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Season's End

Morgan Graichen shows Luca Azzarello how tasty fresh strawberries are as she helps her family pick some of the remaining fruit left in the strawberry field at Sunnycrest Farm on Friday. Last weekend was the last of the pick-your-own season. See more photos on page 19.

Photo by Chris Paul

Londonderry's Loss is Derry's Gain with Tupelo Move

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Scott Hayward is bringing it all back home.

The Derry native and owner of the Tupelo Music Hall in Londonderry wants to move his performing arts venue to A

Street in Derry. He was scheduled to go before the Derry Planning Board for a site plan review July 6, after this newspaper goes to press.

The building is the former Gold's Gym and is owned by Derry Wellness Realty LLC. It is appraised at \$1,056,0500 and is

20,000 square feet.

Hayward wrote in an e-mail, "I have been working on a plan to expand the venue for a few years. We began by trying to figure out a way to expand at our existing location but we couldn't make it work on that lot because

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Funding to Spray Invasives at Town Forest Up in Air

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Work is continuing on the Londonderry Town Forest, with a dedicated volunteer hoping to add it to the town's collection of green spaces. But he may need to find another source for spraying the area.

Kent Allen, a longtime resident, is cleaning up the Town Forest to make it more accessible. The Conservation Commission, no longer the supervising body for the Town Forest, thanks to a decision by voters in March, has backed off from funding for protective spraying, and Councilor Jim

Butler, the Council's representative to the Heritage Commission, plans to discuss the issue at the July 11 meeting.

In a recent Conservation Commission meeting, Allen noted that the Town Forest is a 13.5-acre parcel between the Town Common and Glenwood Cemetery.

Allen said he has already accumulated 45 piles of brush. "It was an open winter and I was able to work through it," he said.

There is a 50-foot buffer along the pond and Allen has agreed to stay clear of the pond. "One of the trails goes along the edge," he said. "That is

the only infringement."

The area is home to vegetation including several blueberry bushes and ferns. It's beautiful in the spring and summer, Allen said. "Unfortunately, by October, it's ripe and it stinks," he said.

He has left a lot growing, Allen said, including both low and high foliage. "It is a great time of year out there," he said.

Conservation Chairman Marge Badois observed that there is a lot of poison ivy in the area and Allen agreed. There is one trail, he said, that is "wicked."

But Badois also told Allen that the Commis-

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Conservation Commission Looks at Camping at the Musquash

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission, responding to a request from a local family for permission to take part in back country camping in the Musquash Conservation Area, addressed the issues to be considered if a campground were to be created.

At its Tuesday, June 28 meeting, the Commission noted that limited permits for an occasional Boy Scout campout have been granted, but camping in the Musquash is a non-permitted use, allowed only by permit.

The Musquash Conservation Area is a 1,000-

plus-acre recreation area with a marked trail system that includes 20-plus miles of managed trails. The area is supervised by the Conservation Commission and maintained by Londonderry Trailways. Permitted uses include hiking, trail biking, snowmobiling, wildlife observation, hunting, horseback riding, and cross country skiing. Camping and motorized vehicles are by permit only.

The area was created in 1979 with the stated purpose of encouraging residents to take advantage of the wildlife habitat, care and protection of that habitat and forest management, and devel-

opment of recreational opportunities.

Commission member Mike Byerly pointed out that allowing camping or creating a campground area would meet the commission's goal of encouraging people to take advantage of the recreation land available to them. He referenced the

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Town Volunteers Gearing Up for 117th Old Home Day

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The observance of Old Home Day has been a long-standing Londonderry tradition, and this year's 117th annual celebration will continue in that path.

Londonderry hosts one of the oldest consecutive Old Home Day celebrations in New Hampshire, and is one of a handful of communities that have regularly observed Old Home Day on the third weekend in August.

Old Home Day celebrations were started in 1899 by Governor Frank Rollins as an effort to remedy the decline of the state's small farming towns by inviting former residents, friends and family back to the Granite State.

The theme for the 117th Londonderry Old Home Day Celebration is "Apple'y Ever After," suggested by Lindsay Ball's fourth grade class at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

The Town's volunteer Old Home Day Committee has been planning Londonderry's 117th celebration since last September. The event has grown in popularity through the years with the addition of activities for young and old alike.

This year's Old Home Day Celebration is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Aug. 17, and ends Sunday, Aug. 21.

Events and activities include band concerts, Kidz Night, a movie night, fireworks, a parade, a 5k road race, a baby contest, Londonderry Sings, and children's games, all in a family-oriented atmosphere.

Old Home Day chairman Kathy Wagner said there are no major changes planned for this year's celebration.

The Old Home Day volunteers are inviting all seniors in Londonderry to the 11th annual Senior Night on Aug. 17. The Windham Swing Band will perform at this event.

The annual Kidz Night on the Common is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 18. On Friday, Aug. 19, the annual police and firefighters' softball game will take place at the Matthew Thornton field, with food for purchase from the Lions. A concert will take place at 7:15 p.m., followed by fireworks at 8:45 p.m., and a bubble gum contest as well.

Saturday, Aug. 20, is the big day. It features a continental breakfast at the Londonderry United Methodist Church, a baby contest in the Matthew Thornton gym at 9 a.m.,

and kids games and bingo in the Matthew Thornton gym. The Lions Club will have a beer tent, and the Grange will be selling flowers and hosting an Eagle Scout bake sale.

The annual parade, billed as one of the largest in the state, takes place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, and features high school bands, including the Londonderry High Marching Lancers; pipe and drum bands; political candidates, scouts; and a variety of groups and businesses. The 1.2-mile parade route begins at Londonderry Middle School and ends at Mack's Apples on Mammoth Road.

