic devices in school, with most second semester disciplinary incidents related to the misuse of devices, Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan told the School Board in a conduct report at its July 14 meeting.

The school documented 269 incidents for semester two, of which 52 were for misuse of electronic devices.

At the middle school,

200 incidents were documented during the second semester, of which 38 were for misuse of electronic devices.

Of the middle school's 200 incidents, 14 percent were committed by "Frequent Flyers," students with five or more infractions. And with 89 percent of the students not having had a disciplinary incident during the second semester, Assistant Principal Donna Dyer reported the school saw only 108 students for a disciplinary concern.

To help students that staff consider to be in need of a connection with

an adult in the building, the school offers a "Big Buddy" program. There are 22 students enrolled in the program, which offers weekly, one-on-one support from volunteer staff members.

The school also has 62 trained seventh and eighth grade peer mentors, who work with the sixth graders to help the new students make social connections and become better acclimated to the school's expectations.

The number of incidents at the middle school dropped from 235 incidents reported in the same period last year,

while incidents increased significantly at the high school - from 193 incidents during the same period last year to the 269 incidents reported this semester.

In addition to misuse of electronic devices, students cutting class were also responsible for the increase in reported incidents.

In the second semester, the high school saw 40 incidents of cutting class, up from 25 incidents during the same period last year.

The number of incidents related to disrespect also increased from

eight incidents in the second semester last year to 20 incidents in the same period this year.

On a positive note, Sullivan said 90 percent of students did not have a disciplinary incident during semester two, with Frequent Flyers, having being responsible for 9 percent of the discipline totals.

"Our 'Frequent Flyers,' numbers continue to stay low, and for the most part, the graduating class went out in style," she said. "There were a few little bumps at the end of the year, but the students all respected the rules at

graduation and it was a beautiful ceremony, as always."

Sullivan noted 91 percent of this year's graduating class are going on to two- and four-year colleges; 196 of the 388 seniors were New Hampshire Scholars; and 24 seniors are moving on to serve the country in the Armed Forces.

Moving into the next school year, Sullivan said the school will continue to focus on balancing electronic use in a school setting, as well as on educating students about plagiarism.

Pipeline

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ing Kinder Morgan's recent \$300,000 donation to the Londonderry Trailways, which she believes is "a conflict of interest."

Kinder Morgan also sponsored the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Legislative Breakfast, and last week the company donated \$1,000 for the

Town's Old Home Day celebration.

Old Home Day Committee Chairman Kathy Wagner announced at the group's last meeting before the annual celebration that Kinder Morgan will staff a booth on the Town Common, as will a non-profit opposition group.

Although organized opposition to the pipeline is growing, Wagner said Old Home Day is open to all groups and political

parties, adding it's not unprecedented for a major company like Kinder Morgan to make a donation for Old Home Day when it is proposing a substantial project in the community.

Eversource Energy, which now includes the company formerly known as Public Service Company of New Hampshire or PSNH, has proposed construction of a new transmission line in Londonderry and also donated \$1,000 for Old Home Day.

Ray Breslin of 3 Gary Drive, who attended the letter writing workshop, said he doesn't see the

value of the pipeline to New Hampshire - in particular, southern New Hampshire.

"This is the big power companies looking at a market in the future. A lot of these power companies are going to want to convert to natural gas, and nuclear plants are going offline," he said. "As far as the individual homeowner, they're spinning this like there's a real value, a real need, when there's not. Common sense says they're going to build compressor stations, compress it and sell it overseas to the highest bidder."

In an effort to educate residents about the proposed pipeline and provide answers to commonly asked questions, Kinder Morgan launched a new website in southern New Hampshire last week.

Energymattersnh.com provides access to information ranging from the need for the project and the construction of pipelines, to the company's safety record, according to a press release from Kinder Morgan. The website includes videos explaining various project elements and will keep interested stakeholders up-to-date through a project blog, as well as a running list of upcoming project-related meetings.

"We are proud of this project and what NED (Northeast Energy Direct)

will bring to New Hampshire and New England," said Tiffany Eddy, project spokesperson. "This website is just one more way our project team is working with the local communities to answer questions and be transparent about the process. There is a lot of misinformation about this project and this website provides the facts and is accessible to everyone. We look forward to Granite Staters using this new resource to learn more about this energy solution that works for New Hampshire."

Pierce and other activists opposing the pipeline recommend residents visit NHpipelineawareness.org for more information and recommendations for writing letters to FERC and local officials.

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Kinder Morgan Donates \$300,000 for Balance of Phase 3 Rail Trail Costs

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Trailways will break ground on construction to complete the next portion of the Rail Trail in the fall, thanks to a sizeable donation from Kinder Morgan.

The energy infrastructure company awarded Trailways the largest donation it has ever received to date - a \$300,000 investment that will nearly complete the connection between the Londonderry and Derry trails.

"This is an investment not just in Londonderry, but in southern New Hampshire, too. It's not just Londonderry, people come from all over to use the trail," Trailways President Bob Rimol said during the check presentation ceremony on July 15 at the Liberty and Independence Drives Trail Head. "We are all doing our part to get the pieces of the trail completed to connect the dots."

"It's important for companies to invest in communities. Tennessee Gas has had a pipeline in Londonderry for 60 years. And with Tennessee Gas being a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, this is recognition of that," Director of Public Affairs for Kinder Morgan Alan Fore said. "We look forward to doing other projects like this. The whole trails initiative is a

great project - utilizing infrastructure that is no longer utilized in a great way everyone can access."

The existing Tennessee Gas pipeline, which was expanded in 2000, crosses the Rail Trail underground near the Trail Head across from North Elementary School.

Lucas Meyer, a representative for Kinder Morgan, said the shovel-ready Rail Trail project was a great opportunity for the company to step up.

The Londonderry Conservation Commission has also committed \$100,000 of the Town's land use change tax toward construction costs to complete the 1.4-mile stretch. The Conservation Commission funding was contingent upon Trailways obtaining the balance of the funding needed to complete the project, which Rimol estimates will cost \$400,000.

Trailways has been completing portions of the trail at a steady pace - the opening of Phase Two was celebrated in a ribbon cutting ceremony this past spring. Phase Two, which runs from the Exit 5 Park and Ride to the intersection of Liberty and Independence Drives, was funded by business donations, individual donations, a New Hampshire Recreation Trails Program Grant, and discounted services from vendors.

