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History Made

The 125th celebration of Old Home Day took place on Saturday, Aug. 17, with lots of family-friendly activities to take part in. At the Morrison House Museum attendees could witness and learn about what life was like during the Revolutionary War era. Pictured children learned how to spin wool.

Photo by Chris Paul

Steering Committee Emphasizes Importance of Master Plan Update

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Master Plan Steering Committee met on Aug. 15 to reiterate the importance of updating the Master Plan, something Chair, Jeff Penta, wanted to address a week's worth of feedback from Londonderry residents. "Updating our Mas-

ter Plan is not only essential for addressing the significant changes our community has experienced between both 2012 and 2024, but it's also crucial for ensuring compliance and statutory requirements in adopting new regulations," he explained, noting that a shift in population has contributed to the issue

of an outdated Master Plan as more families and retirees have moved in. "This population growth necessitates thoughtful planning to manage land use and infrastructure effectively, catering to the needs of all ages and populations within are community." Housing has been a **continued on page 8**

Town Councilor Calls To Adjust Local Regulations

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Aug. 12 Londonderry Town Council meeting, Town Councilor, John Farrell, announced that he was nominated by the governor as the Chair of the NH State Water Council, saying he was recently confirmed to the position, and would be working with the Department of Environmental Service moving forward.

He said he will be learning more about it, and has been doing research.

"With that, I did a lot of research around where we're going and started coming across a

lot of information," Farrell said, noting that the town is currently working on updating its master plan.

He said ultimately he wants to find out why they decided to go the route of updating the master plan instead of looking at different options.

"My end game is that I would like to see if we can get a briefing from the planning department and the planning board about why we chose to go down the path of the master plan which is going to take about 12 to 18 months to do that versus updating all our regulations," he said.

Farrell explained that

it's been about 15 years since they have updated and refreshed their regulations, including site plan regulations, ordinances, and "various other pieces."

He also made note to coming across a plaque in his office from when he was on the Open Space Task Force in 2002, which was critical for limiting growth.

"Right now with all the open space that we've purchased and all the development rights that we've gained control over as a town had we'd not done any of this our build out would have been 45,000 people," Farrell said, noting

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Public Hearing on Demolition of Historic Building on Aug. 22

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the most recent meeting of the newly formed Londonderry Demolition Review Committee, on Aug. 13, members determined that they will hold a public hearing on Aug. 22 for a house located at 4 Nashua Road, which the current owner is looking to demolish.

The hearing scheduled will be to, "Review the potential architectural or historical significance of the property located at 4 Nashua Road."

The house was formal-

ly the site of a real estate business and sits near the Derry town line.

This was the first time the committee as met since Nov. 26, 2019, according to minutes publicly available on the town's website.

At the somewhat short Aug. 13 meeting, committee member, Sue Joudrey, was selected as the Chair of the three-member committee. Ann Chiampa and David Colglazer are the only other members at this point.

The town's Administrative Support Coordinator, Kirsten Hildonen, explained the charge of

the committee during the meeting saying it was "very narrow."

She told members that when a property meets three contingencies is submitted to the building department for an application for demolition permit, a building permit involving a dem-

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School District Continues to Look For Feedback For Moose Hill

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As the School Board continues to look at different potential options for the future of Moose Hill, as well as the potential for full-day kindergarten in town, the School Board was presented with a proposal to have a community survey ahead of its next meeting.

"Below is a draft of a survey that could go out community wide right before the September 3rd School Board Meeting when we have all the

costs and other information the School Board is looking for on the options," Superintendent, Dan Black, wrote in a memo to the School Board.

He said they want to get the survey out to the community so they can get information about what people in the community think about some of the different options on the table.

"I think it's been very helpful to get public comment from staff, from parents, and from community members," Black said.

Black said one thing they have already done aside from having public comment at meetings was a small survey for current Moose Hill families, and said that the results will be brought back for the next meeting on Sept. 3.

He said the plan is to have costs available for the Sept. 3 meeting, along with as much feedback as possible.

Black explained that people are becoming more aware of the fact that they are discussing the Moose Hill project once again, following a

failed vote in March.

"People are realizing we're talking about all these things," Black said, explaining that he thinks people will be more engaged when school starts saying that they want to "make sure we're having a good dialogue with the community."

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said he thinks it's important to get the feedback for the September meeting.

The School Board approved having a survey sent out to the community.

The School Board also had a first policy reading for a proposed new policy related to curriculum adoption.

"This policy requires school board approval for adding or eliminating courses of study. IGD is the NHSBA's coding for Curriculum Adoption," Assistant Superintendent, Jason Parent, wrote in a memo to the School Board.

The proposed policy states that "A dynamic instructional program requires ongoing alteration in the curriculum and courses of study."

"It is the policy of the Board that no basic course of study shall be eliminated, or new courses added without approval of the Board, nor shall any sharp alteration or reduction of a course of study be made without such approval," the proposed policy states.

The School Board unanimously approved sending the policy to a second reading without any proposed changes.

The next Londonderry School Board meeting is slated to take place on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.

Utilities Committee Look for New Locations for Solar Farm

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The August Utilities Committee saw its members tackle the latest update to the Community Choice Power Aggregation Project following two public hearings on the topic. Aggregation still requires state approval, something Chair, Lynn Wiles, did not see as a barrier as similar projects move forward across the state.

"Colonial Power Group with Freedom Energy and Logistics now has four communities they're con-

tracted with," he said, referring to the companies partnering with Londonderry for the Aggregation program. "They're expanding their realm. I think as they pick up more towns, they're representing it will just benefit everybody as they'll have more buying and negotiating power with suppliers."