The parade is followed by an afternoon of vendors and entertainment on the Town Common, as well as historical reenactments at the Londonderry Historical Society.

The Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House will hold a Revolutionary War encampment Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an American Revolutionary War militia unit, cannon salutes, children's military drills, and children's colonial games.

The Historical Society will also house antique cars, a maypole, a petting zoo, cooking demonstrations, fur trading, and musket ball molding, along with building tours,



The parade is always a big draw for residents to head down to the Town Common on Old Home Day. Photos by Chris Paul

blacksmithing, spinning, weaving, pottery, corn husk doll making, music, a farmers' market, and artisan craft fair. Barbecue chicken, ribs and pork, along with corn on the cob and watermelon, will be available.

Applestock is held that

evening on the Town Common and will feature current and former Londonderry High School talent. The event is an opportunity for local students to be involved in Old Home Day. Pizza and soda will be sold at the event, with proceeds going to the

student council.

On Sunday, Aug. 21 the Londonderry Clergy Association will offer a community church service, picnic and concert from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Town Common. The service is at 11 a.m., the picnic and concert at noon.

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Hazardous Tree Definition Change Sought by Nevins Couple

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission will examine trees in the buffer zone at The Nevins over-55 community and decide whether they can be deemed hazardous.

Peter Woodberry, representing The Nevins over-55 community, and Karen Aagegen and Steve Fineberg, new homeowners at The Nevins, asked the Londonderry Conservation Commission for permission to cut down trees within the buffer zone. They said the trees were close enough to their home to be considered dangerous.

Fineberg had asked

Bartlett Tree crews to look at the trees and provide a report on their condition, as well as to provide a proposal for addressing the trees deemed hazardous to their property. Bartlett identified seven trees, but the couple were most concerned about a tree that is 11 feet from the house and reportedly threatens the bedroom. They also consider a second tree that is 15 feet from the home to be a threat to the bedroom.

Woodberry explained at the Commission's Tuesday, June 28 meeting that in previous visits with the Commission about hazardous trees within the buffer zone - a no-cut zone - the tree had to be dead to

be considered hazardous. Woodberry expressed concern about the trees under consideration because while Bartlett Tree deemed them hazardous to the property, they are not dead.

Woodberry asked what the commission thinks about requiring a tree to be dead for it to be identified as hazardous, and said other homeowners have a similar situation. He said he would like a definition of "hazardous tree" to be developed so that he wouldn't have to come to the Commission each time.

The Commission discussed the buffer and the easement line at The Nevins and acknowl-

edged the buffer comes close to the homes. Members said a definition could likely be found that would allow designation of a hazardous tree even though it was not dead.

Commission member Mike Speltz said it would not be a good idea to modify the existing ordinance but added that a definition of a hazardous tree that didn't require the tree to be dead could be found. He asked for time to find an appropriate definition and until then, he and member Julie Christenson-Collins

would visit The Nevins to look at the seven trees identified by Bartlett.

The Commission voted unanimously to authorize Speltz and Christenson-Collins to visit The Nevins the next day and to act on behalf of the Commission regarding a decision to allow the homeowner to cut down the trees. The trees would be dropped in the buffer zone, with nothing removed from the property.

The homeowners also expressed a second concern about poison ivy

and bittersweet growing on their property. They want to eradicate both but the rules don't allow any use of chemicals on the properties.

Bittersweet is considered an invasive plant, and the Commission encouraged the homeowners to cut or pull it up by the roots. But poison ivy is native, and Speltz suggested two options: they could place clear plastic over the poison ivy area and leave it for an entire season, which would kill much of it, or hire someone to hand pull it out.

Two Accidents on I-93 on July 4

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Northbound traffic on Interstate 93 in the Manchester-Londonderry area was a nightmare for much of the morning on Monday, July 4, due to two separate lane closures caused by accidents.

The most serious involved a tractor trailer that crashed into the woods between exits 5 and 6 near the Manchester-Londonderry town line at about 7 a.m. The tractor trailer was well off the road and into the woods, but no one was injured.

The right lane was closed and the scene was not cleared until just before noon.

About an hour after that scene was cleared, the right northbound lane of I-93 was briefly closed again just 10 miles south in Derry, due to a vehicle fire.

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Editorial

Recycle Now

Who doesn't love the revelry of the Fourth of July, and the grand display of fireworks that marks the occasion. With the Fourth on a Monday this year, that meant a whole weekend full of fireworks and food.

But that also meant trash left behind, both in yards and along the roadways. And that's a great reminder of the need to recycle, and of Londonderry's new recycling system, which went into effect July 1.

Automated biweekly recycling – that's every other week recycling – is now in place, with Waste Management trucks making the pick-up. Big blue 96-gallon containers – and smaller ones for those who request them – should be wheeled to the curb every other week, on a schedule provided by the Town. All recyclables should be put in the bin; that's the only way curbside recycling will be picked up.

While it may take a little while for residents to get used to the new schedule, the new system is likely to be more convenient – and cleaner as well. With the size of the container, wind should not be sending recyclables sailing down the street – and crows and dogs are less likely to gain access and have a field day rifling through the contents.

As with other towns' recycling, newspaper, catalogs, junk mail, cardboard, magazines, milk cartons, cereal boxes, cans, paper bags, greeting cards, glass bottles and jars, yogurt containers and rigid plastic water and soda bottles can all be placed in the new containers. Check out the Town of Londonderry website at www.londonderryNH.org for detailed lists of eligible and non-eligible recycling items. And for questions, call the Department of Public Works at 432-1100, ext. 193, or email: DLimoli@LondonderryNH.org.

