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Overcoming Obstacles

Addi Currier makes her way through the obstacle course set up at the Londonderry Summer Recreation Program at South Elementary School last Friday. She placed first in her age group of fourth graders. See more photos on page 10. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Town in Limbo Until Council Makes Decision on Impact Fees

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Finance Director Doug Smith has presented the year-end summary for impact fees returned for the period ending on June 30.

And until the Town Council lifts its suspension on the collection of fees or decides to do away with the practice, with a disposition for any remaining funds, the Town will continue paying out fees as they expire,

according to Smith.

“At this point, it is simply that fees are expiring and we are returning them,” he said. “There are no projects at this point that can be consummated with those fees.”

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School Maintenance Projects Face Unanticipated Costs

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Almost all bonded school maintenance projects extending out to 2027 are under way, with several having been completed this summer, Business Administrator Peter Curro reported to the Budget Committee.

Of the 13 projects detailed in his report, only improvements to the high school roof and kitchen renovations at the high school have yet to commence, with Phases four and six of the roof construction scheduled to begin in 2016.

Kitchen renovations at the high school started earlier this week, with an anticipated budget of \$41,000, and an original

budget of \$100,000.

One of the more significant challenges the District has faced during construction is repairs to roof damage discovered at the high school. Curro said the shingles near the band room were affected by ice dams, which cause wood on the roof to curl out.

Where the District was able to save money on roof repairs at the middle school, the project overall is anticipated to come in on budget at \$2.2 million, as a result of the higher cost to address water damage to the high school roof.

So far, roof repairs at the high school have cost the District \$747,963. It's anticipated the repairs will require an additional

\$1.4 million to complete.

Also in progress are paving projects at the middle and high schools. Reconstruction of the middle school parking lot, which Facilities Director Chuck Zappala anticipates will be complete in time for Old Home Day at the middle of August, has cost the District \$49,537, with a projected balance to complete of \$390,000.

In addition to the roof repairs at the high school, the District also ran into unanticipated costs to complete the press box at the high school. Although they were able to save money on donated bricks and labor for the press box and concession stand, the District ran into about

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Londonderry Woman Co-founds Non-profit to Address Heroin Crisis

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the heroin crisis in New Hampshire reaching epidemic proportions, a Londonderry alcohol and drug addiction nurse is taking action, working with friends to establish a non-profit to help people suffering from addiction obtain the resources they need.

The mission of Southern New Hampshire Opiate Freedom, which Senior Vice-President Jean Kelly co-founded in the last couple of months, is to “provide help where the need is greatest.”

Kelly shares a unique

perspective on heroin addiction, having served as a nurse to those suffering from the symptoms of withdrawal.

“My own perception is this, we have a number of non-profits and organizations with a particular mission they want to accomplish. I think we need one force that can round them up all together and force people to go to a whole program without being able to check themselves out,” she said, advocating for more funding for institutionalized treatment of people with heroin addiction. “The problem with the court-ordered approach is peo-

ple will go through five to six days of detox and are feeling better with medication; so they leave detox and say they'll go to another program. But, without the meds helping them, they start to feel bad and the first thing they do is go right back to using the drug. It's a vicious cycle. If we had a

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St. Mark's Youth Share Summer Service Projects

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Londonderry youth celebrated community service projects they completed during the St. Mark's Church summer program.

During the nine-day religious education program, students raised money for non-profit organizations like the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Boston Children's Hospital and the Mary Gate of Heaven Orphanage.

In a culminating mass celebration at the end of the program on Thursday, July 23, students presented their service projects, leaving them on the altar of the church.

"I think their takeaway is the impact their simple acts of kindness can have," said teacher Donna Hume, whose students raised \$231 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation selling freeze pops to

other children during the summer program. "It makes kids very aware of what they can do to serve others. Seeing them bring all their projects forward - it's very heartwarming."

"Being a good person is good to our community," said Olivia Cutuli, 9, explaining what she learned through her class's efforts to collect clothing for St. Gianna's Closet in Derry.

"Helping makes other people feel good," agreed Natalie Washington, 9.

"I learned you should always donate extra things to people in need," said Timmy Desmarais, 9, who also helped collect clothes for those in need.

"I think it's great they take ownership of their projects," said Sally Mitchell, who served as a teacher for many years. "They are all so proud, and we leave their projects up during masses



St. Mark's Church youth assembled last week for a group photo on the church altar, where the youths' community service projects were displayed during a Mass held earlier that day. Photo by Chris Paul

over the weekend so parishioners can see what the kids are doing in the summer program."

Participating in the church's 11th annual summer program were 187 students, 30 teachers and more than 40 youth assistants.

"What's really gratifying is having former students

who were in our classes come back from college as teachers," Hume said.

Sarah Townsend-Phillips, a junior at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and a former student in St. Mark's summer program, said she enjoyed getting to know all the

children as they worked to complete their clothing drive.

"They taught me a lot," she said.

Mitchell said the nine-day summer program is more cohesive than religious educational programs where the students

meet once each week, and that the summer classes offer the children an opportunity to discuss their faith openly with peers.

"They come in smiling and leave smiling," she said.

I-93 Crash Restricts Travel During Rush Hour July 22

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

State Police charged a Concord woman with negligent driving after she fell asleep at the wheel and veered off the road into a guardrail.

No one was injured as a result of the crash.

Karyn Wornick of Concord was traveling in the right lane northbound on Interstate 93 in London-

derry, just north of Exit 5, when she drove the truck between the guardrail and the tree line, according to police.

The trooper who responded on July 22 around 3:40 p.m. to reports of the truck off the road observed the vehicle approximately 15 feet into the tree line, behind the guardrail.

Responding officers

had to remove a large amount of guardrail to remove the vehicle from its location, and Department of Transportation personnel restricted travel on I-93 northbound to one travel lane for about five hours during rush hour traffic.

Wornick was cited for Negligent Driving and summoned to appear in Derry District Court.



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LIVESTRONG Cancer Support Coming to Londonderry YMCA

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A new program designed to help cancer survivors emotionally and physically is coming to the Londonderry YMCA.

LIVESTRONG, a free, 12-week program, provides robust support to cancer survivors in the transitional periods between completing their treatment and the time of feeling physically and emotionally stronger, according to Cindy

LaFond, association healthy living director for the Granite YMCA.

Survivors completing the program build muscle mass and strength, increase flexibility and endurance, build companionship and develop their own physical fitness program in a caring and supportive environment.

"The program is really important to get on track. It was exactly what I needed while undergoing treatment," said Kristen Socia,

32, who was diagnosed with breast cancer when her 2-year-old daughter was an infant.

Socia and her husband commuted to the Manchester YMCA branch for the LIVESTRONG program, and were able to take time to focus on the program together, thanks to the free childcare available for participants.

"The coach really worked with me to push myself and take steps to get stronger," she said,

noting the coaches are very knowledgeable about the unique physical toll cancer takes on patients and what exercises can address those challenges.

And just as important as the physical support was the emotional support Socia found in the LIVESTRONG program.

"It's a very small group; only five people were in my program. The other classmates went from strangers to all of us knowing when each other's doctor's

appointments were," she said. "And on days where I didn't feel very talkative, I could just put on my headphones and zone out."

Socia's breast cancer is now Stage Four. And while she struggles with the word survivor, noting she will live with cancer for the rest of her life, she appreciates the program's focus on getting stronger both physically and mentally.

"It helps give you time to decompress," she said. "It's time for you to

breathe."

The Londonderry YMCA held a focus group for cancer survivors last week, at which participants shared the physical and spiritual toll the disease and its treatments have taken in hopes of helping staff better serve participants in the program.

For more information about the LIVESTRONG program, contact Cindy Lafond by calling the YMCA of Downtown Manchester at 623-3558.

Matthew Thornton Welcomes William McCarthy as Assistant Principal

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Matthew Thornton Elementary School has welcomed former Londonderry math teacher William McCarthy as its new assistant principal.

Bringing enthusiasm for the Londonderry School District and a passion for building strong relationships with staff and students, McCarthy said he is excited to step into his new leadership role at the elementary school.