As a goal for the group, spokesman Pollyann Winslow said they aspire to open a new portion every spring until the Rail Trail in Londonderry is complete.

The new extension will connect to the existing trail at Liberty and Independence Drives to the portion of unpaved trail at Seasons Lane, passing by wooded land and pristine waterways.

Construction will begin in the fall, with the project to go out to bid in August.

When Phase Three is complete, the Londonderry Rail Trail will be 3.2 miles long.

Rimol said the remaining portion of trail between Seasons Lane and the Derry trail is situated on property owned by Pillsbury Realty, with which Trailways will work to complete the connection.

Once Phase 3 is complete, Trailways plans to turn its attention to pav-



Trailways President Bob Rimol, left, and Kinder Morgan Director of Public Affairs Alan Fore take a swing at an original railroad nail during a ceremony celebrating the company's \$300,000 donation to Trailways to complete Phase Three of the Londonderry Rail Trail. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

ing the trail north, toward the airport, according to Rimol.

"The Rail Trail has a great impact on the community and economic improvement in the area," said Ted Combes, a member of the Budget Committee who represented

the Town at the presentation. "It's a great asset to the community, providing access in different areas of town."

Diane Vautier, a lifelong resident of Londonderry and regular Rail Trail patron, said she is excited to see Trailways

moving forward with the next phase of paving.

"It's a beautiful trail - they have done a really nice job," she said. "I have met a lot of families out here who ride up and back. It gets the community out and meeting one another."


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Rabbits

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Manager approve a memorandum of understanding with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for habitat management of town-owned parcels, three of which belong to the School District.

Fish and Game Wildlife Biologist Mike Marchand said creating new rabbit habitat in the vicinity of the power lines in town will help protect the endangered Eastern Cottontail, as well as many other species that prefer dense shrublands.

With less than 100 New England Cottontail Rabbits in New Hampshire, the State has committed to creating 1,200 acres of rabbit habitat in the southern part of the State, along the power lines, according to University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Field Specialist Emma Carcagno.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Eversource Energy are funding up to \$3 million for fish and wildlife conservation over the next three years in New Hamp-

shire.

"In New England, the Eastern Cottontail have been declining for many years. The decline is largely associated with declining shrubland habitat," said Marchand, explaining Fish and Game has been working with the Town and other State agencies and non-profit organizations to manage the rabbit habitat. "Londonderry is in the center of one of two major focal areas remaining for the species."

Marchand noted Fish and Game sees a great opportunity for partnerships on school backyard projects with the location of new habitat directly behind the schools.

"This is an area we really have no use for. There are no plans for fields or any other development because the area is too wet," said Peter Curro, explaining the District's support for the proposal.

In addition to creating suitable habitat for an endangered species, Curro said the project would also establish a suitable buffer between the schools and residential neighbors.

"I don't understand why we need to clear trees just for the rabbits

when just to the north there are endless miles of power lines," member John Laferriere said.

Conservation Commissioner Deb Lievens explained the power lines serve as a suitable means of traveling for the bunnies, but they also need areas that provide adequate cover from predators.

Marchand noted the power lines are maintained regularly, which means patches of suitable habitat are always changing along the lines, and cottontail thrive in shrubby areas a minimum of 10 acres in size, such as the patch the Town cut in partnership with the State in the Musquash in 2013.

"Going back to natural disturbances of the landscapes, like flooding and fires, this habitat would go up, return to forest and all this shrub habitat would be available to animals," Lievens said. "But now, we're building and suppressing fires and the habitat is reduced. A number of birds - meadowlarks, towhees - used to have higher populations. They also appreciate that shrubby habitat."

Laferriere also expressed concern that creating the habitat for rabbits could bring diseases like rabies into the area and increase the number of predatory animals like coyotes and foxes.

Lievens said there are so few Cottontail in the state at this time, they would be happy to see even just 100 new rabbits in the area.

But in regard to whether or not rabbits will increase the number of predatory animals in the area, she's not sure of the answer to that question.

"There are mosquitoes all over the place back there, and there's a tick problem. I'm trying to understand the urgency of protecting the rabbit," Laferriere said.

"The urgency for us is the rabbit is declining every year. Its global existence is threatened, and this is one of the last remaining strongholds for the species. Even this year we are losing populations," said Marchand, noting he is not aware of any unique diseases for

rabbits.

Marchand explained that any mammal can carry rabies, but the most common species are skunks, raccoons and bats.

"I'm not aware of any with rabbits, but any mammal can carry rabies," he said.

Young expressed concern that establishing the rabbit habitat could potentially cause problems for the District in maintaining their fields in the future, asking, if the endangered population begins to thrive in the new habitat, whether the State would try to prevent the District from fertilizing and watering their fields, when the runoff flows to the parcels at the rear of the property.

Marchand said the habitat is only going to be in an ideal state for a period of time, and that if part-

ners decide they don't want to manage the property anymore, it won't be a habitat for the species.

"I believe your real challenge will be neighborhoods to the southwest of the property," Young said. "When those people find out all those trees are getting cut down in their backyard, they probably won't be too happy."

Lievens said the timber harvest would include strategically placed buffers to minimize impacts to abutters.

Laferriere and Dan Lekas said they didn't think their questions about an increase in disease and predatory animals as a result of the rabbit habitat were adequately answered, and Lievens and Marchand plan to return with more information to share with the Board.

Junkyard

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vision prior to its license being renewed in 2015, the Town Council will use the repeated violation of this term of the license as a basis to deny the renewal application," Canuel wrote.

Bielinski argued that because Dudek had only come into compliance with the provision related to stacking cars on June 12, as

Canuel stated during the public hearing, the Council should deny Dudek's license renewal.

"If you're men of your word, you'll do what you said you would do. If you don't want to do what you said you would do, you should resign," he said.

Richard Innies of 72 Hall Road, who stated he "has no problem with the junkyard," asked the Council how much the Town has paid in legal fees specifi-

cally to address complaints from Hall Road neighbors.

Farrell asked Finance Director Doug Smith to pull legal records and report back to the Council with an approximate amount the Town has spent on legal counsel as a result of junkyard-related complaints since 1998.

"I would estimate it's in the high tens-of-thousands of dollars," Smith said.

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Navy Operational Support Center Celebrates Change of Command

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) of Manchester in Londonderry celebrated a Change of Command Ceremony last weekend, welcoming Lt. Commander Richard Linnell.