Both companies will be setting up a webpage linked to the town site. It should include customer service points of contact and general information on Aggregation.

"We're still not at a point where we're going to sign the contract," Wiles clarified. "We're going to wait for the next rate table to be published by Ever-source, and we'll see how they can compete with that rate table for the next six months."

The idea was to have Aggregation go into effect when local rates are lower than Ever-source.

Committee members continued discussing possible locations for a potential solar array,

this time focusing on whether any property near the airport could be dedicated to a solar farm.

"They know how to put solar panels near airports to not blind pilots," said Jeff McGraw, town representative of the Manchester Airport Commission. "The response when I spoke to the director of the airport, is that he was enthusiastic as we've been trading emails, but we haven't talked yet. He said there's a hilly piece of land that you can't build on, I'm assuming for buildings,

that would be perfect for solar."

Without nothing but emails, it was not immediately clear how a solar arrangement with the airport might work.

"Would the energy go to the airport?" asked Committee member, Anne Fenn.

McGraw indicated that any power generated by any solar farm would be sold directly to the energy grid.

Other options for solar power included partnering with local companies for rooftop solar.

"Some of the busi-

ness will want it, you've got a lot of big, flat-top roofs," said Fenn.

Using the airport or rooftop solar would have the advantage of being near existing electrical infrastructure. A reoccurring issue with the originally proposed Auburn Road Landfill site was the need to run expensive power lines out to the site.

"If the airport is interested in doing it, that just solves a lot of the infrastructure problems we've been talking about," said Wiles. "But we're a long way from making it happen."

The next meeting of the Londonderry Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 3, in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

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Exception to Use of Specific Course Materials Policy Approved

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the most recent School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a final policy reading for the School District's amended policy on Citizen Request for Exception to Use of Specific Course Materials.

"This amendment includes changing the word "Citizen" to "Parent/Legal Guardian" because the rest of the document reads "Parents/Legal Guardians," Assistant Superintendent, Jason Parent,

wrote in a memo to the School Board. "The other amendments provide more time for Parents/Legal Guardians to appeal to the Superintendent (two to three school days), and the Superintendent to respond in writing (three to five school days)."

The amended policy states that the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must:

a. Notification in writing to the Building Principal or designee regarding specific course material to which they

object.

b. Within five school days the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must provide a written description or actual copy of the course material they propose to use as an alternative to the District's course material. (Must meet applicable State requirements). If not submitted within five school days, the matter will be considered closed.

c. Provide written detailed description of how and when the alternative course material will be delivered to the

child and method(s) of assessment, grading criteria and timeline for same. (Note: If timeline exceeds normal grading periods, an incomplete will be given - pending completion with agreed upon timeline.)

Under the amended policy "The Building Principal or designee shall review the materials and plans of delivery and methods of assessment no later than five school days after receipt of material."

"The Building Principal or designee shall notify the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) no later than the seventh school day of his/her decision after the receipt of the description

and/or actual materials, methods of delivery, methods of assessments and timeline for same," the amended policy states.

It also states as part of the amended policy that "Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must provide documentation as detailed in the approved plan that the student has successfully completed the material as per agreed upon timeline. Absent said documentation student will not receive credit for the work."

Under the policy, it explains that if "the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and the Building Principal or designee cannot agree on the plan, the

parent(s)/legal guardian(s) may appeal within two three (3) school days to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee's decision is final. If the Superintendent or designee does not approve the plan, the student will continue to participate in the regular program."

"The Superintendent or designee will respond in writing within five school days," the amended policy states.

On a unanimous vote the School Board approved the amended policy.

The next Londonderry School Board meeting is slated to take place on Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.

Councilor

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that the full build out is around 33,000 to 34,000 people now and the town is currently at approximately 27,000 people.

Farrell said they have a number of issues that need to be addressed including issues with water and questioned why they were spending resources on a strategic plan when about 80% of the Town is already developed.

"We only have about 20% of build remaining," he said.

Farrell said he also wants to work with the Planning Department to find out what actions they need to take to potentially change laws, saying, for example, building moratoriums are mostly illegal.

"Why can't we ask for that to be changed," Far-

rell said, noting that they have "zero authority to limit growth."

Farrell said he thought it made sense to invite the Planning Board to a meeting to ask them "why did we choose the path... of a strategic vision when we really need to execute the plan that's already in place and adjust our regulations accordingly and we're not doing that."

Council Vice Chair, Ted Combes, agreed.

"I think certainly it would be helpful to have probably the Chair and vice chair of the plan-

ning board and a representative from the planning department hopefully before budgeting really kicks off," he said.

Combes said they could also meet with their land use attorney to talk about what they could do to help their community and other communities with development, water, "and other issues moving forward."

It was ultimately agreed on by the Town Council to reach out to both the Planning Board and legal counsel to have a presentation set up.

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Editorial

Getting Ready for a New School Year

How can it be? Wasn't it just a few short weeks ago that school let out for the summer, and a fine summer it has been. But there's more than a glimpse of fall in the air already, and the first day of the new school year arrives next week. Next week!

The opening of the school year brings with it a sense of everything new once again. Empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger set, untouched crayons carry with them an excitement about what lies ahead. And for those of us long past worrying about where we'll sit in the classroom and whether we'll remember the locker combination, we still have our memories.