"Coming from the middle school, I know what these kids need to get there," said McCarthy, who has been teaching

since 1999. "I can see the big picture."

McCarthy also brings with him strong relationship-building skills, having worked with an exceptionally successful team of teachers for the past nine years at the middle school.

"The collaboration, professionalism and friendship were exactly what you would want," he said. "The most important thing is being able to cultivate relationships. In the classroom. If I was going to get students to work through something hard, I had to have their trust."

As an administrator, McCarthy said he plans to continue working to es-



Matthew Thornton School welcomes William McCarthy as the school's new Assistant Principal.
Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

tablish strong relationships and trust with both students and staff.

"It will definitely be

different - I'm going from a student body of 90 to 500. But it will be fun," he said.

McCarthy, who lives in Haverhill, Mass., with his wife and their two children, earned his Master's in Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Rivier University in 2008 and completed his Principal Certification in 2014.

He taught at the middle school for 11 years, serving as coach to the girls' track team for five years.

McCarthy completed his Administrative Internship under the direction of Middle School Principal Richard Zacchilli.

Matthew Thornton Principal Sharon Putney was impressed with his knowledge of the school district, expertise in the

areas of mathematics and technology as well as his communication skills, according to a press release.

"Mr. McCarthy's appointment is an excellent example of the highly skilled professionals we have educating our children and who are ready to step up to the plate when needed," School Board Chairman Steve Young said.

McCarthy said what he appreciates most about the School District is its consistent approach to educating all children.

"There's one big vision for what we want all Londonderry children to get before they leave," he said.

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Editorial

Celebrate Your Town

August is just about here. The flowers are blooming, the garden is producing, fall sports practices will be starting - yet there's still plenty of time to sit on the porch and enjoy the season.

It's the heart of summer - even if you can't help but catch a glimpse of fall some evenings - and that means it's town festival time.

It started last Saturday with Hampstead's Summerfest, presented by St. Anne's Parish. Next up is Londonderry's Old Home Day celebration Aug. 12-16, followed by Chester's Town Fair on Sept. 12 and the revived Derryfest in Derry on Sept. 19.

Events in Sandown are a little different this year. Its Old Home Days Festival, traditionally held in August, has been moved to Sept. 11 and 12, under the new name Old Home Days Fall Festival. It has a new location too - the Edward Garvey Recreation Building and fields. But the traditional Old Home Day activities - an open house at the Old Meeting House and a chicken barbecue at the fire department, and the annual Old Home Day Service at the Old Meeting House, followed by a reservations-only pot roast dinner, will be held on the usual dates, Aug. 8 and 9, respectively.

Whatever the date or the name of the event, you're treated to a back-to-basics festival with games of skill

or chance, hearty food, parades, displays of old-time kitchen skills and the newest emergency vehicles, and often fireworks to cap off the evening. What's new is often what's old too, as long-ago games of tug of war and sack races catch the attention of today's youngsters.

Regardless of the hectic life we lead the rest of the year, the town festivals bring us together. They get us out of our homes and our backyards and into the town center, and slow us down to relax with our neighbors.

But celebrations don't come packaged and ready to go, they're the work of a multitude of volunteers and a variety of groups, all sharing a love of their real or adopted hometown, and a desire to make their town festival something everyone will want to schedule and come back to every year. That's the heart of what these old-fashioned summer gatherings are all about.

And while our weekdays often require long hours in another community or state, summer encourages us to enjoy where we live.

So mark your calendar for your local festival and plan to celebrate where you live. Make this the year to get better acquainted with your neighbors and your town history, and take part in a summer rite that is part of the heart of New England.

Letters

Should Resign

To the editor:

Kathy Wagner's crude, rude Facebook outburst attacking Hillary Clinton is not a private matter. She is a public official, the Londonderry Town Treasurer. She is Londonderry Old Home Day Committee Chairman. Her outburst is directly related to the Old Home Day parade. And now when asked about her attack on Mrs. Clinton she says, "I have no comment."

We all know Ms. Wagner has done many good things for Londonderry. However, these do not give her a free pass to spread vitriol against a former First Lady, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Secretary of State.

These types of attacks may be acceptable among some candidates in the Republican Party Presidential nomination race and their supporters, but such scurrilous language by a town official about any candidate related to a town activity is a disgrace and embarrassment to Londonderry.

Ms. Wagner should resign as Old Home Day Committee Chairman.

Edward J. Sullivan
Londonderry

Put Auditorium to Rest

To the editor:

First, I would like to commend Mr. Perry for his eloquent letter published in the July 9 edition of the Londonderry Times regarding the auditorium project.

Mr. DeFrancesco thinks one of the reasons the voters turned down funding is that his Committee

didn't market the auditorium effectively. Rather, I think the voters saw through the "marketing" and saw the real cost of building this facility.

One thing that really turned me off was the Committee repeatedly mentioning the lack of an auditorium leading to our schools losing NEASC accreditation. Fear can be a great marketing tool but in this case the fear of losing accreditation is false.

What is true is that the informed voters saw through the marketing and decided they didn't want to be burdened with higher taxes and annual operating and maintenance costs that surely would increase every year.

I am sure the auditorium would generate some revenue. Taking that into account, it would still take decades to pay off the millions of dollars to build and maintain the facility. And if Mr. DeFrancesco is truly thinking about what is in the best interest of our children, perhaps the \$500,000 could be better spent on books, curriculum, teachers, aides, etc.

As has been stated many times before, the citizens have spoken, loud and clear, to finally put this project to rest.

Steven Zeichner
Londonderry

Parade Costs

To the editor:

I'm the chairperson for the Londonderry Old Home Day Parade this year. It has come to my attention that some people have complained about who our sponsors are. They feel we should

not accept donations from certain groups.

I'm writing to let people know that this parade is not going to deny any donations, and this is why. Parades are very expensive. People have no idea how much money the participants request in order to participate.

This year we have spent over \$12,000 so far. Every band you see costs over \$1,000 each. We have six so far this year.

Most acts receive payment for marching. I never knew this until I became a committee member two years ago. I always thought people marched in a parade to show their spirit or to honor their town, or even for advertising their business.

The sponsorships are a huge necessity in order to have a successful parade. People want more acts, or different acts; we can't do that without sponsorships. It's a lot of hard work, which the volunteers (committee members) start in January. And we are always scrambling to get more sponsorships in order to increase the variety and fun of a good old-fashioned parade!

So please don't judge us for accepting donations from those groups you don't like. A parade is for everyone, and not everyone will share the same likes.

So just come out and enjoy the day and remember the hard work the committee members do to give you this exciting parade!

Christine Patton
Chair
Londonderry Old Home Day
Parade Committee

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Master Plan Committee Focuses on Supporting Preservation, Agri-tourism

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Moving forward with goals the Town Council established for the Master Plan Implementation Committee last month, members plan to meet with local farmers to discuss agri-tourism in town and consult with local developers about preserving historic homes.

Elected chairman of the committee at their July 23 meeting, Deb Paul, who is also publisher of the Londonderry Times, drew attention to the need for greater support for people who choose to invest in preserving his-

toric properties in town.

For example, a Victorian home on Mammoth Road that is up for sale is zoned commercial, with no preservation easement, Paul noted.

"They could just rip that building down, and there goes another piece of Londonderry. Properties like that, at major intersections that were old farms - we don't want to lose them," she said.

Local developer Richard Flier, who plans to serve the committee in an advisory capacity, also emphasized the importance of helping those who are interested in preserving historic London-

derry homes, noting the challenges he faced while renovating the Naylor House on Pillsbury Road near the Town Common.

GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Manager John Vogl noted that Heritage Commissioner David Colglazier has proposed legislation that would offer tax breaks for the restoration of historic homes.

Flier said if the bill included a provision making it retroactive, perhaps it would help save historic homes in Londonderry at risk of collapsing.

"Some people might take a risk if they thought they could get a break. If

we would have had this rebate, we could have (renovated the Naylor House) seven months earlier, and it would have cost us so much less," he said. "Every year you wait, we were within nine months to a year of a building collapsing. Some are condemnable. There are barns falling over."