The new Commander told fellow officers he is grateful for the opportunity to serve as their leader, and to assume responsibility for the top ranked NOSC in the region.

"To me, this was a dream job," said Lt. Commander Erik Lavoie, reflecting on his experiences in the position before passing the torch to Linnell.

Lavoie assumed the duties of commanding officer of NOSC Manchester in June 2013.

He has accumulated over 1,400 flight hours and is authorized to wear the Navy and Marine

Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit, campaign, and service awards.

As Commanding Officer of NOSC Manchester, Lavoie managed 18 Navy reserve units, comprising 300 reserve sailors.

"His superb leadership enabled his command to exceed regional mobilization readiness goals, flawlessly mobilize 64 sailors and ensure 56 sailors were seamlessly demobilized," the Department of the Navy wrote in a certificate honoring his Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, presented during the July 18 ceremony. "He expertly tracked an annual operating budget of \$190,000, while ensuring his \$1.7 million annual training budget met fleet requirements. His command increased annual training participation by 30 per-



Lt. Commander Richard Linnell, left, relieves Lt. Commander Erik Lavoie of his duties as commander of the Navy Operational Support Center of Manchester in Londonderry in a change of command ceremony. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

cent, motorcycle training completion by 85 percent, career development board completion by 75 percent and medical readiness by 90 percent."

Lt. Commander Lavoie is a second generation

military officer and third generation military serviceman.

He was born in Falmouth, Mass., and has been living in Hampstead with his wife, Kimberly, and

their two young children.

Lavoie was recently promoted to Commander and will soon move with his family to California, where he will attend the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif., and accept his next duty assignment.

When he accepted his post in Manchester, Lavoie said his goal was to make the NOSC a jewel - the NOSC everyone wanted to be stationed at.

"As I leave, I feel this goal has been accomplished," he said.

Lt. Commander Richard Linnell, who was born on a naval airstation in Maryland and raised in Maine, attended the United States Naval Academy, where he graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He completed Nuclear Power School at the Naval Nuclear Power Training

Command in Charleston, S.C.; Nuclear Power Prototype in Ballston Spa, N.Y.; and the Submarine Officer's Basic course in Groton, Conn.

In 2011, Linnell was assigned as the Operational Support Officer and Submarine Rescue Officer for Commander, Submarine Forces Pacific.

His military awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit, campaign, and service awards.

Linnell lives in Bedford with his wife, Mary Beth, and their young son.

He told fellow officers, family and friends gathered for the Change of Command that he is honored for the opportunity to serve as NOSC Manchester's leader, and is ready for the challenges of the position.



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Council

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Pierce, who expressed concern the pipeline will threaten public safety in the Town and divert support for alternative energy sources, said with Kinder Morgan hoping to submit its application for siting the project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on Aug. 31, the State is short on time.

Upcoming FERC public scoping meetings are scheduled on Wednesday, July 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua; and Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Milford's Town Hall.

The Public Utilities

Commission (PUC) was also to hold a hearing to consider a contract between Liberty Utilities and Kinder Morgan, evidence the energy infrastructure company needs to show that there is a demand for natural gas in the region.

The company has said the agreement will enhance the reliability of their natural gas system in New Hampshire and lower electricity prices, enhancing the overall reliability of the electric grid in New England.

But opponents to the pipeline argue the scope of the project is far more extensive than what is needed to support demand for natural gas in the region and lower electrici-

ty costs - a concern that was supported in testimony from the PUC's expert witness and the agency's consumer advocate, who oppose the deal.

At the Council's July 20 meeting, Pierce recommended the Town refuse to allow Kinder Morgan to survey any town-owned properties in the study corridor for the project.

"As of last Thursday, July 16, the Coalition was at an estimated 70 percent participation in refusal to survey," Pierce said.

Pierce also called into question Kinder Morgan's \$300,000 donation to Londonderry Trailways (see stories pages 1 and 7), asking the Council if they also have any concerns

related to the substantial gift made at the same time the pipeline project has been proposed.

"They are a private organization," Farrell said. "That's not in the purview of the Town Council. Obviously, by the resolution put forward tonight, we weren't influenced by it."

"The Trailways is not an agency of the Town. We don't extend an arm of government over that organization," Dolan agreed.

"I'm concerned about the stigma that may be perceived by other communities in the Coalition," Pierce said. "How would you make other towns in the coalition understand without going to a meeting to explain it?"

Pierce also expressed concern with Kinder Morgan's failure to provide a list of abutters to the proposed pipeline, which residents of the community asked for in a list of ques-

tions submitted to the energy infrastructure company after a meeting at the high school last month.

"We're moving as fast as we can," said Farrell, who directed the Town Manager to look into obtaining a list of abutters from Kinder Morgan by the end of the week.

Farrell added that Pierce's questions related to joining a coalition against the pipeline and committing funds to legally defend such a position would require a conversation with legal counsel.

"I think this resolution is a wonderful, huge step and well wanted and well needed by many townspeople," Pierce said.

As opposition to the pipeline project in New Hampshire has continued to grow, Kinder Morgan has dedicated resources to outreach in Southern New Hampshire, joining the Chamber of Commerce in several commu-

nities, granting large donations to various community organizations and launching a website where residents can find information about the proposed project and upcoming meetings.

Public Affairs Director Alan Fore said at a ceremony celebrating the company's donation to the Rail Trail that Kinder Morgan is also looking into opening an office in Southern New Hampshire.

More information about the project is available on Kinder Morgan's website at www.energymattersnh.com, and on opposition group New Hampshire Pipeline Awareness' website at www.nhpipelineawareness.org.

Representatives for Kinder Morgan, as well as an opposition group, will also be available to speak with the public at booths on the Town Common during the Town's Old Home Day celebration.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Londonderry Legion Baseball Crew Makes Tournament

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After victories over rivals Derry and Hudson last week the Londonderry American Legion baseball squad has qualified for the state tournament at Holman Stadium in Nashua this coming weekend.

The locals - who ended the regular campaign with a strong 12-6 record - assured themselves of a tourney bid by besting the struggling Derry Chase Post bunch by a 4-2 tally at Londonderry High Tuesday, July 14, and then by following up that work by defeating the Hudson opponent in an 11-2 blowout on its own diamond two evenings later.

"It's been a good season so far," said manager Rick Brothers. "We have the guys thinking, and we'll see what happens in

the tournament."