And remember that trash pickups continue on a weekly schedule, with the garbage placed in a separate container as usual.

While the recycling system has changed in Londonderry, the need to recycle is important in every town. Summer picnics tend to include plenty of paper and plastic goods; now is a good time to think about what can be recycled rather than thrown in the trash can when the day's activities are over. We need to remember that our taxes pay the tipping fee for what goes into the landfills instead of being recycled, and the more we can separate and recycle, the better off we are, both environmentally and in our wallets.

Letters

Firefighters Thanked

To the editor:

Kudos to the Londonderry Fire Department. They saved our kitten's life today.

She had just returned home from being spayed at the vet and managed to get her head wedged in a knot hole in an antique piece of furniture. Three firefighters were compassionate, patient and resourceful and managed to finally extricate her from her predicament.

We are eternally grateful to our dedicated firemen.

Don and Harriet Cox
Londonderry

LHS Hall of Fame

To the editor:

I was pleased to see that there is an effort being made to revive the Londonderry High School Hall of Fame selection committee so that deserving members of the community will once again be recognized for their efforts on behalf of LHS students and athletes.

Twenty years ago this wonderful program ceased being an important night during the school year, and that was unfortunate. I applaud Crystal Rich and her students for this initiative.

The success of our students and athletes doesn't suddenly begin when they become freshmen. There are influences on every student long before they get to LHS. The Hall of Fame is the opportunity for LHS to recognize those people, along with members of their staff.

It was, back in the day, a wonderful program and I have no doubt it will be again. Thank you, Leadership Council. With the resurrection of the Hall of Fame, you have left a last-

ing impression on the place you graced for four years. Well done.

Bob Napolitano
Londonderry

Ayotte and NRA

To the editor:

With the recent tragedy of Orlando and the lives lost, my thoughts turn to Senator Kelly Ayotte and her blatant support of the NRA's (National Rifle Association) extreme agenda. For example, she was the only Senator in all of New England to vote to allow people on the no-fly list to buy guns. Another name for these people is terrorists.

Ayotte has consistently scored an A grade from the NRA. This means she accepts large contributions from the NRA and will vote the way the NRA tells her to vote, even if it means voting against protecting her New Hampshire constituents.

When the founding fathers (James Madison) added the Bill of Rights, the Second Amendment referred to militia, such as the Lexington Minutemen, and defense of a person's property. Nowhere in their wildest dreams could they imagine a man with an AR-15 assault weapon mowing down 49 people for no reason in a nightclub! Incomprehensible.

Contrast Governor Maggie Hassan's gun-sense policy. She vetoed a concealed-carry bill twice after the New Hampshire House and Senate approved it.

I was at a State Senate hearing on the concealed-carry bill. A man stood up and passionately told how his daughter was killed by her abusive spouse with a gun. A senator strongly in favor said, "I'm sorry for your loss," and this gentleman

shouted, "You've got to change this gun legislation! You can't pass this bill!" But the Senate did pass the bill.

When you vote on Nov. 8, please support Maggie Hassan for Senate. We will still have the distinction of having two women Senators but Maggie will vote to protect the people of New Hampshire.

Mary Tetreau
Londonderry

No Aircraft for Iran

To the editor:

Boeing Co. recently cut a deal with Iran Air to sell it 100 Boeing 737s and 777s worth about \$25 billion, which is a nice contract for Boeing and its employees. Unfortunately, Iran Air has used passenger and cargo planes to transport military equipment to Syria and other Middle East countries, and there is nothing to prevent them from continuing this practice.

Some of the military shipments included materials for advanced weapons, and rockets and missiles. Furthermore, it is possible these planes could be used to move troops and could possibly be converted to bombers.

The U.S. could revoke the license to sell the aircraft if Iran violates the agreement, but Iran would have control of the previously delivered aircraft at that time.

Congress should not approve this contract. If it is approved, delivery of the aircraft should be stretched out over an extended number of years. Additionally, we should install back door disabling software in each aircraft that we can energize at our discretion.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

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Conservation Raises Concerns Over Colonial Drive Subdivision

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission has raised concerns over the Zoning Board of Adjustment's (ZBA) decision to approve a two-lot subdivision on Colonial Drive.

The ZBA did not see any diminution of property values to the abutters from the proposed two-lot subdivision at its hearing in June, and thought the subdivision would activate Conservation Overlay restrictions, providing greater protections for the wetlands and abutters. The ZBA members

decided the proposed subdivision was a reasonable use of the property and voted 4-0 to approve the request.

The Conservation Commission members said the neighbors affected by the ZBA decision have decided to appeal and as part of that appeal, asked the Commission for an opinion.

The board discussed the case, including the need to cross a wetland at the entrance into the lot that would require a Dredge and Fill permit. The Commission said that if nothing else, there would be a negative impact on natural

resources and wildlife from the proposed subdivision.

Chairwoman Marge Badois had a letter prepared on the Colonial decision and subdivision proposal, and the Commission voted to authorize her to send it to Town Manager Kevin Smith.

In other business at its Tuesday, June 28 meeting:

- As one of its responsibilities, the Commission regularly conducts design reviews of submitted plans, thus eliminating some issues before the plans reach either the ZBA or Planning Board.

At its June 28 meeting,

the Commission reviewed a plan submitted by Kluber Lubrication for 32 Industrial Drive.

Kluber shares a driveway with Milton Cat, and the plan shows a new road leading into the site for proposed expanded parking. The Commission reviewed the submitted plan page by page, with member Mike Speltz leading the way.