While restoring the Naylor House, Flier and his contractors discovered the foundation had disappeared under a quarter of the house.

"The foundation was caving in," he said. "The house was just days before falling over. We had to have someone rush over from the Town. If there was someone we could have cooperated with, we could have done it at reasonable cost that would have made it more feasible."

Flier additionally advocated for a group to

provide support to developers and private residential owners working to restore historic homes in town.

"Look how fast UPS went up. We had unnecessary interference - things that caused all kinds of unnecessary relapses with the property. If we had had a group to rally that was concerned about older buildings being preserved, that would have been worth its weight in gold," he said.

Newly elected Vice Chairman Chris Davies suggested Flier consult with the group to develop recommendations for the Town to better support restoration efforts in Londonderry, so that when they come across things that are time sensitive, such as a deteriorating foundation, they can be addressed in a timely manner.

Flier said it would be

valuable for the Town to have an active committee dealing with preservation in town, whose members could listen and help people with the permitting process.

"Preservation is for all of us," he said, noting such projects help maintain the character of the Town. "If these buildings are waiting month after month, and a project gets tabled for months and months, it's devastating for these buildings. They can't wait three and four months. Even the carpenter ants are going faster than these committees."

Over the next couple months, Paul and member Tammy Siekmann also plan to speak with local farm owners to determine ways they can help support and encourage agri-tourism in Town, as recommended by the Council.

Woman in Critical Condition After Monday Route 28 Crash

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A 35-year-old Manchester woman remained in critical condition Tuesday, July 28, with life threatening injuries she suffered when a tractor trailer crashed into her car on Route 28 in Londonderry.

Londonderry Police responded to reports of the collision around 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 27.

Danielle Antoine was driving her 2005 Honda

Civic onto Route 28 from the northbound exit ramp off Interstate 93 when the tractor trailer crashed into her car, according to Battalion Chief Kevin Zins.

A Derry ambulance transported the woman to the Elliot Hospital in Manchester.

Zins said Londonderry fire personnel and equipment were at a call to investigate a lightning strike that produced smoke in a building when

the accident occurred.

Police closed traffic on Route 28 for at least four hours after the crash to complete their accident reconstruction investigation.

The investigation was still under way on Tuesday.

Det. Chris Olson said the driver of the tractor trailer did not break before crashing into the woman's vehicle on the driver's side.

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drug course, detox and continuation of recovery to change their behaviors, I think they'd have a much better chance."

Kelly noted the cost of treatment for people suffering from heroin addiction can be overwhelming, particularly for young people seeking treatment

and families of people who fall back into addiction repeatedly after leaving detox.

"The kids who have \$5,000 deductibles - where are they going to come up with that kind of money?" Kelly asked. "And what about the family paying for their kid to go to a program. If they do, after six days of detox, the kids are back on the street. Kids sign themselves out and

are doing the same thing again."

According to the 2015 KIDS Count Data Book, New Hampshire has the highest rate of substance abuse among teens, despite the State's ranking as second for overall child well-being.

"Our rising rates of youth substance abuse kept us from reclaiming the top spot," Gov. Maggie Hassan said in a July 21 announcement, which included the release of an initial list of 22 recommendations from Senior Director of Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health Jack Wozmak.

Those recommendations, aimed at strengthening the state's efforts to combat the opioid and substance misuse crisis, include making it easier for families to access Narcan (used to reverse the effects of a heroin overdose), expanding access to substance abuse treatment, strengthening the provider network, facilitating more substance abuse treatment for people involved in the legal system and boosting education and awareness efforts.

"New Hampshire is in the midst of a profound public health crisis that affects the quality and availability of the workforce, drains the economy of resources and interferes with economic

growth," Wozmak said. "The human toll cannot be measured. To address this crisis we must reach out to our youngest citizens and impart the strongest prevention messages possible - we must change the way the next generation thinks about all substances that they ingest, we must provide treatment for those who are currently addicted and we must provide avenues of recovery to help our citizens remain healthy."

Kelly believes an important component to addressing the heroin crisis in New Hampshire is establishing a drug court that will send those suffering from addiction to an intensive drug program rather than jail.

Part of Kelly's new non-profit involves taking people who are in jail for crimes related to their drug addiction and helping them access rehabilitation services.

"Many people are not wanting to go back to the same old thing, but they only have the streets to go back to," she said.

"The opioid and substance misuse crisis facing our state is our most pressing public health and safety challenge," Hassan said in a press release. "The growing number of opioid users and the increasing number of overdose deaths affect families

and communities across the state, touching people from all walks of life. As these recommendations make clear, we must tackle this challenge with a multi-pronged approach, focusing on prevention, treatment and recovery. In the words of law enforcement officials, we cannot arrest our way out of this crisis."

"It has taken 20 years for us to reach this point," Wozmak said. "The time to act is upon us. These initiatives require the cooperation and focus of thousands of Granite Staters from all walks of life. I have no doubt that New Hampshire can be a model for the rest of the country as we embark on this multifaceted approach to this crisis."

Although fundraising for rehabilitation treatment addresses the immediate need of those who are suffering from heroin addiction in New Hampshire, Kelly grants there's no easy solution to the crisis.

As an addiction nurse, Kelly said she has seen people from all demographics addicted to heroin and opiates.

"I had a patient at one time who was working in the medical field and worked in the Operating Room as a surgical technician. The nurses and doctors would use Propofol and all those drugs and put them in biohazards, and they would go in the vials and extract whatever little bit was left," she said, noting they are starting to see people gaining

access to Fentanyl, an anesthetizing drug used in surgery. "People are getting it from everywhere. It doesn't matter if you have no money, or you're a billionaire."

Perhaps one of the most significant issues Kelly raises is the rate at which prescriptions for minor pains and medical procedures are being written, with the increased use causing higher numbers of people to become addicted.

When it becomes too expensive to get the prescription filled, they turn to heroin because it's less expensive and easier to get.

Kelly recently held a successful fundraiser for Southern New Hampshire Opiate Freedom at the Manchester Fire Station and is organizing another informational, fundraising event at Harley-Davidson in Manchester on Aug. 3.

The non-profit will offer informational materials, and guests will have a chance to compete on a mechanical bull for a \$1,000 prize. The event will also feature a 50/50 raffle.

An additional informational and fundraising event at Harley-Davidson on Aug. 22 will feature a picnic, with hot dogs, hamburgers and informational brochures.

For more information about Southern New Hampshire Opiate Freedom, visit www.snhof.org, which features a memorial page for persons who lost their battle with addiction.

OBITUARY

Joseph A. Cappucci

Joseph A. Cappucci, 90, of Londonderry, NH, formerly of Belmont, MA on July 21, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Lucy Ann Cappucci (Tagariello). Loving father of Marian Adgate and her husband Kenneth of Acton, Annamaria Esielionis and her husband Paul of Londonderry, Joseph of Medfield, Marietta Scanlon and her husband James of Wyomissing, and Catherine Westersund and her husband Todd of Phoenix. Adoring grandfather of Rachel, Andrew, and Zachary Adgate, Claire and Anthony Esielionis, Greg, Patrick, Luke and Bradley Scanlon, and Chris, Susanna, and Emily Westersund. Beloved uncle of many nieces and nephews. Devoted brother of Angela Cambria, Rita Vachon and her husband Albert of Woburn, Robert Cappucci and his partner Rita Ingersoll of Saugus, the late Anthony Cappucci, Rev. Chester Cappucci, and Lucy Atkinson. Longtime MBTA bus operator and volunteer at Sancta Maria Nursing Home. Funeral from the Brown & Hickey Funeral Home 36 Trapelo Road Belmont on Saturday July 25 at 9:30 AM. Followed by a funeral mass at St Lukes Church 132 Lexington Street Belmont at 10:30 AM. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting hours Friday from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Interment Highland Meadow Cemetery, Belmont. On line guest book at www.browndanndhickey.com

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Trailways Has Plans to Improve Town Forest Trails

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Trailways is working to complete a number of improvements to trails in the Town Forest, President Bob Saur told the Heritage Commission at its July 23 meeting.