In the defeat of a Derry crew that wound up with a 5-12 record through its first 17 games, the Londonderry bunch got an excellent pitching performance from Matt Ross in tallying its 11th win of the summer.

Ross went eight innings on 117 pitches en route to the pitching victory. He gave up the two Derry runs on three hits in the top of the first frame, and Ross allowed a total of six safeties overall. After his rather rocky start, the Londonderry hurler found his groove and retired 16 of the next 18 batters. Geoff Kayo came in to pitch the ninth for the save.

Derry's Chris Gerossie came out strong by breezing through the first three innings, but Post 27 made him work in the fourth inning.

The Derry righty was extended to a 24-pitch inning in that frame and Londonderry plated a run on a walk, a single, and a run-scoring ground out. However, Gerossie then rebounded by striking out the side in the Londonderry half of the fifth. Christian Bourgea started off the home half of the sixth with a booming triple to the right-center field gap, and when Colby Joncas followed up with a single, the score was knotted at 2-2.

A strikeout and ground-out later found Joncas on third base with Troy Nielsen at the plate, and Nielsen singled up the middle to score Joncas for the 3-2 lead.

Londonderry later scored an insurance run in the eighth on singles by Zack Byers and Nielsen, followed by a bunt single by

Nick Salcito that scored his teammate Byers.

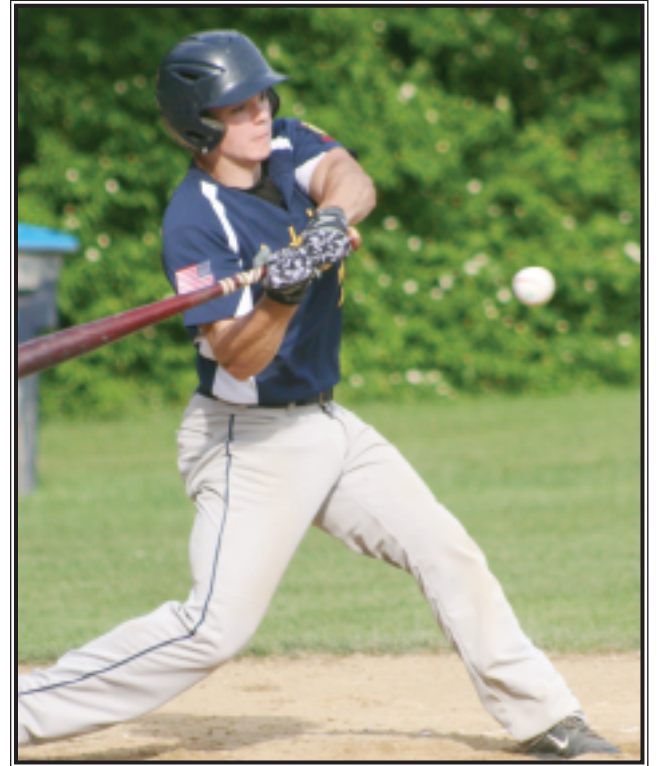
The victorious hosts scored their four runs on six hits, with Bourgea (a single and a triple) and Nielsen (two singles) each lacing two.

The other Londonderry hits were by Byers and Joncas. Winning pitcher Ross wound up striking out seven batters and walking just two in his eight strong innings.

And after pummeling Hudson by an 11-2 score on the road on Thursday, July 16 to move to 12-5, Brothers' boys then closed out their 2015 regular season last Saturday, July 18 with a hard-fought 4-2 loss to the top-ranked Legion juggernaut from Rochester at LHS.

The 16-1 visitors - who haven't lost since June 26, when they dropped a 3-2

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Londonderry Legion baseball player Troy Nielsen and his teammates have snagged a state tournament berth and will play their first game over the weekend at Nashua's Holman Stadium.



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Londonderry 8-U Baseball Stars Take Salem Tourney Title

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There's no reason for the players on the Londonderry 8-U all-star baseball squad or their coaches to think that anything but the sky is the limit for them this summer.

And head coach A.J. Marsh's young men showed what they're capable of recently by snaring the title at a tournament in Salem.

The locals thumped the Chelmsford (Mass.) entry by a 10-4 tally in the championship game in earning the right to hoist the heaviest hardware at that event.

The title-winning crew includes coach Marsh's assistants Brian Belanger and Dave Hamilton and skilled hardball players Devin Boles, Jameson Keaton, Jonathan Wilson, Zach Green, Ryan Will-

iams, Jayden Hamilton, Boden Belanger, Joseph Santiago, Brady Gillis, Giovanni Nevares, Zach Mantegari, Casey Marsh, Frankie Jarek, and Carter Browning.

In the big championship game, Jayden Hamilton was the starting and winning pitcher. He twirled three great innings, including nine first-pitch strikes with six total strikeouts coming from his show of accuracy.

Jonathan Wilson then pitched two innings and tallied a pair of strikeouts, and Brady Gillis closed out the victory by throwing four pitches in the last inning.

The locals drove out to an early lead in this game thanks to an RBI single by Hamilton, an RBI single by Gillis, an RBI double by Ryan Williams, and an RBI double by

Casey Marsh during the first inning.

Jonathan Wilson also did plenty of damage with his bat, racking up three RBI on a bases-clearing triple in the third inning.

The local stars then added two more runs in the top of the fourth when Gio Nevares singled to score Zach Green. That smack was followed up by Zach Mantegari's single which scored Frankie Jarek.

Defensively, first baseman Devin Boles turned a solo double play in support of hurler Wilson on the mound. And Mantegari's quick glove at second base was instrumental in getting some big outs.

From that success in Salem, the Londonderry crew moved on to compete in Bay State tournaments in both North Andover and Dracut,



The Londonderry 8-U baseball squad that won a title at a recent Salem tournament includes, in back from left, coaches Brian Belanger, A.J. Marsh, and Dave Hamilton. In the middle row, standing from left are Devin Boles, Jameson Keaton, Jonathan Wilson, Zach Green, Ryan Williams, Jayden Hamilton, Boden Belanger, Joseph Santiago, and Brady Gillis. In front, kneeling from left are Giovanni Nevares, Zach Mantegari, Casey Marsh, Frankie Jarek, and Carter Browning. Courtesy photo

Mass., in preparation for the big state tourney at the end of July.

In the North Andover event, the locals started by taking on an older, 9-U crew from Tewksbury, Mass. and falling by a slim 2-1 tally.

Defense was at the forefront of that game, with Ryan Williams and Brady Gillis putting forth strong pitching efforts for the locals.