The Commission found two issues the plan had not addressed, which they wanted to see on the plan. One dealt with snow removal, the other involved the lack of a desig-

nated buffer area.

Regarding snow removal, the plan said snow would be removed off site, but with the new road and the expanded parking area, the Commission said there should be snow storage areas delineated.

Concerning a stream on the western edge of the plan, the Commission wanted to see the inclusion of a designated buffer zone there.

- Mike Byerly asked the board for suggestions for the Commission's newsletter. He considered trying to identify "Hidden Gem" areas around town

that people might get out and enjoy. A suggestion was made to highlight the Class 6 Spring Road as a place to explore. An article about the herons in the Musquash Conservation Area was also suggested, along with an article on the eco-systems in people's backyards.

Byerly said his intent is to grow readership of the newsletter.

- The commission decided against a walk in July but will plan for a water event in August, perhaps with kayaks on Scobie Pond. The June walk drew three people.

Musquash

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policy developed by the Commission on camping that states "Camping on conservation land is not customarily permitted. Recognized nonprofit organizations may seek authorization from the Londonderry Conservation Commission to use the land for camping. The Conservation Commission will review each request on a case by case basis. If approved, the Conservation Commission will stipulate in each instance that the requisite fire and/or vehicle permits be obtained."

Byerly had put together elements of a proposed new policy that included allowing camping for individuals and groups in the Musquash only, with a Conservation Commission permit required. Under that proposal, campers must be 21 years old or above and must be Londonderry residents. In addition, the person pulling the permit must be one of the campers; no campfires or camp stoves would be allowed; human waste must be buried; camping must be at least 200 feet from water; and camping would require a "carry in, carry out" trash policy.

He raised the question as to whether it would be better to allow camping at specific campsite locations or allow camping throughout the Musquash.

The commission discussed his proposal and the general sense was that a camp stove should be allowed but not an open fire. However, even a camp stove would require a permit from the Londonderry Fire Department.

The other area of agreement was that it would be better, if they decided to allow camping in the Musquash, to set specific camping areas rather than allow a choice.

Member Mike Speltz made a point that gave everyone pause, that once a specific site is established for camping, it would become a potential party spot.

The members decided to resurrect material on the need for establishing a ranger position and forward that to Town Manager Kevin Smith for consideration prior to budget season. The members wanted this brought to the next meeting as well for them to consider again.

They agreed to wait for any action on developing a camping area in the Musquash until the Stan-

tec report is in. This report from the Town engineers will provide information on four properties in the area and how they could be improved to offer more recreational opportunities, and at what cost.

In addition, the Commission said it would

need input from both the Londonderry Fire and Police Departments regarding the possibility of developing a camping area in the Musquash, and decided that regardless of what was decided, a trial period approach should be taken.

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Former Londonderry Man Retires from Air National Guard

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Londonderry resident and mother of one of a group of five boys who went through Londonderry High School together in the Class of 1987, recently attended the retirement ceremony of one member of that group, and expressed pride in his accomplishments.

Betty Gilkinson said she is so proud of Jeff Denton, she wanted to bring his achievements to the attention of the greater Londonderry community. She added that all of the five friends were together at Denton's retirement ceremony, held earlier this year at the 157th Air Refueling Wing Pease Air National Guard Base, where Denton received the Meritorious Service Medal 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.

"Jeff's potential was always there and being in the Air Force and a pilot was always part of him, and his dad was a pilot," Gilkinson said. "All of the

boys in that group, which included my son, have done well. I felt Londonderry should know what Londonderry High School produced."

Jeff Denton most recently served as the Chief of Safety and Risk Management for the 157th Air Refueling Wing, a post he held since March 2013. "Air Force Blue" from the start, he was born at Selfridge Air Force Base in Michigan and grew up in Londonderry. After graduating from LHS, he began an aviation degree at Arizona State University and in 1989 transferred to Bridgewater State College and joined the Massachusetts Air National Guard. He was hired as a firefighter, attended fire protection school at Chanhute AFB and served as a drill status firefighter for the 102nd Fighter Wing.

In addition to his Guard service he also began a career as a civilian crash rescue firefighter/lieutenant and emergency medical technician (EMT) at the Manchester

airport's fire department. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Science and Community College of the Air Force Associate's degree in Fire Science in 1993 and progressed to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the airport fire department.

In January 1995 he was selected to become an F-15 pilot, received his commission from the Academy of Military Science and completed undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in 1996. After suffering an in-flight injury while attending Fighter Fundamentals Course, he was not able to continue in fighter training but secured a position as a Traditional KC-133 pilot with the New Hampshire Air Guard.

He transferred to the 157th Air Refueling Wing and two years later was hired as a full-time AGR (Active Guard Reserve) pilot for the 157th OSS, where he served as a co-pilot and eventually as an aircraft commander, instructor and evaluator pilot.



This photo taken at USAF Lt. Col. Jeff Denton's retirement ceremony features Tyler, 10; Nicky, 13; and Geri and Jeff Denton. Courtesy photo

Denton's career includes close to 4,000 military flying hours worldwide with participation in 10 named operations, among them Northern Watch, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Odyssey Dawn.

He flew combat air patrols over Boston, New York City and Washington, D.C., in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, and landed one of the first tanker aircraft bringing

support to New Orleans immediately following Hurricane Katrina. He was captain of the 157th AMC Rodeo team that won the Meyers Trophy in 2000 as the best Air Refueling Team in the Air Force.

Denton recently began a second career with Jet Blue airlines and completed his initial training as an Embraer E-190 First Officer in December.