For parents, the start of school is sure to bring a sudden wave of nostalgia and the reality that the years are passing quickly. But school also brings an obligation for parents, just as it does for students.

What parents think of school is conveyed to their children. Parents who attend open houses, participate in Parent Teacher Association activities if their work schedules allow, meet the teachers and familiarize themselves with the school buildings, and prioritize homework are going a long way toward creating a positive learning experience

for their children. And we all know kids learn by example.

Just as it's a child's job to attend classes and be open to learning, it's a parent's role to be involved with their child's education. A teacher can only do so much; how much value parents place on education and the learning process goes a long way toward making that learning possible.

We hear a lot about team building in schools, but the most important team to build at this time of year is the one involving parents, their children, and their school staff and administrators. Starting out right, with communication and mutual respect in the forefront, will go a long way toward making this school year a good one for each child.

And a reminder: Be extra cautious around schools and whenever children are walking to and from school. Pay attention to crosswalks, speed limit signs and blinking lights in school zones. Watch out for school buses.

There's nothing like the opening of school, like the opening of a new book, to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring. Enjoy!

Letters

Two Special Ladies

To the editor,

I am writing to recognize the accomplishments of two very special ladies. The first is Bonnie Ritvo, president of Londonderry Senior Citizens Inc., an organization dedicated to meeting the needs of Londonderry Seniors. Bonnie has been president of LSCI for the last 17 years. Her efforts and accomplishments are legendary. If you have gone to a Cookie Walk or an Ice Cream Social, or a Senior Picnic you have seen Bonnie in action.

I remember the first time I met her. She came to a Senior Resource Committee meeting. We were talking about how to get more services for seniors like rides to doctor's appointments or food shopping, or minor repairs around the house. She told us about Community Caregivers and how they addressed these issues and more. For the rest of the meeting, she had answers to our questions about services and agencies that help seniors. I was and am in awe of her knowledge and energy.

She will still be working at the Senior Center after her retirement at the end of this year. So, I just want to say thank you. And if you happen to come to a program at the Center or to the Cookie Walk and Craft Fair on Nov. 4th, you can thank her too.

The second person I want to recognize is

Ilona Ardnt our Senior Affairs Director for the Town. If you haven't been to the Senior Center for a while, you need to visit. The place is hopping. Programs and activities throughout the day from yoga to a mystery club to keep people healthy and active. Monthly health services like the foot clinic and hearing tests. Informational presentations like fall prevention, estate planning, health eating, and more. The Meals on Wheels program serves 120 meals a day at the Center or delivered. We seniors owe it to ourselves to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities.

But she has done so much more for the Senior Resource Committee. She is the focal point of our annual Senior Informational Expo (9/21/24 at LMS). Organizing our outreach to approximately 120 different service organizations. Her idea to use the information we collect for the Expo to develop a "Where Can I Get Help" booklet will be a treasure trove of contact information for people in need. Every day and in every way she is making life a little better for our senior citizens.

Just an example of these two amazing women in action - Imagine you have to plan and deliver a cookout for 200 guests. Catered, No, you need to find volunteers to cook, set tables, serve, and clean up. Oh,

and can you have bingo to entertain the guests with some great prizes. Finish it off with an Ice cream truck. Then three days later have a trolley full of seniors for the Old Home Day Parade

I told you they are special.

Jim Green
Londonderry

Doug Thomas for State Representative

To the editor,

Over the past several years, it has been my honor to serve Londonderry District 16 as your state representative in Concord and I'm pleased to announce I am running again for state representative.

I've been inspired to run again because of the many critical issues important to our senior population, parents, and young residents. Immigration, inflation, economy, housing and other concerns weigh heavily with our citizens. We cannot let NH lose its advantage and I will continue to provide the respected representation Londonderry deserves. I've voted down state income and sales taxes and I've supported parents' rights and enacted strict water regulations such as PFAS limits. I've also voted for election integrity, effective energy policies, and bail reform. My priorities have been to stand up for my constituents and to keep our Live Free or Die values intact.

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Annual Old Home Day Parade Draws a Huge Crowd



Images from the Old Home Day parade on Saturday, Aug. 17.
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School Board Review High School Credit Policy For 7th/8th Graders

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board had a first reading for a proposed updated policy regarding high school credits for seventh and eighth graders coursework during its Aug. 6 meeting.

“This amendment includes changing graduation “competencies” to “requirements” and adds language that includes the middle school and high school creating clear benchmarks so that all students are properly challenged in their high school coursework,” Assistant Super-

intendent, Jason Parent, wrote in a memo to the School Board. “It also includes the ability for middle school students to earn credit through Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO’s) or in online classes. Finally, this amendment included the review of transfer students’ transcripts by LHS to determine eligibility of credits for prior coursework, including advanced courses they took while in middle school.”

As part of the proposed updated policy, it states that “Students in 7th or 8th grade may take advanced courses

and apply the credit of those courses toward high school graduation requirements, provided the course demonstrates content consistent with related high school courses and the student achieves satisfactory standards of performance.”

“School Board policies relative to assessment, mastery and competency shall apply. The School Board promotes this policy to allow for middle school students to take advanced coursework, not increase the number of students applying for early graduation in high school,”

the proposed updated policy states.

The policy states that the high school and middle school principals “shall work together yearly to approve such course work and credit prior to the student enrolling in the class in order for such credit to be applied toward high school graduation.”

“The middle school and high school will create clear benchmarks to help with student placement in high school so that all students are properly challenged in their high school coursework. For a student that earns credit in their

7th and/or 8th grade year for high school graduation, they will be granted a “passing” grade only on their high school transcript,” the proposed policy states.