The two skilled hurlers were supported by

some great defensive work, including strong play from shortstop Hamilton (solo double play), Casey March, Mantegari, Wilson, Devin Boles, Carter Browning, and Frankie Jarek.

The Londonderry crew then enjoyed success in its first game in the Dracut tourney, beating its host by a 12-6 count in just six innings.

Dracut plowed its way out to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning,

but the local hardball side kept plugging and scored five runs in the fifth on a ground-out by Boden Belanger, a two-run double by Hamilton, a ground-out by Ryan Williams, and an RBI single by Wilson.

Hamilton racked up four RBI on two hits for his squad, and Londonderry once again put on a pitching show, thanks to the work of Marsh, Zach Green, Mantegari, Hamilton, and Gillis.



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Londonderry's Galluzzo Crew Stays Devoted to PMC Effort

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's Galluzzo family stands as a superb example of how there is strength in numbers, and how people united in a cause can get great things accomplished.

The members of the local family have been taking part in the biggest athletic fundraising event in the nation - the Pan-Mass Challenge - for more than a dozen years. And during the first days of August this year, seven Galluzzos will play parts in the cancer fundraising cycling event, with brothers Mike, Dom, Anthony, and Matt undertaking long bike rides and sisters Kim, Gianna, and Olivia helping out in volunteer roles.

"As a family, we've

been participating in the PMC since 2002," said the mom of the family, Donna Galluzzo. "Each of the boys, when they turned age 15, joined in, now making all four of them alumni riders. Kim has been volunteering for five years now, Gianna for two years, and this is Olivia's first year. She's always been at the finish line cheering her brothers along, but is very excited this year to be able to volunteer and be a part of this awesome event."

The impetus for the Galluzzo family's involvement in the PMC, year after year, has been the cancer struggle of the Galluzzo patriarch.

"The kids ride and volunteer in honor of their dad, Tony, who has been fighting cancer and the

after-effects of all the treatments that go along with it since 1999. He is their inspiration to come back each year and commit to the ride and the necessary fundraising that goes along with it," said Donna.

This year, brothers Anthony (age 28), Matt (26), Mike (22), and Dom (20) have all committed themselves to the 111-mile, two-day ride from Sturbridge, Mass. to Provincetown on Aug. 1 and 2.

"Each of the boys need to raise \$4,500, totaling \$18,000 as a family. They do this by sending out over 400 letters to friends in the Londonderry community, as well as family members," said Donna. "Their sponsors have been extremely generous over the years and continue to support them this year."



Londonderry's Galluzzo family has been involved in the cancer fundraising Pan-Mass Challenge cycling event for many years. And this year there will be seven of the local family's members playing parts. They include, in front from left, sisters Kim, Gianna, and Olivia. In back from left are Mike, Dom, Anthony, and Matt. Courtesy photo

This year, the Galluzzo siblings have joined forces with two uncles and two cousins from Massachusetts who will also be riding, and they've formed a team called "The Pedaling Paesans."

There is a webpage for the Galluzzo group at <http://www2.pmc.org/profile/TP0166> [1] that An-

thony created, giving details on the family and why they ride. Anyone interested in giving to the cause is encouraged to access that webpage.

Established by Billy Starr in 1980 and under his direction, the PMC has grown considerably from its modest beginnings into an event that draws

5,500 cyclists from 36 states and eight countries. The PMC generates half of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue, and it's the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's single largest contributor. Over the past 35 years, PMC cyclists have ridden to raise and contribute \$455 million to cancer research.

Legion

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decision to Nashua in the Gate City, raced out to a 4-0 lead and had lefty starting pitcher Andrew Barnes doing one heck of an imitation of the legendary Steve Carlton during that southpaw's prime years with the Philadelphia Phillies in the 1970s.

Spaulding High School grad Barnes - who will be playing his college ball at Franklin Pierce University - had a perfect game rolling until the bottom of

the fourth, when he walked Londonderry's Geoff Kayo with one out.

And Barnes' no-hitter stood up until the bottom of the sixth when Kayo laced a one-out double that scored Nick Salcito to make the score 4-1.

Moments later Colby Joncas thumped a single that scored Kayo and made the score 4-2. And that's where the final game tally would end up.

The hosts finished the evening with a total of three hits off two Rochester hurlers, with Barnes ending up with 11 strike-

outs in seven innings worth of work. The five errors the host squad committed in the defeat wound up hurting it considerably.

Londonderry pitchers Nick Musto and Noah Tavano combined to hold the top-ranked opponent to the relatively low total of seven hits, and Rochester ended up leaving 12 runners stranded on bases.

The local legion team is slated to play Bedford in the first round of the playoffs at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Holman Stadium in Nashua.

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Track Club's Summer Fun Runs Continue in Earnest

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Now, with 38 years into their history, the Greater Derry Track Club's (GDTC) summer fun runs are still accomplishing all of the goals that were established all those years ago when the popular runs were started.

Week four of the 2015 fun run season - held at Pinkerton Academy Thursday, July 16 - bears those facts out as 69 new registrants came out to get a good run in, get cheered for by family members, and donate non-perishable food items to a local food pantry.

Race participants for the 2015 season total 646 runners and cover many

age categories.

"The Pinkerton track was very active with many children running various distances for green participation ribbons supplied by the Derry Recreation Department," said fun runs' co-director Maureen Knepper.

Several Londonderry youngsters did themselves proud on that fourth night of summer fun run action, collecting top-three finishes in their respective age divisions.

That trio included 11-year-old girls' division winner Grace McDonough and 12-year-old girls' class champ Cailey McDonough. Sage Matzler ended up taking third among the girl 11's.

Each week runners donate a non-perishable food item as their registration fee, and those items are later brought to the local food bank. The July 16 tally of food donated was 282 pounds, bringing the 2015 donation total up to 1,340 pounds, with two fun run nights still to go.

The 2014 tally of donated food wound up at 1,444 pounds, so if all goes well this year's tally should surpass those numbers handily.

Registration starts at 6 p.m. each Thursday through July 30, with the races at 6:30 p.m.

Children are led in stretching exercises and given running tips by GDTC members. Then the



Racers of all ages are welcome each week during the Greater Derry Track Club's Summer Fun Runs. Photo by Chris Paul

2- and 3-year-olds run 50 meters, 4s to 6s run 200 meters, 7- and 8-year-olds cover 300 meters, 9- and 10-year-old competitors do 600 meters, and the 11 to 13's run a cross-country mile. Youngsters older

than 14 run an open mile on the track, and that race often brings out elite high school runners from the area.