His wife, Geri, said, "I didn't grow up in a military family as Jeff did, so life in the military was all new to me. We were married four days after 9-11 and so we had to cancel our honeymoon and Jeff was immediately deployed to Spain. This was the beginning of many in-

stances of time apart, not just for me, but for our children as well. But I wouldn't trade one minute of it.

"I couldn't be more proud of him for his years of service to his country," she said. "We certainly miss our military life and friends and I know Jeff gets a nostalgic feeling each time one of the kids yells out 'Tanker Alert!' - a nickname early on for when we see a KC-135 fly overhead."

Denton's parents are Mike and Lola Denton, who have moved from Londonderry and now divide their time between New Hampshire and Florida. Denton and his family live in Stratham.

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Lions Club Offers Cookbook Filled with Family Recipes

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

This year saw the Londonderry Lions Club doing something the group had not done before, or at least not in the 40-year memory of member Pat Reid. The members of the Londonderry Lions decided to put together a cookbook.

The decision to create a Lions Club cookbook to help raise money for the club was the initial step, with club member families asked for trusted recipes to put into the cookbook.

"We wanted easy, not exotic recipes," Reid said. "We ended up with 110 recipes, and I typed them all in myself. They include appetizers, soups and sal-

ads, main dishes, desserts and helpful hints. It is filled with good, family recipes."

The Lions Club has had the finished cookbook up for sale for several months, and Reid said 130 copies remain.

"We plan to have them on sale at the upcoming Londonderry Old Home Day," she said. "We have them available all the

time, and the sign in front of the building gives that information. People interested in the cookbook or wanting more information about it can reach me at 486-1701."

The Lions Club provides community outreach, and they raise the money to accomplish these efforts through a variety of fund raisers. Reid said the sale of the

cookbook is important for keeping the club's efforts on track in helping out the community. The club involves its members in projects as local as cleaning up an area park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind. The 1.35 million members of Lions Clubs in 206 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a

core belief – community is what we make it, Reid said, noting the local club reflects this philosophy.

Reid encouraged purchase of the cookbooks, saying the will provide new and interesting and easy recipes to please families during the summer days ahead.

Cost of the cookbook is \$10.

Invasives

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sion has no money in its budget for spraying the Town Forest for invasive species.

"We have not always sprayed the Town Forest," Badois said in a later interview. "We did it once."

Badois explained that Conservation entered into a one-year contract for spraying in 2015. "The company had a three-year proposal for us," she said. "It was not a three-year contract, and we only entered into a one-year contract."

The Commission voted against rehiring the contractor, Swamp Inc. The one-year contract was for \$5,200.

Badois said the Commission is only responsible for controlling invasives on its own properties. "There are invasive phragmites in front of the high school, but we won't be spraying them," she pointed out.

Badois also explained that the Commission's original charge for the

Town Forest was to keep it as a wildlife habitat. Allen's goal is to make it more of a park, and that doesn't fit the Commission's view for the area, she said.

"In the last election, the community voted to take the forest out of Conservation's control," she said.

Article 12 on the March 2016 warrant asked voters to approve the transfer of all supervision, management duties and responsibilities of the Town Forest from the Commission to the Town Manager. At the time, commissioners did not oppose the change, but recommended that the town also allocate funds for the maintenance of the Town Forest.

Article 12 read: "To authorize the transfer of all supervision, management duties and responsibilities of the land surrounding the Town Common and fronting on Mammoth Road and Pillsbury Road, which is sometimes referred to as the Town Forest, from the Conservation Commis-

sion to the Town Manager, with the advice and recommendations from the Historic District/Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission and Town Council. The Article has no tax rate impact. The Council and Budget Committee voted 5-0 each to recommend the Article."

The article passed, 1,488 to 527.

At the May 26 Heritage Commission meeting, Allen passed out maps and an information sheet about the Town Forest project. He talked about invasive plants in the area, including bittersweet, and said he has cut a bittersweet vine that was 4 inches in diameter.

Allen said that Conservation cancelled the spraying contract for the bittersweet, and Butler said he would address the issue in a Council meeting.

Allen's plans include a possible area for Scouts to camp, an accessible loop trail with signage, and planting of chestnut, walnut and butternut trees, to represent the

original "Nutfield." Residents could donate a tree from a local nursery and have it tagged with the species, date and donor, he wrote in a memo.

Other possible uses would be for schools and Scout troops to use the area as an educational resource for lessons, badge requirements and community service. He

would like to see more volunteers, especially those experienced with chain saws, he wrote.

And, he wrote, he is eager to see funding made available for the elimination of bittersweet and poison ivy.

The Council meeting is July 11 at 7 p.m. in the Council chambers.

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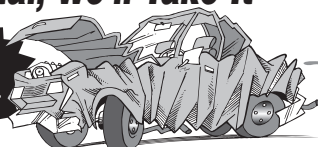
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Boy Scout Troop 521 Sees Change in Leadership

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Boy Scout Troop 521 in Londonderry installed a new Scoutmaster during an outdoor Court of Honor ceremony June 21 at Mack's Apples. Troop 521 was chartered by the Londonderry Grange in 1996.

The event was a troop Court of Honor, where all boys are eligible for advancement and awards. It is different from an Eagle Court of Honor, where one boy is recognized. The outgoing Scoutmaster of Troop 521 is Anthony "Tony" Herrera; the incoming Scoutmaster is Peter Kimpton.

Herrera served as Scoutmaster since 2013.

At the event, three boys earned rank advancements and four boys earned merit badges. The "Flaming Pinecone" Patrol earned the 2016 Golden Skillet Award after winning Troop 521's annual outdoor cooking contest.