It explains as part of the proposed policy that students in seventh and or eighth grade “who wish to earn credit for high school through “extended learning opportunities” and/or “virtual/online” classes, must first ensure those classes follow the requirements outlined in School Board Policy INAA Extended Learning Opportunities Virtual/Online Education.”

“Any student that transfers from out of district will be subject to a standard review by the Londonderry High School Guidance Department to determine if they are eligible to be awarded credit for their prior coursework, including advanced courses they took while in middle school,” the proposed policy states.

The School Board approved sending the proposed policy to a second reading.

The Londonderry School Board is scheduled to meet again on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.

Demo

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olition, a site plan review involving demolition is made “the building inspector must de-

termine these three criteria; does the proposed demolition is it greater than 500-square feet of gross square area, was the building submitted more than 75 years before the date of appli-

cation for the building permit and is the building visible from the adjacent from the adjacent public right of way or public lands.”

From there, if those three conditions are met, the application is then forwarded to the Committee and within five days of getting the application from the building inspector, Hildonen said the committee needed to make a determination of whether or not the “building might be of historical or archi-

tectural significance.”

During the initial meeting, she said their role wasn’t to determine what it is, or take any action, but instead they were only tasked with determining if the building might be of historical significance or not.

“Those are your two options today,” Hildonen said.

Hildonen explained that if they determined that there might be historical significance they needed to schedule a public hearing by Aug.

25, in order to meet the 12-day requirement.

Chiampa commented that she obtained information that the property was determined to be protected for its historical significance by the NH Department of Historical Resources.

After some discussion, it was ultimately decided that there might be historical significance and the Committee decided to have the required public hearing on Aug. 22 at 6 p.m.

Hildonen also noted that due to the production schedule for the Londonderry Times, they had to put the public notice in the Union Leader.

Chiampa asked if

they would be able to put it on the town’s Facebook page in order to notify the community. Hildonen explained that they don’t usually post those types of notices on the Facebook page, but she would look into it.

Hildonen added that the applicant or the applicant’s agent is invited to the public hearing to hear any concerns.

During the public hearing, Hildonen explained that they are tasked with determining if there is any historical significance or not.

If the Committee determines that there is significance, from there they would meet with the applicant.

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The common-sense policies of the Republican state house have helped keep NH safe from the many problems we see in our neighboring states. We hold to our principles of small government and low taxes which is why our state is consistently rated as one of the best places to live and raise a family.

I will continue to advocate for Londonderry and the state in my role on the Science, Technology and Energy Committee which oversees all forms of energy and technological policy bills. As Vice Chair, I've turned away many harmful energy policies that would only increase electric bills higher than they are now. I'm also proud of my 100% attendance in Concord and of my conservative voting record.

I also serve as Vice Chair of the Rockingham County Executive Committee which oversees the county budget.

As one of Londonderry's representatives, I keep abreast on town issues by attending most town council meetings and frequently conferring with town officials. Also, I co-host a TV program on the Londonderry Access Channel called "Concord Conversations" to inform residents of town, county, and state issues.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I ask for your vote for state representative in the primary for District 16 on

September 10.

Doug Thomas
NH State Rep. Londonderry, District 16

To All Londonderry Residents,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your State Representative for the past two years. My hope is to continue that service by being reelected. I know that there is much more to be done. I have already had residents reach out to me to submit two new Bills that they feel are important to Londonderry as well as the State. I welcome continued communication from you as my constituents of more. I submitted Bills last Session that were specifically asked for by you and I am pleased to say that two of these passed, with some modification by Committees, and were signed by the Governor.

I met my campaign commitments to you to attend all House Sessions and to cosponsor several open meetings to inform and answer questions about what was going on in Concord. I will make this commitment again.

I was placed on the Judiciary Committee by the Speaker and will ask to continue there if reelected. I was not quite sure why that was my placement but all in all feel it was a good fit. I learned to negotiate though some very important and sometimes controversial Bills. I wore my Legisla-

tive hat and often put my personal feelings aside to accomplish what was right and needed. I never compromised my values. I worked alongside members of the "other party" multiple times when it was what was needed for my constituents. I represent all the residents of Londonderry.

I am a firm supporter of free speech and transparency at all levels of government and feel that public information should be just that, public and free to all. I believe and will continue to support government accountability and you will always know exactly where I stand on every issue.

Please allow my voting record to speak for itself and is available online at: Gencourt.state.nh.us/nh.grollcalls

I have been recognized by multiple organization for my conservative but fair voting record such as:

NH Liberty Alliance, Re-build NH, Granite State Taxpayers Association, Cornerstone, YAL, School District Governance Ass, of NH, and Make Liberty Win among others.

Respectfully,
Rep Kristine Perez
Londonderry

Eye Pollution

To the editor,
It's very distressing driving down Nashua Road, especially the intersection with Mammoth Road, and seeing all these campaign signs. It's

clutter and a distraction.

Why must every candidate have to put multiples of their signs next to each other? Isn't one enough if we have to endure them? Are the signs on public or private property? If it's public property, shame on the Town for allowing it.

Mike Yochim
Londonderry

Re-Elect Doug Thomas for State Rep

I've known Doug Thomas for many years. He has been a steady and responsive state representative for Londonderry and has my utmost support to be reelected. Not only was he a valuable member and Chair on the Senior Resources Committee, but he also greatly helped me on the Old Home Day Parade Committee in previous years. I can rely on Representative Thomas to support the senior citizens, veterans, school parents and all residents to keep Londonderry a great place to live and raise a family. Please vote for Doug Thomas on the September 10 Republican primary ballot.