Londonderry Volunteer of the Year Kent Allen, who was recognized for his efforts to clean up the Town Pound, has been laying the groundwork, removing invasive plants and clearing the way for future improvements and use of the trails.

"We're working to make sure all the Bitter-

sweet is gone by Old Home Day," Saur said.

In addition to clearing the trails, Saur said new signage is being installing at the five trailheads, including signs that warn about poison ivy and Lyme disease.

"This is just the initial signage. We may swap them out over the years. The poison ivy may get mitigated as they spray the other invasive in there," Saur said.

Trailways is also working with the Town to install signage for crosswalks, including one from the Morrison House near picnic tables on the Londonderry Historical Soci-

ety property to the Town Forest, as well as a crosswalk at the dirt path on the Common to the Presbyterian Church across the street.

"A Scout hopefully will be putting in two additional kiosks in advance of Old Home Day - one behind the bandstand. The signage will include maps," Saur said. "One Scout is going through the Eagle Board to put in two more kiosks sometime early in the fall. And there's a potential need for bridges on the trails."

Trailways plans to take care of the initial improvements over the coming months, with the

more substantial improvement of laying down stone dust over the trails being a longer-term goal.

"The initial estimate we have for the stone dust is \$7,000 in material, and that's without the labor to spread it," Saur said of improving under three-tenths of a mile in the Town Forest. "We found someone who said they'll spread it with a Bobcat. I see this as a couple years down the road. It's not something that will be done right away."

Ann Chiampa of 28 Wedgewood Drive noted that laying down the stone dust would make

the trail wheelchair accessible and easier to use for residents pushing strollers.

"We have usable trails that meet most of the requirements now," Saur said. "Like with the Rail Trail, if we see it gets used more and more and the demand is there, we'll consider doing more."

In other business at last week's meeting:

- The Heritage Commission recommended unanimously to the Planning Board Boy Scout Noah Carey's proposed Eagle Scout project of replacing the railings, benches and flower boxes at the Grange Hall.

"The new railing will be something similar to what you see at the Robie House," Carey told the Commission.

So far, Carey has earned approval from the Eagle Board and taken measurements at the Grange for his project.

He told the Commission his railings would be up to the Town's safety code, and that he plans to hold two bake sale fundraisers during Old Home Day and Halloween at Mack's Apples to earn money for his materials.

Carey also plans to ask local hardware supply stores to donate materials for his project.

Fugitive in Custody for Local Home Invasion

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A wanted fugitive said to have burglarized a home in Londonderry while it was occupied by three children is now in custody.

Massachusetts State Police arrested Ryan Noel, 27, of Chatham Road in Hudson, in conjunction with Lawrence, Mass., Police, after a motor vehicle stop on July 21 just before 6 p.m.

Noel broke into the home at 115 Litchfield Road and encountered a young child playing on the second floor of the home during the invasion, before fleeing the residence on foot.

In a surveillance video captured during the July 13 burglary, Noel was

observed attempting to gain entry to the home through the front door, before forcing his way into the home through the a glass sliding door at the rear of the residence.

Thanks to the mass distribution of Noel's image, captured by the surveillance video, he was quickly identified.

Police received a report of an older model tan Honda Civic with loud exhaust seen in the area during the time frame of

the burglary.

Det. Chris Olson said police think it's likely another suspect was involved in helping Noel leave the scene.

At the time of the home invasion, he was on parole for theft-related charges.

On Tuesday, July 14, U.S. Marshals were in Manchester searching for him.

Noel was held at Lawrence, Mass., Police Headquarters awaiting arraignment July 23 in Lawrence District Court on a Fugitive from Justice Charge.

He is also wanted out of Lowell District Court and Ayer District Court, both in Massachusetts.

Noel waived extradition, and Police transported Noel to Londonderry on Tuesday, July 28, where he was charged for the burglary and arraigned in Derry District Court. His bail was set at \$25,000 cash only, and he was scheduled to appear in court on July 31 for a probable cause hearing.

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Eversource Files Application for Transmission Line Project with State

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Eversource Energy and National Grid filed a permit application last week for their Merrimack Valley Reliability Project with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC).

Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) is now part of Eversource.

The 24-mile, 345-kilovolt transmission line is to be constructed in the energy utility's existing right-of-way from Londonderry to Tewksbury, Mass., with a total of 8.1 miles to run through Londonderry.

Eversource held a

public information session at Matthew Thornton Elementary School on May 6 as part of the application process with the SEC, and the company now must hold a joint public information session with National Grid in each county affected by the project within the next 45 days.

The public meeting in Londonderry has not been scheduled yet, but Eversource and National Grid will be setting that date soon, according to Eversource spokesman Lauren Collins.

"We are required to issue a public notice 10 to 14 days before the meeting is held, so people will

have a head's-up," she said.

The new transmission line has been proposed to answer what the companies describe as an urgent need to strengthen the region's electric system in response to forecasted load growth and aging infrastructure, according to a press release Eversource issued July 22.

The SEC would have to issue the project a Certificate of Site and Facility before construction may begin. The Committee has up to 14 months to review the application, and must host an additional public hearing within 90 days of its decision.

Collins said Eversource

will begin geotechnical boring in Londonderry as early as mid-August, for which the Planning Board approved a Conditional Use Permit in June. The work is necessary to finalize design details the SEC will consider in approving the project application.

Impacts in the wetlands as a result of the drilling will be temporary, and any clearing will be done by hand, according to Sherrie Trefry, director of energy services for VHB Engineering Consultants in Bedford.

Minimal tree and shrub clearing will be required to gain access to drill sites. Some clearing will be necessary in forested

areas where borings are proposed.

"We will do our best to access with a minimal amount of clearing - just enough to get a probe or drill in right where we have structures," Trefry said.

Crews will lay down matting in the wetlands that disperse the weight of vehicles accessing the sites, in an effort to prevent rutting and other impacts.

Eversource is working to notify abutters of the boring that is to be conducted to ensure they understand crews aren't installing new towers.

Abutters to the utility right-of-way will have an opportunity to speak to

the transmission line project during the upcoming SEC public meeting, and when the project goes before the Planning Board.

The project is to include the construction of about 75 new structures in Londonderry, with the average height anticipated to be 88 feet above ground.

Anyone with questions or concerns about the project may contact Eversource at 844-646-8427 or by email at info@MA-NHSolutions.org.

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\$30,000 of unanticipated electrical upgrades.

Where the District anticipated about \$8,000 to \$10,000 for electrical upgrades, the final cost came in between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

"Everything had to be updated because there was not enough power for the area," Committee Chairman Ted Combes said. "We were already over usage with the old press box. The new press box is actually smaller in size than it was before."

In total, the District had expended \$364,112 for the press box as of July 7. The project is

about 90 percent complete, and the District anticipates a \$30,000 balance to complete the press box renovations.

Paving at Matthew Thornton Elementary School came in slightly under budget at \$598,235, where the original budget was \$600,000.

The District-wide contingency - the amount the District budgets for unanticipated costs for scheduled projects under the \$4 million Maintenance Bond - was budgeted at \$125,000, and is anticipated to come in at \$39,506.

To date, Curro told the Committee \$1.9 million of the \$4 million bond has been expended for the various projects through July 7. He said he antici-

pates the District will expend an additional \$2 million to wrap up all the scheduled improvements.

Moving forward, Curro said the bond end dates - the dates on which various bonds for the projects will fall off - are 2017, 2022, 2025 and 2027.

The Budget Committee was satisfied with the report and is convinced the District is doing everything possible to keep costs for the improvements and repairs on budget, according to Combes.

He noted the many things that have been out of the District's control, such as the ice dams on the high school roof and the need for electrical upgrades for the press box.

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Lindsey Graham Brings Campaign Views to Chamber Event

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Republican presidential hopeful Lindsey Graham said he would commit troops and resources to police the Middle East if elected, arguing “there’s a perfect storm forming” for another terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

The Senator from South Carolina toured the Granite State over the weekend, stopping at the Halligan Tavern in Derry on July 27 as part of the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce’s New Hampshire Primary Series.