According to Kimpton,

"Tony's departure leaves some pretty big shoes to fill. But what he leaves behind are all the pillars of a successful Scout troop - a great program for the boys, true partnership with the chartering organization, and phenomenal parent support. Plus a truly amazing group of kids. One of the phrases we use in Scouting is 'Always leave things better than you found them,' and Tony did that in a big way."

Kimpton, a Londonderry resident, noted the scouts' achievements at the Court of Honor.

"The Boy Scout Motto is 'Be Prepared,' so it's thrilling that two boys earned the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge," he said. "And it's always wonderful to see young men progressing up the ranks towards Eagle - not just because he's moving up, but every rank requires service hours and that's a benefit to the community. But what I liked best of all is

that we also awarded merit badges in Genealogy and Family Life. It really shows how we're about more than camping, knots and first aid - this Court of Honor showed how Scouting really deepens a boy's connection to his heritage, his family, and his community."

Kimpton's personal history of Scouting began with his grandfather George Kimpton, who joined Scouting in the 1920s; his father, David Kimpton, who joined in the 1950s, and his own membership in Scouting beginning in the 1980s.

"All three of us were Eagle Scouts," he said. "As a youth, I attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in 1981 in Virginia, I worked on the Scout Camp staff at Camp Wah-Tut-Ca in Northwood, and I was active in the Order of the Arrow, an honor society and service group of Boy Scouts. I have been active in Londonderry's scouting community since 2008; I was first a Cub Scout Den Leader for five years in Pack 901, and then I was an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 109 for three years. In 2014 I was presented the District Award of Merit for service to the Scouting program in the local area."

Kimpton is also part of the Daniel Webster Council's training staff for Scout leaders across New Hampshire, and his son Samuel is a Star Scout in Troop 521.



Members and leaders of Londonderry Boy Scout Troop 521 are pictured. The troop's leadership has just changed hands from Anthony Herrera to Peter Kimpton. Courtesy photo

Under Herrera, Troop 521 developed a relationship with the Grange. Several parents advanced to leadership roles in the Nutfield Scouting District and the statewide Daniel Webster Council.

Kimpton also points to the growing enrollment in the troop as a sign of its success, along with increasing youth participation in outdoor events and community service.

"I am working with the boys to plan service projects and a robust outdoor program for the troop, which is youth led but adult mentored," he said. "Our troop is off for a week at Scout Camp in

Gilmanton this July, and we just started planning a high adventure trip to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in August 2017 to witness a total solar eclipse. I was lucky to have a great scouting experience as a kid, and I'm going to do my best to pass along that same experience to these boys."

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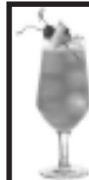
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Photos by Dick Crow Featured at Leach Library in July

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the month of July, the photographs of Dick Crow will be on display at the Londonderry Leach Library.

Crow photographs what interests him, and the subject can be as diverse as wildlife or an historical event in New England.

"Photography has been a hobby of mine to document the various areas of the country I have visited, worked or resided in over the years," he said. "I have been photographing events since I was a teenager growing up in Maryland and Pennsylvania, starting with a Kodak Brownie. I love to photograph wildlife, wildflowers, hawks and all of the backyard birds that visit my feeders. I also love to travel throughout the

New England area to photograph the historical sites and various events occurring on the weekends throughout the year. I have also photographed numerous construction projects while working for engineering firms and contractors in Maryland, Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana and in the New England states."

Now that he is semi-retired, Crow has more time to indulge in his love of photography, and he enjoys exhibits and other photography - related activities.

Crow is a resident of Londonderry and lives with his wife, Sherry, a crafter, musician and published writer.

"We self published a book a few years back with her poetry and my photos in the book," he

said.

"I enjoy presenting my photos to family members and friends as gifts for various holidays," he said. "I also enjoy entering my photos in photo contests in the area. My work as been shown at the Amherst Library, Hudson Library, Rochester Library, Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, Rochester Fair and at Coffeeberries in the Apple Tree Mall in Londonderry."

He has also taken part in the Windham craft show and the annual Pinkerton Academy Alumni Craft Show, and will be at the Pinkerton event again this fall.

He said with pride that at the recent Rochester Library 2016 Photo Contest, he was awarded second place in the Architectural Category.



"Apple Blossoms," Dick Crow

For the Leach Library exhibit, he is displaying photos of birds, architecture, flowers and a montage of 10 photos mounted in one frame of the lunar eclipse of 2015, depicting the various

phases of the eclipse with the time of each photo taken.

"It is a pleasure to be able to present my photos at the Leach Library for visitors to view and enjoy my work," he said. "These

events made available by the Town and the library are a benefit to all of the numerous artists in Londonderry, and I hope that they continue for many years to come."

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- PROVIDER ON CALL - MEDICATION MISTAKES THAT CAN KILL (PART TWO)

The previous article talked about the number of people that suffer due to medication mistakes. We reviewed five areas of concern when taking medications. This week we review the other five.

Insurance companies mandate that the use of generic drugs is preferable whenever they are available. The generic form of Lasix is furosemide, both used as a common diuretic. A patient may have a bottle of each, not know they are the same drug and take both of them thus doubling the dose. Make sure when your provider prescribes a new medication that you go over the details; whether there is a generic, what it is for, the dosage and how often to take it. When you get something off of the grocery store shelf, you think it is safe. Even aspirin is something you have to watch out for since it thins the blood. If you are having a surgical procedure and have taken aspirin, it could lead to life threatening bleeding. Remind your provider, whenever they are writing you a new prescription, what other OTC or prescription medications you are taking.