Christine Patton
Londonderry NH

Ron Dunn for State Representative

To the editor,
I am currently one of your State Representatives. It has been my honor to serve you for

the past two years. I am asking for your vote on Tuesday September 10th to send me back to Concord.

I am a fiscal conservative who will always look out for you, the taxpayer. I will not support a sales or income tax. I am a lifetime NRA member and will always protect your 2nd Amendment rights. I will continue to fight for Londonderry when it comes to funding for clean, PFAS free drinking water. I will support parents rights and their ability to manage their child's education with Education Freedom Accounts.

I co-sponsored legislation to allow the PFAS rebate program for private wells to continue. This allows a homeowner who's well exceeds the current maximum levels for PFAS to apply for a rebate. I co-sponsored legislation that allows the HB737 PFAS Commission to continue its good work for 5 more years. This is a bipartisan committee that I am on that focuses on PFAS issues in Londonderry, Merrimack, Litchfield, Bedford and Hudson. I co-sponsored HB1385 that allows veterans who were medics in the military to have an accelerated path to licensing.

All these bills have been signed into law and will help Londonderry residents. I would like to

continue this good work for Londonderry. I will be out door knocking from now until Tuesday September 10th. I am looking forward to meeting and speaking with you all. I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday September 10th.

Let's Get It DUNN!
Ron Dunn
Londonderry

Re: Where has he been?

To the editor,
Mr. Minnillo, I was thinking the same thing about you. I am so glad you wrote in, as now it proves there is NO possible communication with the other side. The answer to your question is simple, You had stopped writing your Propaganda.

Once again, I need to correct you, we never jostled. What transpired was you writing your regurgitated right-wing Propaganda and me (being an American) forced to blow it out of the water. You may recall my request to keep it civil early on, but alas you people are incapable, as hate and propaganda go hand in hand.

Thank you for your offer of a trophy. However, I would need to compete with over 100 million Patriotic Americans for that title.

Regarding Afghanistan, I see you still refuse to educate yourself. Still

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Winners Crowned

The annual Baby Contest kicked off Saturday's events at the 125th Old Home Day celebration.

This year's pageant featured 29 contestants vying for two titles. The Little Miss Londonderry title went to 10-month-old Camilla Hondros, with her dad, Alex Hondros. The Little Master sash was presented to Denver Castillo, with mom, Nicole Castillo. Denver was napping during the final presentation,

Sashes and prizes were given to this year's winners by Sarra Catizone, Miss Londonderry, and Avery Chick, Miss Londonderry Outstanding Teen, who were also judges at the popular event.

Photos by Chris Paul

Master Plan

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growing issue as more people move to Londonderry, a trend expected to continue over the next decade. The update would also address some economic changes Londonderry has seen, especially regarding planned use developments.

"These developments require updated zoning regulations and land use policies, which can only

be effectively addressed through a revised Master Plan," said Penta. "Addressing these changes requires a proactive approach."

Additionally, he claimed an updated plan would make it easier for the town to comply with changing environmental regulations.

"I think this is a very important step that we need to take as a town to help us get to the future of Londonderry," added

Vice Chair, Jake Butler.

The Committee also wanted to check in on survey feedback related to housing, demographics, and land use, three topics that had been flagged as particularly important to many residents.

Sylvia Von Aulock, Executive Director of the Southern NH Planning Commission, summed up the feedback as "this is long." The original survey was designed to be 50 questions.

"It was long because it addressed pretty much every section in the entire Master Plan," said Von Aulock. "What we talked about was really focusing the initial survey on the 'top tier.'"

The revised survey should take 5-10 minutes. The hope was that a shorter survey would generate more feedback.

The reduced scope provoked a response from members of the public, including Senior Resources Committee member, John Wilson.

"You have a good, substantive section on

transportation and I'm here to ask you not to take it out of the survey," said Wilson.

Recently, the Senior Resources Committee began examining what transportation opportunities exist for Londonderry residents and had hoped the Master Plan survey would make that task easier.

The Executive Director expected to revisit the transportation section and the "lower tiers" of the Master Plan in five to six months, wanting to leave it out of the initial survey to keep

things short.

"The only issue I have with that is the Senior Resources Committee is working towards determining over whether to put a warrant article on the March ballot," said Wilson. "Doing a transportation survey later would probably negate being able to get a warrant article on, we would have to wait another year to deal with this issue."

Penta expressed his sympathy, but worried warrant articles were beyond the scope of the Steering Committee.

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Morrison House Museum Area Features Historic Look at the Past



The grounds of the Londonderry Historical Society had lots of visitors on Old Home Day, Saturday, Aug. 17. Revolutionary War era reenactors also filled the grounds with a number of areas set up to explain life during the Colonial America time period. A black smith and a display of a hit and miss engine was also displayed and explained.