Children receive participation ribbons each week, which are supplied

by the Derry Recreation Department. Water, Gatorade, and watermelon are also supplied each week. Runners who complete the entire weekly series will receive medals and T-shirts from the GDTC.

Red Wings' 10-U Hardball Team Made Waves in Elite Play

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There were some distinct ups and downs for the Londonderry Red Wings' 10-U baseball squad in the New England Elite Baseball League during its

2015 season. But head coach John Fennell, his assistants Jeff Halko and Ryan Kearney, and their players wound up with quite a few reasons to be proud of themselves in the end.

The Red Wings' 9-12

regular season record placed them fourth overall in the American West Division behind the New England Hurricanes of Nashua (16-4), the SU Pirates West (12-9), and the New Hampshire Bobcats (11-11).

The Red Wings' crew started its season with consecutive wins over the Concord Cannons' Black contingent, and ended the regular season with back to back wins over the Academy National crew and then two straight victories over the Concord

Cannons' Black bunch once again.

The team did some strong work with its bats, banging away to a .312 group batting average and a .431 team on-base percentage in its 21 regular season contests.

The Red Wings' talent-

ed roster included Aidan Roy, Adam Wholley, Kevin Griffin, Mike Crowley, Connor Fennell, Nate Kearney, Justin Rivard, Nick Hamel, Nick Halko, Kevin Adie, Brandon Galan, and Aidan Washington.

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Old Home Day Chairman Raises Eyebrows with Politically Charged Comments

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As politics heat up in New Hampshire in advance of the First in the Nation Presidential Primary, the Old Home Day Committee is still in the process of firming up commitments from local politicians and elected officials who want to march in the Town's annual parade.

And with politics at play, some residents expressed concern after Committee Chairman Kathy Wagner posted on her personal Facebook page

the comment, "Hey Hillary. Not going to happen in Londonderry. However, we know from your Londonderry team you don't have the balls to show," with a link to a story about Clinton's participation in Gorham's July 4th parade.

When asked about her comments, Wagner said her activity on her personal Facebook page is her personal business.

"I have no comment," she said.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said candidates of all political affiliations are

welcome to participate in the Town's Old Home Day Parade.

Wagner, who also serves as the Town Treasurer, confirmed that the Old Home Day Committee welcomes all political groups and interests to march in the parade or set up a booth on the Common, with the associated costs dependent on whether or not the participant is a business or non-profit organization.

When asked the Town's policy on political activities of town employees, Smith said he only asks

that if an employee wants to openly support a candidate, they do so on their own time.

Other residents in town expressed concern that Wagner's comments went too far, compromising her objectivity as chairman of the Old Home Day Committee.

"And you wonder why any candidate would come. You're our chair of Old Home Days, show some class," Tammy Siekmann, chairman of the Londonderry Democratic Committee, wrote in response to Wagner's com-

ment.

"Kathy, I never make comments on your posts; however, obviously, a different use of terminology would have been better. We should welcome all the candidates and use our intelligence and common sense to make fair judgments. I do not want the Town of Londonderry to receive a bad reputation because of a lack of open mindedness," Maria Roger responded.

"The more Clintons and Bushes, the more money for local organizations on the Common, when the crowd grows to see them," Chris Melcher wrote.

Wagner noted during the Committee's final meeting on July 16 that

the Town's Old Home Days celebration is becoming increasingly political.

Where the Committee has in previous years funded the Londonderry Historical Society's blacksmith and weaver demonstrations at the Morrison House, the Committee won't be able to do so moving forward, having received complaints from other organizations that they don't receive any assistance for their Old Home Day activities.

"It's unfortunate, because we started it to get people to go down to Morrison House. We wanted to help expand the event, but now it's all political," Wagner said.

Town Council Approves Expenditures

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council approved the expenditure of \$13,626 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for several projects around town, including the installation of donated LED lights on the Town Common bandstand.

The total cost of labor and materials to install the infrastructure and new lights was \$1,132, according to Administrative Support Coordinator Steve Cotton.

Other projects recently completed include painting of the north side of the Senior Center, repairs to a door at Town Hall and preventive maintenance on the HVAC

(heating, ventilation and air conditioning) units at South Fire Station, Cotton reported.

The Maintenance Trust Fund expenditure also covers preventive maintenance and repair to North Fire boilers and various repairs at Town Hall.

In other business at its Monday night meeting:

- The Council approved the expenditure of \$7,426 for expired impact fee refunds, in addition to \$41.46 in accrued interest, for a total disbursement of \$7,467.

- The Council voted 5-0 to approve the Town's membership agreement with HealthTrust, Inc., effective July 1. Health-

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Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. Aug. 7 at Interstate Landscape Co., Inc., 10 Sheridan Drive, Londonderry for a tour and discussion of hardscape and landscaping by Bill Gardocki, who has degrees in education and horticulture. He is the owner of Interstate Landscape. Carpooling is encouraged and members should bring a bag lunch and a chair. Beverages, chips and desserts will be provided by the committee.

Young Adult Summer Reading

Young Adult Summer Reading meetings are held in the downstairs meeting room at Leach Library from 6 to 7 p.m. and are open to all participants entering grades 6–12. Snacks and drinks are served, and door prizes are offered. Upcoming meetings are July 23, Book Bingo and July 30: Book Discussion of “The Awakening” by Michael Owen Carroll. The first 50 participants to sign up will receive a paperback copy of the book. The program Thursday, Aug. 6, is “It’s Elemental,” creating a fill-in-the-blank story and constructing a superhero through word, drawing or collage. After reading in accordance with the guidelines, turn in raffle tickets until 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10. A pizza party and raffle draw is Thursday, Aug. 13.

Luau Book Bingo

The Children’s Summer

Reading Program at Leach Library offers Luau Book Bingo on Monday, Aug. 3, from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is required and starts Thursday, July 30; call 432-1127 or stop by the Children’s Room.

Magic Show

The Children’s Summer Reading Program at Leach Library offers Topper’s Kid-tastic Magic Show on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 11 a.m. to noon. David Anderson entertains with magic tricks and makes doves and a bunny appear. Live animals are present. Registration is required and starts Thursday, July 30; call 432-1127 or stop by the Children’s Room.