Grapefruit is harmless, right? Perhaps not if you are taking anti-seizure drugs or statins used to lower cholesterol. A crucial enzyme is inhibited and does not allow it to break down and metabolize many drugs. Coffee does not allow the absorption of iron supplements and can show that anemia is still present. Not all food and drink interactions are mentioned on handouts. Ask your provider about taking medications with or without food or drink.

Medication dosages should be adjusted when kidney or liver functions show signs of failure. Loss of function impairs your body's ability to rid itself of toxins or foreign substances. Make sure you read the fine print and ask your provider if you need screening tests.

Even age can make a difference in the way a medication reacts in your body. Conditions such as

dementia, dizziness and falling or high blood pressure can cause more of a reaction with medications that have these side affects. Look up the "Beers List" (named after Dr. Mark Beers) which is a set of criteria for medications that may not be safe for patients over 65 and review it with your provider.

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Tupelo

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our parking requirements are more than we could fit on the property.

"The expansion is to take advantage of getting bigger artists, to be able to sell more tickets to shows that currently sell out really fast, to get more parking, more bathrooms, and be able to do more events," he explained. "We also needed a bigger stage, a higher stage, and artist facilities that were on the same end of the building as the stage. Everybody (artists, patrons, and Tupelo) will benefit from these changes."

Tupelo has been in Londonderry for 12 years, and Hayward said that he "loved being in Londonderry." But, he wrote, "The best situation available for us ended up being in Derry. For the project to be affordable, we require an existing building with enough land

to park 200 cars, gas, town water and sewer, and a busy area with good visibility and signage."

The A Street property was "the only one that checked all the boxes," he said.

"I've loved being in Londonderry," he said. "The people and town have been wonderful to deal with."

He termed the decision to move "bittersweet." But he's looking forward to being nearer home and supporting his home community.

Tupelo will join the arts scene that already has Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre and the Derry Opera House, he said, adding, "Derry will benefit in many ways. Whenever a performing arts center builds in a town, the surrounding businesses (restaurants, gas stations, shops) get a lot of business. If we have a sold-out show on Tuesday night, these business-

es will thrive at a time when they were not typically busy." Tupelo is a rising tide that will lift other metaphorical boats, Hayward observed.

He is looking at a July 15 closing date, he wrote, and hopes to open in Derry at the end of 2016. He will celebrate 12 years in Londonderry in September.

At its June 16 meeting the Derry Highway Safety Committee found no traffic issues with the plan.

Hayward's Londonderry venue can seat 240 for folk, blues and bluegrass concerts featuring nationally-known performers. The A Street venue will have a capacity of 475.

Hayward noted that, "The beauty of a business like this is that 60 percent of my customers leave together. A smaller number remains behind, to get autographs from the performers and just hang out."

His is not a heavy

drinking crowd, he added. His customers are in the 45- to 65-year-old range, and they don't show up early to party. "They come in to see the show and they leave," Hayward observed.

His hours will be 8 to 11 p.m. except for Sundays, when he will open at 7 p.m.

There will be 207 parking spaces and Hayward said those will be adequate, noting, "For the smaller events, it's one car per customer or couple. For the bigger events, they carpool."

Hayward said he hosts a range of events, from small, intimate concerts with table seating to times when he turns the club floor into a stadium.

Hayward estimated that about 50 percent of his guests would exit onto Manchester Road (Route 28), while another 50 percent will take the back road to B Street. He has a lot of repeat guests, he said, and "once they know

where Tupelo is, they find their own way to get there."

He estimated that 70 percent of his guests are local, from a 30-mile radius.

He will rarely be at full 475 capacity, Hayward predicted. At 70 percent he would fill 330 seats, and generate about 150 cars.

Derry Superintendent of Operations Alan Cote didn't think half the customers would go out B Street.

"Most people don't think of using the back roads," he said, adding, "But at 11 p.m., Manchester Road is pretty quiet."

Hayward said 98 percent of his tickets are bought online, and he provides directions. "I can tell them to use the back way," he said.

But Cote said he'd rather see the concertgoers leave by Manchester Road, noting, "The back roads aren't conducive to high-volume traffic."

Karl Dubay, an engineer with the Dubay Group, said, "Londonderry tried to keep him there. We looked at a couple of sites there, but they just didn't work."

Dubay predicted that Tupelo's "mature customer base:" would not cause a lot of trouble for Derry. "This is a responsible client base, who will actually spend money in town," he said.

That's part of Hayward's motivation for looking to his hometown. "When I book people to this venue, it will put Derry on the map," he said.

Dubay's design would also minimize congestion by having the entrance to the side, and tour buses would park in the back, he said.

The committee, which is advisory, agreed unanimously to send a memo to the Planning Board saying it has no issues with the Tupelo relocation.



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Track Club Fun Runs Forge Forth Through Season 42

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After four decades the Greater Derry Track Club's (GDTC) summer fun runs continue to bring out hundreds of youngsters for healthy exercise and fun.

And season number 42 of the fun runs continued in earnest each of the last two Thursdays at Pinkerton Academy's track, with kids from Londonderry doing themselves particularly proud with top-three finishes in their respective age groups.

In action Thursday night, June 30, a pair of youngsters from town tallied top-three finishes, with one snaring a second and one bagging a third.

"June 30 offered another perfect day of running weather for the third week of the series," said GDTC press liaison Bonney Cashin. "An additional 80 kids signed up to run in the kids' summer fun run series."

So this year, 517 children have participated in the Thursday evening races."

Race participants are asked to donate a non-perishable food item for the local food bank - at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry - as their weekly registration fee, and a total of 312.2 pounds of food were donated that evening. That impressive tally brought the total for the series to 914.7 pounds of food.