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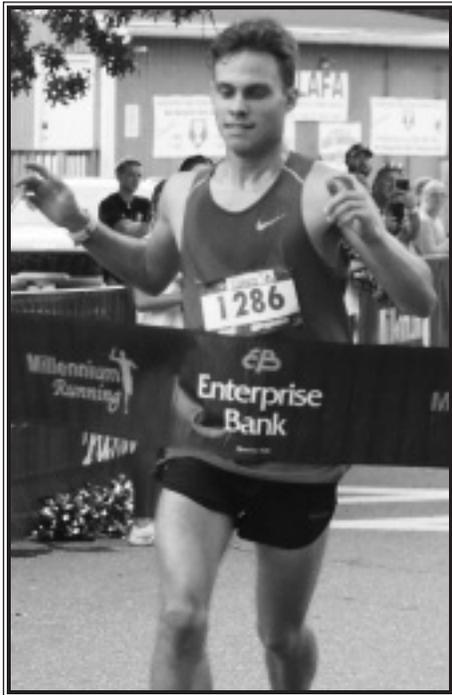
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Boot Scootin' Boogie Has Three Locals Place in Top 10



Luke Brennan, 20, of Derry, was the overall 5K winner.

Mary Klene, 41, of Manchester was the female winner this year.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Runners in the annual Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K road race hit the streets of Londonderry on Saturday

evening, Aug. 17, with three of the top ten overall finishers hailing from L-Town.

The race is considered the final event of the annual Old Home Day celebration with the

race starting and finishing at the Lafa Complex on Sargent Road and concluding with a country western concert.

Luke Brennan, 20, of Derry, was the overall winner with his time of

16:33.2. Londonderry High School (LHS) runner, Joshua Twomey, came in 20-seconds later with his time of 16:55.7 to take second place.

Peter Caron, 26, of Nashua, was the third-place finisher with a time of 17:04.

Fourth place overall went to another LHS running alumni. Will Plante, 20, of Londonderry finished at 17:31 and took the first place in his 20-24 age Division.

The young 14-year-old Patrick Ramsey of Londonderry, took second place in the 13-19 Division with a time of 18:20, good for ninth overall.

The first female runner to cross the finish line was Mary Klene, 41, of Manchester. She came in at 18:29.9, 1:56 behind the overall winner and



first among the 607 other female runners.

Liz Belanger, 33, of Hooksett, was the second place female finisher with a time of 18:59 and Collette Soucy finished third in the female open division with a time of 19:23.8.

Londonderry's Marie

Ralff, 29, was the first hometown female to

cross and finished first in the 25-29 Female Division with a time of 21:00.

According to the Millennium Running website, there were just over 1,100 participants finished in this year's road race.

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Team Ammo Reigns Supreme in Softball Tournament



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

This year's Old Home Day celebration featured a newly added softball tournament with four teams battling it out for bragging rights and a shiny new trophy.

The contest was settled in three five-inning games, with the winners of the first two games, squaring off in the final, winner take on finale.

The first game featured a cop vs. cop match-up with Team Ammo out gunning Team Zeus 17-1.

Team Ammo scored in every inning with the Zeus squad scoring in just their final at bat.

The second contest featured a

team from Town Hall vs. the Londonderry Fire Department.

This was a much closer game, with each side scoring eight runs by the end of the five-inning match-up.

In the first extra-inning, LFD kept the town scoreless in their at bat, then scored two runs at the bottom of the final frame for the 10-8 victory.

Unfortunately for team LFD, the jubulation was short-lived as Team Ammo continued to tear it up at the plate in the deciding game of the evening.

The police squad scored 13 unanswered runs for the 13-0 decision at the first "Londonderry Classic Softball Tournament"

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Beatles Band Fills the Town Common for Series Finale



The final show of the Concert on the Common series took place on Wednesday night, Aug. 14, with the Beatles Band “Studio Two” putting around 1,000 concert-goers in the center of town. The event was one of two happening that day to kick-off the Old Home Day celebration. *Photos by Chris Paul*



Letters

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not allowed too in the Cult of the Ignorant-ly Brainwashed I see. A real shame as today it is so easy. If you have a Smart Phone, just say: “Afghanistan deal”. That’s all it takes. No worries, like always I will educate you: You would learn

about the 2020 Doha Agreement with the Taliban. How trump agreed to hand Afghanistan over to them, released 5,000 Imprisoned Taliban terrorists, and leave Afghanistan within 12 months, all for please don’t shoot at us while we leave. And what did he do in those 12 months? Pretty much nothing.

But what did the Taliban do? Took over almost all of Afghanistan!

I see you did not mention the “Biden killed the Oil Pipeline” as this was your past signature writing piece. Has there been education on this front? I know, kind of hard with the US Oil Production hitting record Highs these days.

Accomplishments: I am sure they don’t tell you this in whatever garbage Right wing Hate filled Propaganda site you are glued to, so here goes: American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure deal, Safer Communities Act, Chips and Science Act, Expanded Healthcare for Veterans, Inflation reduction Act, Student

debt relief. The list goes on and on, but space here is limited. So, as always Educate yourself! However, what you will not see is a Multi Trillion Dollar (cost) tax break for Corporations and the wealthy. Kind of says it all!

Lastly, thank you for the laugh with the “Proud Londonderry re-

sident” comment. I would say if Londonderry was to give out Trophy’s, giving Paul Minnilo a trophy as Londonderry’s Propaganda Minister would be more appropriate, you have earned it.

Steve Homsey
Londonderry

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Democrats Ice Cream Social

All Democrats are invited to join the Litchfield's Democrats at Lix Ice Cream and Catering, Located at 55 Charles Bancroft HWY (Rt. 3A) On Sunday, Aug. 25, from 1 - 3 p.m. Meet candidates, participate in values survey, get Absentee Ballot Application for upcoming elections.