Prize Bags

Leach Library Children’s Summer Reading prize bags can be claimed starting Monday, Aug. 10.

Special Programs

Leach Library Children’s Summer Reading winds down with a week of special programs. Advance registration is required and begins Thursday, Aug. 6, at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children’s Room. The schedule follows: Monday, Aug. 10, “Penguin Tales;” Tuesday, Aug. 11, “Ancient Heroes” and receive a stuffed Trojan horse; Wednesday, Aug. 12, “Animal Adventures,” with such live animals as a Sugar-Glider, Alligator, Ring-Tailed Lemur or Bush Baby; and Thursday, Aug. 13, Linda Pecks’ “Just like Mary” with

circus illusions, mime, magic and tight rope, all from 11 a.m. to noon.

Concerts on Common

Concerts on the Common features the Jandee Lee Porter Band on Wednesday, July 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Town Common. The five-piece band plays Americana, Folk, Country, Pop and Rock. In addition to original material, the band performs cover songs. The bad weather location is the Londonderry High School cafeteria. For a complete schedule and more details, visit www.ConcertsOnTheCommon.org. Concerts on the Common are presented by the Londonderry Arts Council.

Science for Seniors

Science for Seniors classes are offered at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road. Take-home directions and samples are included. Pre-registration is required. All supplies are provided. Sessions are Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with “Building a House of Cards” July 23; and “Sounds of Music” July 30, including building sample instruments to take home, and taking part in a Comb Kazoo Review. Workshop leader is Jan McLaughlin. For more information, call 432-8554

Senior Games

The Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road, is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Mondays, join other members in Crib-



Beautiful Donation

Republic Services Municipal Services Manager Terry Grady, at center, presented Beautify Londonderry with a \$1,000 sponsor check on Friday, July 17, at the town office. Those accepting the check were members of the Beautify Londonderry Committee along with Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith, far right, and Committee Chair Kerri Stanley, at right of Grady. Beautify Londonderry presents the townwide clean-up that takes place in May, along with the annual Roadside Pride event in April.

Photo by Chris Paul

bage or MahJongg, and Wii games or poker on Tuesday mornings. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, seniors can play Rummikub or Checkers in the morning and Bingo in the afternoon. Seniors can join in Zengevity, yoga, chair exercises, aerobics, line dancing or Tai Chi. Lunch is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in cooperation with Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels; registration and reservations are required. For more information, call 432-8554 or click on “Senior Center” at www.londonderry-nh.org.

Holmes on Frost

Derry Town Historian Rick Holmes will chronicle Robert Frost’s love of sports from his sandlot baseball days in Salem in the 1880s through his time as a relief pitcher in the All-Star games at Breadloaf Conferences during the 1950s in a Frost Farm Summer Literary Series event July 26 at 2 p.m. at the Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. Special attention will be given to the years 1900 to

1911, when Frost lived in Derry and coached sports at Pinkerton Academy. Admission is free.

Genealogy Classes

Beginner genealogy classes at the Londonderry Historical Society’s Parmenter Barn, 140 Pillsbury Road, are set for four Mondays, July 27-Aug. 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person for all four classes, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Londonderry Historical Society. The course will be taught by New Hampshire genealogist Amylynne Murphy, who will discuss the most often used research sources and methods both online and offline, as well as strategies for sourcing and staying organized. For more information and to register, call 820-6706 or email info@NHGenealogist.com.

Senior Night Tickets

Old Home Day Senior Night kicks off the 116th Londonderry Old Home Day celebration Aug. 12 from 5 to 6 p.m. with a Senior Night Barbecue at the Lions Hall

pavilion. The barbecue is free and is for Londonderry residents only. A ticket is required; tickets are now available at the Senior Center. Following the barbecue is a concert at the bandstand on the Town Common, featuring the Windham Swing Band. The concert, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., is open to all ages. In inclement weather, all events will be moved to the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

Baby Contest

The Old Home Day Baby Contest takes place in the Matthew Thornton Elementary School gym Saturday, Aug. 15, at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is required; no registration on day of event. The contest is open to all babies who live in Londonderry and were born between Aug. 11, 2014 and Aug. 11, 2015. Prizes will be awarded for Best Personality, Best Dressed, Best Smile, Little Miss and Little Master. To register, email information to Maggie.siekman@comcast.net by Friday, Aug. 7. A

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'Need for Speed'

The Leach Library presents "Need for Speed" in a children's program on Monday, July 27, from 11 a.m. to noon. Hear stories of all things fast. Participants will also learn about some of the

fastest animals, people and machines and play a game. Registration is required starting Thursday, July 23. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Adult Summer Reading

The sixth annual Adult Summer Reading Program at the Leach Library runs now through Aug. 31, with the theme "Escape the Ordinary."

Participants may register at any time at the Reference Desk and will receive an information sheet and Tic-Tac-Toe card to be completed in summer. The first participants to register will also receive a sign-up incentive. For every book read after registering, participants will receive a ticket for a weekly raffle. For details, call the library at 432-1132.

First Saturday Devotions

Women of all ages are invited to join in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions Aug. 1 at St. Patrick Church in Pelham. The day begins with Mass at 8 a.m., followed by the rosary at 8:30 a.m. and Faith Formation (a video by Dr. Scott Hahn on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and a potluck breakfast and fellowship. Adora-

tion and Divine Mercy Chapel will be available before Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the chapel. For more information, call Linda at 930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com.

Frost Literary Series

Donald Sheehy, author, editor and Frost scholar, will discuss the first American edition of Robert Frost's "North of Boston" published 100 years ago by Henry

Holt, in a program sponsored by the Robert Frost Farm Literary Series on Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. Admission is free. During his presentation, Sheehy will explore how Frost, while living in England and homesick for New England, reinvented himself and, in so doing, revolutionized American poetry. For more information, call 432-3091.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, July 13

6:19 p.m. Caller on Charleston Avenue reported male on dirt bike riding up and down the road.

Tuesday, July 24

12:53 a.m. Michael R. Kilgore, 22, Bear Meadow Road, Londonderry arrested for Possession of Drugs (in a motor vehicle), Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs, and Violation of Probation or Parole. Caller reported car on side of Holly Lane with male subject sleeping inside. Bail set at \$2,500 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of Aug. 25.

9:37 a.m. Criminal mischief to mail house at Century Village, Winding Pond Road.