“There are more terrorist organizations, with more safe havens, with more money, and more weapons and more men to attack our homeland than any time since 9/11,” Graham told Chamber members. “This is a religious war. On Sept. 10, 2001, we did not have one soldier in Afghanistan, we didn’t have an Afghan embassy, we didn’t give Afghanistan one penny of foreign aid and we got hit anyway. This idea if you leave them alone, they’ll leave you alone is a false premise. To people in my party and others who say get out of the Middle East, it’s not our problem, that’s the mistake of a lifetime.”

Graham promised he would expand the military and its capabilities if elected President, and that his number one goal

would be “to reset Syria.”

“The perfect storm includes a reduction in military capability that, in my opinion, is insane. By 2021, the United States will have the smallest army since 1940, in a time of great threats,” he said, noting the cuts would result in the Navy’s shrinking to the smallest size it has been since 1950.

In addition to expanding the military and its presence in the Middle East, Graham shared his vision for immigration reform and the reform of “entitlement” programs, like Social Security and Medicare.

“These programs are growing faster than we can pay the bills. We’re down to two workers for

every retiree – when I was born in 1955, it was 16,” he said. “There is no way to save America from becoming Greece, unless we work together to deal with the retirement of the ‘Baby Boomers’ and readjust our spending when it comes to Medicare and Medicaid. We’re \$70 trillion short of the money we need to fund these systems.”

Graham additionally fielded questions on the Environmental Protection Agency, student loan debt and calls to defund Planned Parenthood.

Chamber member Susan Chadwick, who works in the medical field in Derry, challenged Graham’s position on Planned Parenthood, asking him how he can take

such a firm stand for the rights for women in the Middle East, yet call for the defunding of one of the primary providers of health care to disenfranchised women in the United States.

Graham said his position is based on the recent undercover videos showing top level Planned Parenthood officials talking about the sale of body parts from aborted fetuses, as well as his position against abortion.

The candidate covered a wide range of topics during his campaigns stop at the Halligan Tavern, working to distinguish himself from a crowd of 16 Republican contenders for the nomination.

This weekend, Graham plans to tour New Hampshire with U.S. Senator John McCain, R-Ariz., starting with a campaign event in Littleton.



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speaks to members of the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce at the Halligan Tavern in Derry as part of the Chamber’s New Hampshire Primary Series.

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Missing Woman Located After Spending Night Outdoors

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Londonderry woman who was reported as missing on the evening of July 21 was found inside a shed on her property at 68 West Road.

Police believe Paulette Couture, 72, was outside most of the night and into the early morning hours, and returned to her property at some point before

she was located.

Londonderry Police worked in conjunction with the Fire Department, New Hampshire Fish and Game, State Police, the New Hampshire Upper Valley Search and Rescue K-9 teams and the Southern New Hampshire Special Operations Unit to find Couture.

Last seen walking back to her home from a neighbor's house around 8:30

a.m. July 21, Couture was found wet and covered in mud and dirt, and with numerous mosquito bites. She was transported in stable condition to the Southern New Hampshire Medical Center in Nashua.

Police say Couture often walks the trails along West Road and the surrounding areas, and does not suffer from any mental health problems.

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—LONDONDERRY SPORTS—

LAFA Wins Ultimate Game Experience From Fisher Cats

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Last Saturday, July 25, was a red-letter day for the Londonderry Athletic and Field Association (LAFA) and its members.

LAFA was chosen as the winner of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats' and Hannaford Supermarkets "Take the Show on the Road" promotion, and as a result the local organization had the Fisher Cats bring their entertainment to the LAFA fields for a celebration.

LAFA received the honor by exhibiting the sportsmanship qualities displayed by their young athletes to the awards committee.

"We received a number of wonderful entries, proving that the little leagues in New Hampshire and Northern Massachusetts are not only developing outstanding athletes, but some outstanding young people through their programs," said Fisher Cats' president and general manager Rick Brenner. "These stories of sportsmanship and integrity highlight the best of youth sports. We are excited to bring our show to LAFA for a great day of baseball and family fun."

The event and the rea-



LAFA allstar second baseman Drew Fuller sprints home on a passed ball.



Johan Peña had a busy game at third base for the locals. Shortstop Tyler Miles looks on.



Colby Smith collects a high-five from Fisher Cats' mascot Fungo. Photos by Chris Paul

sons for it sparked pride in the LAFA folks.

"We are honored and excited to have been chosen for such a fun, unique promotion," said LAFA president Tim Dodge. "Sportsmanship and fair play are the guiding principles of our players, coaches, and parents, and to be recognized for those efforts gives us great pride."

As part of the celebration, the Fisher Cats brought inflatable games that were enjoyed outside the diamond; Fungo the

mascot, who interacted with fans and players and also threw out the first pitch; and their public address announcer, promo team, and turf manager to LAFA's Hale Field. Fans were invited onto the field in between innings for a variety of games.

The featured game had the LAFA 9-U all-star team facing off against the Riverside/Bradford all-star squad from Haverhill, Mass.

The Bay State bunch won 20-8.

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Londonderry Legion Has Hopes Dashed in State Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When a team gets involved in a double-elimination tournament - as the Londonderry American Legion baseball squad did last weekend - one of the things it needs to do is come flying out of the chute with a strong performance in its first contest.

And while the third-seeded District B contingent didn't overwhelm the District A second seed Bedford at Nashua's Holman Stadium in day two of tourney play Saturday, July 25, the Post 27 bunch had every reason to stride confidently away from that diamond with a 3-1 victory.

The local guys produced just enough offense, played some snazzy defense, and received a gutsy pitching effort from Londonderry High School all-state selection Nick Musto in getting Bedford half way to the tournament's exit.

But things didn't go so well for the Londonderry hardball side in its second game the next day. That ended up being a high-scoring, extra-inning loss to the tough Rochester troop.

In game one, however, Nick Musto made sure that his manager wouldn't

need to utilize another pitching arm on the mild July afternoon by battling his way to a complete-game victory.

The skilled lefty threw 103 pitches and allowed eight hits and no walks while striking out a modest two batters.

"After six (innings), Nick was at like 57 pitches, and he told me to keep an eye on him," said manager Rick Brothers. "But in the eighth he told me 'I've got this,' and he was able to finish up. It was a good performance."

The Bedford bunch began the game with a big serving of frustration, thanks to two infield errors in the top half of the first inning that led to a pair of unearned runs. And as things turned out, those two runs wound up being all Londonderry needed to bag the tourney win.

The local side loaded the bases with just one out in that frame and plated the two runs on the second of the infield errors, which came on a ground ball off the bat of Bobby Baril.

Londonderry ended up stranding two men on base in both the first and second frames, but had the modest 2-0 advantage in its grasp. The locals finished up with nine runners left on base, but in the final analysis that number

didn't matter much.

The Post 27 lead grew to 3-0 in the top of the seventh when Colby Joncas's sacrifice fly scored Jimmy Zimolka, who had begun the inning with an infield single.

Bedford trimmed its deficit back down to two runs at 3-1 in the latter half of the seventh, but the District A competitor would do no more scoring and left seven men on base.

Londonderry tallied a total of six hits off two Bedford pitchers, with Zimolka raking two singles and Christian Bourgea notching both a single and a double.

That victory placed the Post 27 contingent into a Sunday winners' bracket battle with the tough Rochester squad, the number one seed from District B.

The weather forecast for Sunday afternoon - when the Londonderry/Rochester contest was to be played - was iffy at best. So the Londonderry boys knew stepping into Sunday that they might be looking at a bit of time to contemplate the fact that they'd lost both of their regular season meetings with that opponent, which plowed its way to a 16-2 record on the way into the tourney.

Sunday did get damp, but Londonderry and

Rochester got their second-round game in, and then some.

It took 11 innings, but Rochester strode away with a hard-fought 11-10 win over Brothers' bunch.

That defeat left the members of the local contingent heading to bed on Sunday night knowing that its Monday afternoon meeting with Dover might be its last game of 2015.