Retiree Day Luncheon

The NH Army National Guard (NHARNG) will hold its 15th Annual Retiree Day Luncheon on for Thursday, Sept. 19. Retirees who have not attended prior luncheons or have relocated are urged to contact Command Sergeant Major (Ret) David Follansbee via e-mail: dave_follansbee@comcast.net or (603) 623-7757. Please RSVP no later than Sept. 13. This year's luncheon will be at the Joint Force Headquarters building on the State Military Reservation in Concord and will feature a briefing on the current status of the NHARNG as well

as exhibits and displays of interest to retirees. A group photo is also planned. The luncheon fee is \$5 at the door.

Veterans Picnic

Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 will host its 8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic for All NH veterans and their families at the Hudson VFW, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson, on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m - 3 p.m. The event is open to anyone who has served in any branch of the U.S. military. Veterans don't have to be a member of the VFW, American Legion, or any other veterans' organization to attend. This is just a recognition of service and an opportunity to meet fellow Veterans. Vets are encouraged to bring their spouses, kids, and grandkids. There is a large fenced-in picnic area (weather permitting) and a large hall if the weather is bad. There will be horse shoes, bocce, and corn hole games, plus games and activities for the kids. New this year, at noon there will be a Cornhole

Tournament with a prize for the winner. Veterans are automatically entered in a drawing for free door prizes! Various Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) will be on hand to distribute information and speak with Veterans about the services they offer.

Skip Burbine Open Tennis Tournament

The annual Skip Burbine Open Tennis Tournament will be held this year Sept. 6 - 8, at the Skip Burbine Tennis Courts located on Sargent Rd. in Londonderry. Funds raised will be used to provide 2 scholarships for members of the LHS tennis team as well as support for research to the OMF (Ocular Melanoma Foundation). Details and sign-ups can be found on our new website at www.skipburbinefoundation.org.

Tennis Camp

Londonderry Tennis Camp is offering lessons starting Sept. 10 - 26 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 6 p.m. The cost is \$150. Court shoes and

racquet needed. Contact Roberta Davis, londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com, with questions or to register your child

Middle School Tennis Club

All middle schoolers/all levels welcome to this Tennis Club. Begins Sept. 10 and runs through Oct. 3, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:45 - 4:15 p.m., at the town courts. This is a school sponsored activity. Contact Roberta Davis, londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com, with questions or to register your child.

Republican Meeting

The Londonderry Republican Committee will be meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m., at Londonderry Baptist Church, 368 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Find more information at: Londonderry-GOP.org; facebook.com/LondonderryGOP; or contact us at lrc@londonderry-gop.org.

Food Pantry Fundraiser

Hudson Lions Club fundraiser to benefit The Hudson Food Pantry, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5, at The White Birch, 222 Central St., Hudson. The event will feature Country duo Ayal Brown and Rob Bellamy. Doors open 6:30 p.m. and runs to 10 p.m. It will be a fun evening of entertainment & dancing, there will be a

cash bar. Tickets are \$35 per person. For additional information: Barbara, 603-305-5193.

Continuing Education Scholarship

The Londonderry Women's Club is excited to announce the Continuing Education Scholarship, created to empower women in our community to advance their education and careers. This annual scholarship is open to Londonderry women of all ages who seek to enhance their skills, pursue a degree, or take professional development courses. Applications are open from August to September, with recipients announced in October and awards distributed in December. Eligible applicants must reside in Londonderry or neighboring towns, demonstrate financial need, and show a commitment to furthering their education. The application requires a personal statement, resume, and letters of recommendation. For more information and to apply, visit www.londonderrywomensclub.com/scholarships/adult/. Applications are also available at local libraries and the Marion Gerrish Community Center.

Banned Book Discussion

Join and discuss Jonathan Evison's coming of age novel "Lawn Boy" on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the Leach Library. In 2022, the Amer-

ican Library Association reported Evison's novel was the seventh most challenged book in the country. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration opens on Wednesday, Aug. 14 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

Cookbook Potluck

On Monday, Aug. 19 at 11:30 a.m. stop by the Leach Library for a summer-themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either The Picnic by Marnie Hanel, The Complete Summer Cookbook by America's Test Kitchen, or The Summer Table by Lisa Lemke. You can pick up a copy of the book from the library. Registration opens on Monday, July 15 and is limited to 20 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the books will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

Cookbook Potluck

On Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. come to the Leach Library for a vegetable-themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either "Vegetable Simple" by Eric Ripert or "Vegetables Illustrated" by America's Test Kitchen. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients

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Library Hours

Summer hours will take effect at the Leach library from Monday, June 24 through Saturday, Sept.

7. During this timeframe, the library will be open Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Curbside service will continue to be provided during operating hours upon request.

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Blues Festival

10th annual Blues Festival Aug. 24, from noon - 4 p.m. There will be a 50:50 raffle, barbecue truck, ice cream truck and vendors, location on the town common. Proceeds to go to the combat veterans motorcycle association to raise money for homeless veterans

Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serv-

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Aug. 12

8:17 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Burton Drive at Stonyfield Farms.

10:01 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Londonderry Senior Citizen Center on Mammoth Road.

1:13 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated by three officers on Bockes Road.

2:46 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for Neighborhood Disputes on Shasta Drive at Reverend Parker Road.

7:55 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on Main Street, Belmont. Mark Ballou, 40, of Belmont, charged with Violation of a Protective Order.

8:58 p.m. Services rendered by two officers to keep the peace on Adams Road.