Wednesday, July 15

2:49 a.m. Request police response with Londonderry Fire for 20-year-old male overdosing on hero-

in on Olde Country Village Road. CPR in progress; subject now alert.

Thursday, July 16

6:12 a.m. Caller at Crossroads Contracting, Londonderry Road reports unauthorized use of Dumpster.

3:19 p.m. Subject reports wallet stolen while at Annie's Hallmark, Nashua Road.

Friday, July 17

10:33 a.m. Donald Scott Fraize II, 27, 466 Mammoth Road, Londonderry arrested on warrant for four counts of Theft: From a Building. Bail was set at \$25,000 personal recognizance plus \$40 bail commissioner fee, with Derry District Court arraignment Aug. 15.

Saturday, July 18

6:46 a.m. Criminal mischief on Rabbit Run.

7:02 a.m. Criminal mischief on Alexander Road.

7:29 a.m. Burglary on

Lawson Farm Road.

8:26 a.m. Criminal mischief on Lawson Farm Road.

8:56 a.m. Criminal mischief on Misty Lane.

9:29 a.m. Criminal mischief on Lawson Farm Road.

8:08 p.m. Christine Turchi, 45, 21 Digital Drive, Apt. 402, Nashua arrested for Suspended Registration (operating – misdemeanor), Disobeying an Officer, Open Container of Alcohol, Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Misuse or Failure to Display Plates and Unregistered Vehicle. She was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail with Derry District Court date of Sept. 1.

Sunday, July 19

12:13 a.m. Normand M. Faucher, 23, 36 Kimball Road, Londonderry arrested after motor vehicle check on Faucher Road

for Possession of Drugs (in Motor Vehicle), Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs, Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs with Intent to Distribute, and Open Container of Alcohol. He was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bail, with Derry District Court date of Sept. 1. Samantha Emerson, 18, 3 Raintree Drive, Londonderry was arrested for Resisting Arrest or Detention. She was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bail, with Sept. 1 Derry District Court date. Joshua Angelone, 18, 3 Raintree Drive, Londonderry arrested for Resisting Arrest or Detention and Transporting Alcoholic Beverage by a Minor. He was released on \$250 personal recognizance bail, with Sept. 1 Derry District Court date. Nicholas Leach, 18, 73 Fieldstone Drive, Londonderry arrested for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. He was released on \$500 personal recogni-

zance bail, with Sept. 1 Derry District Court date. **10:11 a.m.** During the night after 9 p.m., someone took all four tires off vehicle on Holly Lane. **5:50 p.m.** Jennifer L. Marino, 35, Mountain Home

Road, Londonderry arrested for Domestic Violence Simple Assault. Bail set at \$500 personal recognizance, with a court date of Aug. 18 at Derry Circuit Court.

OBITUARY

Alden Harris Milton

Goffstown - Mr. Alden Harris Milton, 84, passed away on July 15, 2015 at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home.

He was born in New Brunswick, Canada on August 27, 1930. He retired in 1989 from Lucent Technologies in North Andover, Massachusetts after working there for 35 years.

An honorably discharged veteran, Mr. Milton proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict from 1946 to 1951, receiving 2 Purple Hearts.

Mr. Milton is survived by his six children, Linda, JoAnn, Diane, Lou-Ann, Donald, and Alden and their spouses; fifteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Rita T. (Desrosiers) Milton after 49 years of blissful marriage.

ARRANGEMENTS: There will be no public services per family request. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Alden's memory to the Disabled American Veterans Association, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250. Assisting the family with arrangements is the Phaneuf Funeral Home, Manchester.

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Londonderry Police are investigating a robbery at Sherwin Williams on Nashua Road, during which a man threatened the life of a female employee.

The clerk called 911 just after 9 a.m. Thursday, July 16, and said a man

came into the store and walked around for a bit before approaching the counter and demanding cash, threatening to shoot the woman if she did not comply.

The suspect has been described as white, approximately 30 years old with brown eyes, short hair and a large nose.

He was seen wearing a baseball style hat, khaki cargo shorts, white socks, "Vans-style" shoes and a red and white plaid shirt with a bright yellow shirt under it.

According to police, the suspect was seen leaving on foot with approximately \$200 in cash.

Police continue to investigate the robbery.

"We're still following tips and leads to identify a suspect," Det. Chris Olson said.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Londonderry Police Detective Division at 432-1118.

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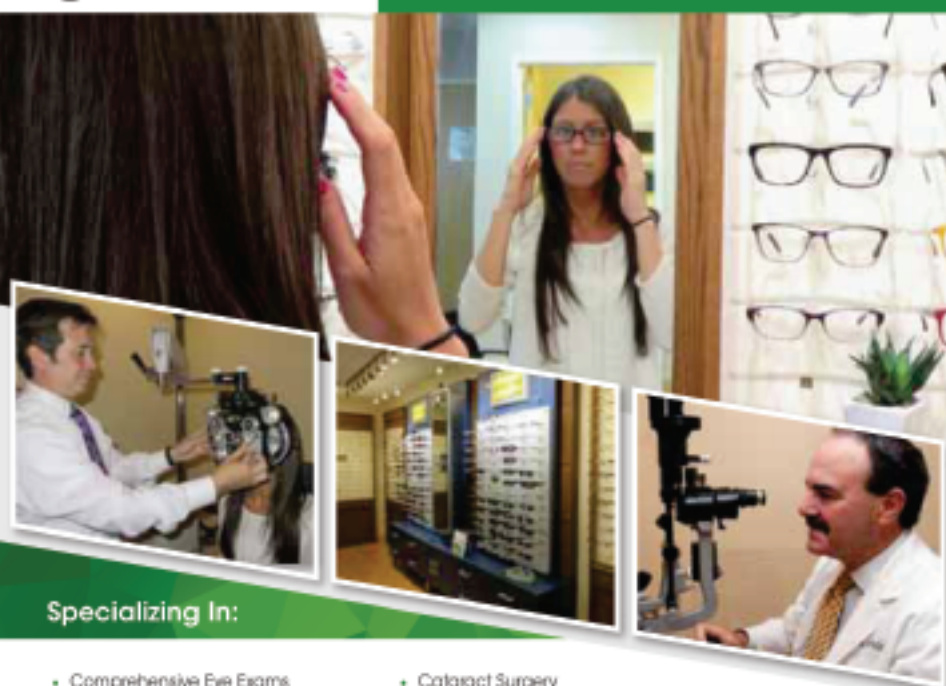
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