Both teams had one loss in the double-elimination tourney, with Dover having gotten edged by Manchester's Sweeney Post on Saturday but rebounding for an 8-2 whipping of Laconia on Sunday.

And it was the Dover crew that would advance in the tournament after ending Londonderry's 2015 campaign with a 6-1 defeat on Monday.

The game was close until the latter half of the eighth inning, when the seacoast squad busted open a 2-1 barn-burner by plating four more runs. And three of those markers were scored on a long home run to left-center field.

Even more frustrating than the late, four-run Dover frame from the point of view of the Londonderry team was that they stranded 11 men on base in the loss.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fourth - although Lon-



Lefty hurler Nick Musto starred for his Londonderry American Legion baseball squad in its lone win at the recent state tourney in Nashua.

donderry had already left five men stranded on bases by then - when the seacoast side scored once off Londonderry starting pitcher Bobby Baril without managing a hit. The leadoff man walked, moved to second on a wild pitch, got to third on a grounder to the right side of the infield, and scored on a sacrifice fly to give his team the 1-0 lead.

Londonderry tied the score at 1-1 in the top of the fifth when Geoff Kayo raced home on an infield error, but the locals would leave two more men on

base in that frame, two in the seventh, and one more each in the eighth and ninth in failing to do any more scoring.

Pitcher Baril lasted 5 1/3 innings, walking four, striking out four, and allowing three hits and the two earned runs that ultimately made the difference for his team in the tourney game.

He also had the loudest of Londonderry's six hits, a ringing double to the left-center gap in the eighth inning. And Baril wound up stranded on base.

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Londonderry 8-U Baseball Stars Stay Active, Successful

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry 8-U all-star baseball squad has remained busy of late, getting tuned up for the state tournament by playing in a variety of tournaments.

Head coach A.J. Marsh's young men competed in Massachusetts tournaments in North Andover and Dracut recently in prepping for the New Hampshire tournament on the road in the Granite State last weekend. And while the youthful locals did both winning and losing on the way to the states, they managed to acquit themselves well.

Highlights of the Dracut tournament included an 8-4 thrashing of Chelmsford Monday, July 20, with Jameson Keaton producing three singles and Ryan Williams doing superb pitching work.

Three days later in the North Andover event, the locals gave top-seeded 9-U North Reading a tough time before dropping a 12-8 decision. Casey Marsh was a stalwart for Londonderry, reaching base twice, scoring twice, and

driving in a run as well.

Last Saturday, July 25, the Londonderry crew began its involvement in the state tourney in Rochester with a victory that will no doubt be difficult for the locals to forget anytime soon.

The locals managed a 4-3, walk-off win over Seacoast after stepping into the latter half of the sixth frame trailing by a run.

Londonderry tallied a 1-0 lead in the bottom half of the first when Zach Mantegari singled and was plated moments later by Jayden Hamilton's double.

Hamilton also did key work for his side on the pitcher's mound, hurling the first four innings impressively.

But Seacoast responded for three runs of its own in the fourth frame, despite some strong defensive efforts by Londonderry, and all of a sudden the locals were trailing 3-1.

Londonderry trimmed its deficit down to 3-2 in the fifth when Jonathan Wilson stroked a one-out double and rode home on Boden Belanger's single.

Brady Gillis took over the pitching duties for the locals in the fifth frame and kept the score right there until the climactic bottom of the sixth.

In that decisive frame, Carter Browning singled and Joseph Santiago then walked with one man out. Seacoast snared the second out, but Zach Mantegari followed with a single that scored Browning with the tying run and moved Santiago to second base.

Casey Marsh then legged out an infield single to fill the bases with two outs, and Hamilton became the hero when he thumped an infield safety of his own that allowed Santiago to head home with the winning run.

Hamilton finished up with two hits and two runs batted in, and Mantegari contributed two hits and one RBI.

Hamilton also recorded seven strikeouts during his four innings on the hill, and reliever Gillis earned the pitching victory.

The local hardball crew moved to 2-0 in the state tourney in Roch-



The Londonderry 8-U all-star baseball squad mobs a teammate after claiming a walk-off win over the Seacoast contingent in the state tournament in Rochester recently. The locals then moved on and demolished Claremont by a 12-0 score in their second game. Courtesy photo

ester Sunday with an unqualified success in the form of a 12-0 trouncing of Claremont.

Londonderry plated nine runs in the first three innings and the locals

then rolled on to the win.

Early hits from Jameson Keaton (two-run double), Gillis (two-run single), and Browning (RBI single) handed the local crew five runs right away.

Ryan Williams gave the winning side a dominant starting pitching performance, allowing one hit while striking out six batters in three frames.

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Although RLS doesn't lead to other serious conditions, symptoms can range from bothersome to incapacitating. In fact, it's common for symptoms to fluctuate in severity, and occasionally symptoms disappear for periods of time. RLS can develop at any age, even during childhood. Many adults who have RLS can recall being told as a child that they had growing pains or can remember parents rubbing their legs to help them fall asleep. The disorder is more common with increasing age. In many cases, no known cause for restless legs syndrome exists. Researchers suspect the condition may be due to an imbalance of the brain chemical dopamine. This chemical sends messages to control muscle movement.

If you think you may have RLS, consult your doctor. Doctors diagnose RLS by listening to your description of your symptoms and by reviewing your medical history. Your doctor will ask you questions such as: Do you experience unpleasant or creepy, crawly sensations in your legs, associated with a strong urge to move?; Does movement help relieve the sensations?; Are you more bothered by these sensations when sitting or at night?; Do you often have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep?; Have you been told that your

legs or your arms jerk while you sleep?; or Is anyone else in your family bothered by restless legs?

A number of simple self-care steps and lifestyle changes may help you. Medications also help many people with restless legs syndrome. Making simple lifestyle changes can play an important role in alleviating symptoms of RLS. These steps may help reduce the extra activity in your legs: take pain relievers; try baths and massages; apply warm or cool packs; establish good sleep patterns; exercise; avoid caffeine, alcohol and tobacco; stay mentally alert in the evening; and try relaxation techniques like meditation or yoga.

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Lancer, Astro Gridders United Again in Shrine Contest

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Anybody who has paid attention to the rivalry between Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy since LHS opened in the late 1970s knows that the rivalry is one of the most vibrant in all of Granite State athletics.

However, when Londonderry High and Pinkerton athletes are united in a common cause, special things can happen as well.

Recently-graduated

LHS standout Dennis Bishop and Pinkerton football star Jack Hanaway will look to make that happen once again on Saturday, Aug. 1, when they both play for the New Hampshire grid squad in the 62nd annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game at Castleton State College in Castleton, Vt.

Another recent PA grad - the versatile Riley Cahill - was also selected to play for New Hampshire in the prestigious game. But Cahill suffered a knee injury in a PA base-

ball tournament game that will prohibit him from playing. No New Hampshire school is allowed to have more than two players selected to play in a Shrine game.

The annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Football contests are played between two all-star teams of graduated high school seniors from Vermont and New Hampshire. Proceeds from the games go to Shriners' Hospitals for Children in Boston, Springfield, Mass., and Montreal, Quebec,



Dennis Bishop will one last high school game as he plays for the Shrine team this weekend.

Canada. The first 61 Shrine Maple Sugar Bowls have raised \$4.5 million for the Shrine cause.

Regarding the competitive angle of the games, the Granite Staters have been dominant in the Shrine football series since it began at Nashua's Holman Stadium on Labor Day of 1954. New Hampshire holds a 46-13-2 overall mark in the series, and it has won the last 14 contests in a row. The Granite Staters pummeled the Green Mountain boys by a 42-6 tally last August in

game 61.

Running back/defensive back Bishop and quarterback/defensive back Hanaway are both expected to play significant roles for their side, which is being led by Campbell High School (Litchfield) head coach Greg Gush this time around.

The competing teams arrived at Castleton State last Saturday, July 25, to begin training for what is one of 30 Shrine grid contests played across the nation each year.