Tuesday - Aug. 13

2:07 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at Page Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Fethy Yan-

nick Serlin Mananga, 34, of Manchester, charged with Reckless Operation. **10:37 a.m.** Juvenile Offenses Investigated by three officers at the 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

12:35 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Patricia Lane. Courtney Barry, 34, of Dracut, MA, charged with: Improper Person Operating Vehicle; False Report of a Motor Vehicle Accident; and Unsworn Falsification - Deceive Official.

1:30 p.m. Services rendered by three officers on Premier Drive to Keep the Peace.

5:16 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers at 7-Eleven on Nashua Road.

6:11 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by six officers on Isabella Drive.

10:55 p.m. Three officers conduct a Welfare Check on Perkins Road.

Wednesday - Aug. 14

12:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest made by four officers on Rockingham

Road at Auburn Road. Jhony Rony Aragao De Oliveira, 38, of Stratham, charged with: License Required - Operation Without a Valid License; and Motor Vehicle Tail Lamp and Reflectors violation.

4:55 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road. Jaxson Hebert, 36, of Londonderry, charged with Falsifying Physical Evidence (Alter, Destroy, Hide).

5:12 p.m. Pedestrian Check on High Range Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Gregg Urbanowicz, 33, of Nashua, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Conduct After an Accident.

6:16 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers at Convenience Plus Londonderry on Rockingham Road.

7:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers at the Town Common on Mammoth Road.

Thursday - Aug. 15

12:28 a.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat on Lance Avenue Taken/Referred to Other Agency by three officers.

3:26 a.m. Peace Restored by three officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Whittemore Road.

12:30 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Premier Drive.

2:20 p.m. Peace restored after a disturbance at the Aviation Museum on Navigator Road.

4:39 p.m. Four officers respond to the report of a Runaway Juvenile at Miles of Smiles on Rockingham Road. Taken to Family/Guardian/Other.

Friday - Aug. 16

6:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Aviation Park Drive. Matthew Greenhalgh, 52, of Pelham, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension; Arrested on a Warrant.

2:29 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road. Riley Winter, 22, of Londonderry, charged with: Reckless Operation; Conduct After an Accident; Operating After Certified as a

Habitual Offender; Witness Tampering (Retaliation); Falsifying Physical Evidence (Alter, Destroy, Hide); and Disobeying An Officer.

7:48 p.m. Missing Person at Londonderry High School Taken to Family/Guardian/Other.

8:22 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigate at Londonderry High School.

9:51 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for Juvenile Offenses on Ross Drive.

10:26 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Wallace Circle.

Saturday - Aug. 17

1:42 a.m. A Domestic Disturbance on Vista Ridge Drive leads to an arrest made by four officers. Brian Bianchi, 37, of Londonderry, charged with three counts of Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact).

2:21 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on King Arthur Drive leads to an arrest made by four officers. Casey Weatherly, 29, of Milford, PA, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

7:51 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace

on Vista Ridge Drive.

6:39 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by four officers transported to a hospital from Welch Road.

7:39 p.m. Peace restored by four officers at a Disturbance at the Nutfield Country Store on Shasta Drive.

10 p.m. A Domestic Disturbance on Gilcrest Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Shannon Foose, 52, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief.

Sunday - Aug. 18

2:11 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road, at Route 93, leads to an arrest made by six officers. Jesus Cepeda-Pizarro, 36, of Lawrence, MA, charged with: Reckless Operation; Reckless Conduct; and Disobeying an officer.

7:50 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Haigh-Farr, on Industrial Drive.

1:14 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store on Nashua Road.

2:33 p.m. Five officers investigate Weapons Offenses on Ash Street.

4:09 p.m. Peace restored after Juvenile Offenses on Judy Drive.

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ing drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: Aug. 28 From 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; and 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

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Women's Club

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derrywomensclub.org.

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Londonderry School District Announces Free

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OBITUARY

James B. Benesty



James B. Benesty, 62, of Londonderry, NH, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024 at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH. He was born on May 2, 1962 in Inglewood, CA, a son of the late Frank Benesty and Marlene (Reingold) Monsein. He was a resident of Londonderry for the past 24 years, formerly living in Auburn, NH; Derry, NH; and Florida.

Jim's journey began in Brockton, MA, where his enthusiasm for sports, motorcycles, and cars took root. His cherished 1969 Chevy Nova was a testament to his enduring passion and joy. In his later years, Jim discovered a profound love for travel, immersing himself in the rich histories of European destinations during numerous cruises. His curiosity extended to a lifelong quest for knowledge, often spending time researching diverse topics on his computer and sharing his discoveries with others. Jim was celebrated for his unwavering love, kindness, and commitment to his family. His unexpected passing has left a significant void in our hearts and lives.

Jim is survived by his wife of 33 years Lena (Burke) Benesty of Londonderry; his daughter, Alyssa Marie Morin and her husband Eric Morin of Marlborough, MA; and his son, Ian James Benesty of Londonderry. Jim was predeceased by his brother, William A. Benesty of N. Miami, FL.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 4 - 6 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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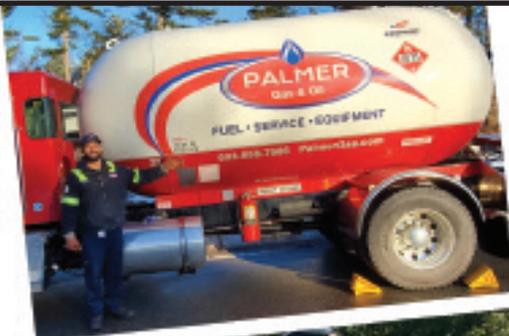
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