Londonderry 11-U Stars Get as Far as the State Semifinals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry 11-U all-star baseball squad put forth a strong showing in the state Cal Ripken tournament at the Londonderry Athletic and Field Association (LAFA) complex last week, ending up fourth overall out of a field of teams from all over the state.

Head coach Jason Par-

ent's local contingent made it to the tournament semifinals by trouncing Keene in the quarters. But in that semifinal round, the Londonderry boys were narrowly edged by the Seacoast crew in a tough, one-run game.

In the quarterfinal-round meeting with Keene Monday, July 20, the Londonderry bunch pounded its way to more than a dozen runs in a 14-

4 victory.

That lopsided win placed the local hardball crew in the semifinals against Seacoast the next night, with the host contingent watching a 3-2 decision go the opposition's way.

"We took an early 2-0 lead on an Owen MacDonnell home run over the center-field wall in the first inning," said Parent, who is assisted by Pete

Griffin, Tom Killelea, and George MacDonnell.

The Seacoast crew cut its deficit down to just one run in the third frame on a fielder's choice, and then got the deciding runs across the plate on a two-run homer.

"Those were the only runs (pitcher) Brandon Fish gave up in his five innings of work," said Parent of the round-tripper.

Now down 3-2 in the

fifth inning, Nathan Carroll led off the frame with a walk, which was followed by an infield single by his teammate Fish. Braeden Griffin then sacrifice-bunted both teammates over a base, but the seacoast's hurler then struck out the next two Londonderry hitters to kill the threat.

In the top of the sixth inning, Gavin Parent hit a two-out single and stole

second base, but the next Londonderry hitter struck out to end the game.

The local all-stars had made their final preparations for the state tournament over the weekend of July 18, dropping a 7-6 barn-burner to top-seeded Nashua on Saturday July 18, but rebounding the next morning for a 24-3 demolition of Merrimack.

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Local Artisans Featured in League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen will celebrate local artists this week at its 82nd annual Craftsmen's Fair.

The juried fair runs from Saturday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 9, at the Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury.

The event features more than 350 craftsmen, including Londonderry artisans Kate Kilgus and Michela Verani, who has been participating in the League Fair since she became a member about four years ago.

The fourth person in the world to achieve Metal Clay Master's Registry, Registry III, Verani crafts jewelry and other items from metal clay and felt.

For this year's Fair, Verani plans to exhibit her metal jewelry and household items, such as votives and small sculptures.

"I like participating in the League's event because I like seeing

which of my visions people relate with and will buy," she said.

Kilgus, a weaver known for her live demonstrations at local events such as Art in Action, was accepted into the League this year and will participate in the fair for the first time.

"It's a great opportunity for artisans to market their work because the Fair is so well known, and it draws such a large audience of people who are interested in these types of products," she said.

Billed as the longest continuously running annual crafts fair in the nation, the event attracts more than 30,000 guests each year.

"I am a little nervous. It's the biggest event I've ever done," Kilgus said. "This is a big step up for me in terms of exposure. People come from all over to see this event, and it's very beautiful and well organized."

While many participating artists choose to display and sell their goods from an independent

booth, others collaborate for large exhibits, where their products are displayed together in a boutique.

Kilgus' products will be displayed and available for purchase in the "Craftware Exhibit," and she will be staffing the boutique on Aug. 3.

The Fair features more than 200 booths of fine crafts ranging from modern to more traditional styles.

In addition to the fine crafts, which include pottery, hand-blown glass, framed prints, bowls, clothing and handcrafted jewelry, the Fair also features daily craft demonstrations and workshops, fine craft exhibitions, free tours and seminars, and activities for children.

"There will be a lot happening - food, a lot of opportunities for learn-

ing, where children can shadow an artisan and printmakers. There will be tons of stuff for kids and opportunities for them to participate," Kilgus said of this year's Fair. "It should be fun."

Kilgus, who weaves clothing and pieces for the home on her eight-harness LeClerc floor loom, powered with her hands and feet, plans to sell her handcrafted scarves at the event, which limits participation to juried members of the League.

Emphasizing the importance of supporting local craftsmen and artists, Kilgus said when people buy locally made products, they're helping their local economy.

"We have a good talent pool in the community - people should use it," she said. "The money the

local artisan gets goes back into our town, through them paying their taxes or being able to shop locally."

In addition to supporting the local economy, Kilgus said supporting local artisans ensures the products people purchase are made from responsibly sourced materials.

"There's a lot to be said for knowing the maker, and being able to ask what their practices are, and where they source their materials," she said. "The people who make these items themselves tend to be eager to answer those questions because they're proud of the materials they use. And when you buy from a local maker, you increase the opportunity for ongoing dialogue about the piece, or a piece in the future."

"If it's their name on the table, they really care about what they're doing

because it's their reputation," Kilgus added. "We want to do good work because we want to be able to continue what we're doing."

"People are supporting their neighbors and relatives by going out and purchasing homemade items from local artists," Verani agreed. "Supporting local artists helps to put someone's kids through college, or food on their table, as well as the local economy."

The Fair is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, rain or shine. Admission is \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors, students, active duty military (with ID) and groups of 20 or more (per person). Admission is free for children ages 12 and under. Admission includes access to all exhibitions and demonstrations.

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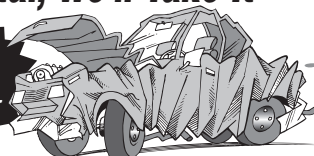
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Car Show

The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Road hosts its second annual Car Show on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 16. A 50/50 raffle is planned, trophies will be awarded, and food can be purchased. Fee for cars entering the competition is \$10, which includes admission to the museum. For details, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org, call 669-4820 or email avmuseum@nhahs.org.

Londonderry Sings

This year's Londonderry Sings competition is open to Londonderry residents ages 10 and up. Professional entertainers are not allowed. To be considered for the

competition, participants must email the registration form along with a link to an uploaded YouTube video. The video must feature the competitor performing alone in an a capella piece no longer than 3 minutes. Registration will be accepted before Aug. 10. After that date, the top 12 contestants will be selected to perform in the final competition, held Aug. 15.

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 band-

stand 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.siekmann@comcast.net by Friday, Aug. 7. A

\$10 fee per contestant is collected at the event.

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 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.

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. Adoration 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.

Talent Auditions

The third annual Evening of Thanks & Giving, a talent showcase and auction to benefit the homeless served by Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County, is Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Atkinson Country Club in Atkinson. Young performers are invited to showcase their talent at this event. Performers must be between ages 5-18 and live in a town served by Family Promise. Send a 2-minute audition video to talentsearch@familypromisegrc.org, or to Family Promise Greater Rockingham County, Attn: Talent search committee, c/o Partners in Family Wellness, PLLC, 15 Ermer Road, suite 208, Salem, NH 03079. For details, visit familypromisegrc.org.

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The Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Academy hosts its first workshop from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Chamber office, 29 West Broadway, Derry. New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits Assistant Director

Laurette Edelmann will discuss "Board Recruitment for Nonprofits." The Nonprofit Academy is a four-part workshop series with one workshop per quarter. Each workshop includes a catered lunch from California Grille and is free for Chamber members and \$10 per workshop for non members. To register, visit gdchamber.org.

Community HU Chants

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take place Sunday, Aug. 9, at 9:40 a.m. and Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m. and every third Thursday of the month, at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

Eckankar Worship

An Eckankar worship service is offered Sunday, Aug. 9, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and every second Sunday of each month at the

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Renew

Renew opens Aug. 15 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Derry residence is not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, July 20 9:20 p.m. Londonderry Fire requested for brush fire in Musquash, Faucher Road.

Wednesday, July 22 4:59 a.m. Caller reports work truck broken into last night and items taken on Westwood Drive.

Friday, July 24 8:41 a.m. Glen Voisine, 41, 220 Derry Road, Hudson turned himself in on war-

rant for Conduct After an Accident, Driving After Revocation or Suspension, and Misuse or Failure to Display Plates. Bail Continued on page 19

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The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

NEW PLANS

A. Robert and Alison Palmer Revocable Trust (Owner and Applicant, 18 Welch Road, Map 12 Lot 83-17, Zoned AR-I), and David and Christina McRitchie (Owners and Applicants, 16 Welch Road, Map 12 Lot 89-13, Zoned AR-I) - Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for formal review of a lot line adjustment plan ("Welch Road") to adjust the lot lines between Lots 12-83-17 and 12-89-13.

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Police Log

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set at \$2,500 plus \$40 bail commissioner fee, with Derry District Court arraignment on Aug. 25.

7:33 p.m. Leann Leslie Baldock, 37, 145 Canterbury Lane, Londonderry arrested for Resisting Arrest or Detention. She was released on a hand summons, with arraignment set for Aug. 18 in Derry District Court.

Saturday, July 25

7:54 a.m. Heather E. Kaplan, 39, 10 Hazelton Court, Manchester in custody by Deerfield Police, taken to jail in Brentwood, on Londonderry warrant for Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Sus-

pended Registration (operating - misdemeanor) and Abandoning a Vehicle. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance with \$40 bail commissioner fee, with arraignment in Derry District Court on Aug. 18.

12:36 p.m. Car keyed July 23 during night in Shaw's parking lot, Orchard View Drive.

5:07 p.m. Report of gunshots in area of Coteville Road.

6:32 p.m. Report of gunshots just inside trailhead of Musquash on Hickory Hill Drive. Subjects were well out into woods in safe area. Officer advised that target shooting area was checked and subjects were shooting into a safe backstop and were safe

distance from all properties in area.

7:01 p.m. Caller reporting gunshots in area of Rolling Ridge Road, possibly from Musquash. Officer advised target shooting area checked and subjects were shooting into safe backstop and were a safe distance from all properties in area.

7:52 p.m. Derek S. Kelley, 27, 18 Canaan Road, Strafford turned himself in on warrant for Theft: From a building and Criminal Mischief. Bail set at \$2,500 personal recognizance plus \$40 bail commissioner fee. Arraignment set for Aug. 18 in Derry District Court.

10:18 p.m. Caller on Bartley Hill Road reported loud music.



In Bloom

Janet Bettez sits in front of her 1790s Cape on Perkins Road, with her perennial garden in full bloom. Since moving to Londonderry from East Derry years ago, Bettez has been working on creating the flower gardens that surround the house.

Photo by Chris Paul

Impact Fees

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The total impact fee deductions for the period ending June 30 total \$79,031, and the ending balance is \$281,296.

The Town ran into trouble with its previous formula for collecting impact fees in January 2013, when a Rockingham Superior Court decision found the Town's impact fee program, in place since 1994, had been at times contrary to legal requirements, and parties who had paid the illegal fees were due refunds.

The court ordered the Town to hire an independent auditor to evaluate its impact fee collections and expenditures since 1994.

In its final report for the audit, dated Aug. 7, 2013 and recently posted to the Town's website at www.londonderrynh.org, Melanson Heath and Company detailed missing records, incomplete and inaccurate information in the impact fee schedules, impact fees not assessed, impact fees not collected, impact fees collected but not turned over to Finance for deposit, and expirations the Town did not sufficiently monitor.

There were instances where impact fees were assessed, but there was

no evidence the fees were collected. In some cases no certificate of occupancy had been issued yet the building was in fact occupied. And in other cases a certificate of occupancy was issued yet collection of the fee could not be verified, according to the auditing company.

In some cases, the auditor found evidence of an impact fee being deposited, but no evidence of the fee being assessed or collected in the Building Department files.

The auditor further reported, "Records pertaining to impact fee calculations were retained by the Town. Copies of the Impact Fee Calculation Forms, with the exception of the last page, were not retained in the Building Department files.

The Finance Office did not retain the Impact Fee Calculation Form in their files for most of the periods reviewed."

The Town's auditor was only able to locate the Impact Fee Calculation Forms for FY2006 and FY2012, forward.

Accordingly, some of the impact fees contained in the schedules could not be verified as having been received and deposited. In many cases, the auditor was forced to identify or verify the various categories based on the standard fees charged during certain periods of time and in certain neighborhoods.

Moving forward, the Town will continue re-

turning the illegally collected impact fees until the Council makes a decision on how to proceed, according to Smith.

"We are really just in limbo until a final decision is made to do away with the fees or to continue to collect them," he said. "If so, we would have to determine how in terms of the methodology to collect, and have a study to determine the proper calculations."

Peter Curro, who served as Finance Director during the first couple of years impact fees were collected, said the decision to begin collecting impact fees was made in the Planning Department under previous leader-

ship.

"He did a calculation on how much impact for a house, three- or four-bedrooms, assessed an impact fee, and that's really all we were doing," he said.

When Curro, who is now with the School District, left the Town post, Sue Hickey replaced him as finance director.

"It was very much a joint effort," Geographic Information Services Manager John Vogl said. "The building department collected the fees, the Finance Department assigned the values. There were a lot of players involved. I don't know that there was one single person tasked with being

the administrator of the program."

"As a result of the audit, the Council suspended the program as soon as all the issues came out with it. All the expired fees are being returned every six months, and we're holding off on doing anything until the courts come out with a final decision," Town Manager Kevin Smith said.

The Supreme Court is expected to issue a decision soon, according to Kevin Smith, who anticipates the Council will consider what to do with the remaining funds as soon as September.

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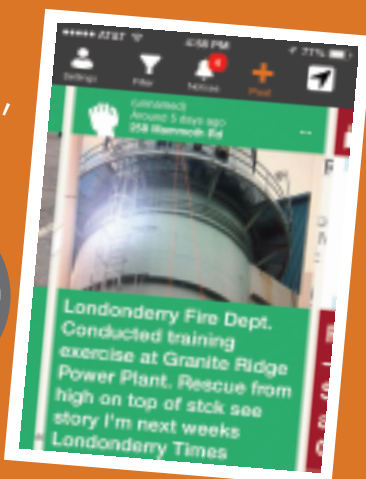
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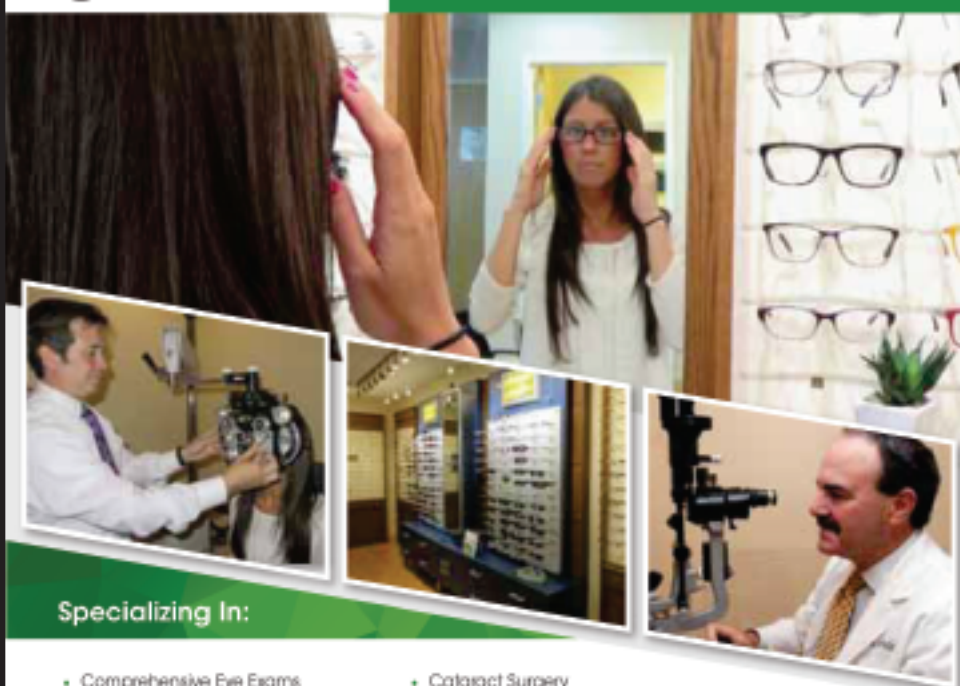


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