Top Londonderry finishers on June 30 included Brady Watts with a second place in the 11-year-old boys' division, and Lily Maher placing third among the girl elevens.

The Thursday prior to that, June 23, provided another lovely summer night. And 138 runners signed on to the series, bringing the series total up to 437 participants.

The tally of non-perishable food donated that night came to 278.9 pounds, with the GDTC holding a goal of handing over a full ton of food to Saint Thomas' pantry via donation by the end of the series.

That evening, Londonderry kids also bagged a

pretty impressive total of five top-three finishes, with two town residents snaring first places in their divisions.

Parker Lewis took second place in the boys' 9-year-old class; Jackson Lewis snagged third place among the boy tens; Lily Maher finished second in her 11-year-old class; Emma Donnelly proved unbeatable among the girls aged 13, and Jake Donnelly was number one among the guys in the open mile with his time of 5 minutes and 12 seconds.

There are four remaining fun runs in the 2016 series, happening July 7, 14, 21, and 28. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and races start at 6:30 p.m. GDTC members lead the kids in stretching and offer running tips.

Everyone gets a participation ribbon, and watermelon, water, and Gatorade are available to the youthful athletes. Kids are invited to run just one week or every week. For further information folks can visit gdtc.org.



Hundreds of young runners have been enjoying the annual fun runs held at the Pinkerton Academy track every Thursday night. Photos by Chris Paul

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Bedell, Other Former Lady Lancer Lax Players Excel in College

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Through lots and lots of hard work and desire, the Londonderry High School girls' varsity lacrosse squad has become one of the most successful and feared in the Granite State.

And the major successes of former Lady Lancer stars like Alexa Bedell, Noelle Lambert, and Caitlin Murphy in women's collegiate lax this spring bear testament to the kind of talent veteran coach Bob Slater's LHS program continues to produce year after year.

Bedell had an astounding sophomore season for the Southern New Hampshire University women this spring, and as a result

of her stellar play the LHS grad received All-Conference, All-America, and All-Region honors.

The local woman, who played both lacrosse and soccer at Londonderry High, racked up 80 points on 50 goals and 30 assists in starting all 18 games for the SNHU crew.

She ended the 2016 season with a point in 15 straight contests, amassing 42 goals and 25 assists for 67 points during that white-hot stretch. The skilled midfielder closed out the regular season ranking fourth in the New England-10 Conference in assists and fifth in points.

Bedell helped the Penmen finish 12-6 overall and earn the fifth seed in the Northeast-10 championship tournament after going 8-5 in league play.

That marked the first NE-10 Championship berth for the Penmen since 2011, while the 12 wins were just one shy of the program record of 13 victories from the 2009 season.

In the wake of the campaign, Bedell found out that she'd been named an All-New England-10 Conference First-Team selection and also - along with two teammates - to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) North All-Region Second Team.

After that exciting announcement, more great news arrived when the LHS grad and one of those teammates were named IWLCA All-America Second Team selections.

The local - who is majoring in economics

and finance at the Manchester school - worked her way into a far more prominent role with the SNHU squad this spring after a more modest freshman campaign in 2015 in which she tallied 11 total points in 14 matches.

Another former Lady Lancer sports standout who played with Bedell on the 2016 SNHU lax squad was Jenna Conroy, a freshman defender who appeared in 13 matches.

Noelle Lambert, a teammate of both Bedell and Conroy on multiple sports teams at LHS prior to her graduation in the spring of 2015, was a stalwart for the fledgling University of Massachusetts at Lowell women's lacrosse team this spring.

The second-year team only managed one victory during the 2016 campaign, but Lambert exhibited powerfully.

The LHS graduate was one of three members of the UMass-Lowell women's lax team to take home America East All-Conference honors at the end of the season. Freshman attack Lambert and a teammate were named to the All-Rookie Team.

Lambert, who was one of six players to start all 17 games for her squad this spring, finished her first collegiate campaign tied for first on the team with 15 goals and second

in both points (21) and assists (6).

The ex-Lady Lancer's four multi-goal games ranked first on the squad, and her six multi-point games tied a team high. Lambert made an immediate impact on the field, setting a program record for points in a single contest with five in her second game as a Lady River Hawk, recording four scores and one helper at Manhattan College.

The talented attack finished the 2016 season tallying three free-position goals, 11 ground balls, nine caused turnovers, and seven draw controls, in addition to earning one America East Rookie-of-the-Week nod.

"Noelle had a really great showing this season, and has demonstrated her scoring ability and competitive drive at the Division I level," said Lowell head coach Carissa Medeiros. "We are proud that she was recognized as a top rookie in our conference, and are looking forward to three more years with her helping to develop our offense."

Caitlin Murphy, a 2012 graduate of LHS and the Lady Lancers' powerful girls' lax and soccer programs, capped off her superb collegiate lacrosse career with great work for the Roger Williams University lax squad in Bristol, R.I., this spring.

The former Lady Lancer stalwart - who played on title-winning LHS squads in both 2010 and 2011 - started all 19 of her college team's games and potted 16 goals while dishing out seven assists for 23 total points from her midfield spot.

The 2016 RWU team had a record season, going 15-4, winning the Commonwealth Coast Conference championship, and advancing to the NCAA tournament for the first time.

Murphy was a team captain during both her junior and senior seasons at RWU, and during her four-year lax career there she played in all 72 games, starting all but seven.

"The day of her NCAA game in Gettysburg, Pa., was also the day of commencement at RWU," said her proud dad, Sean Murphy. "She was the only senior on her team and missed her commencement. She brought her cap and gown, and the post-game tailgate became her own commencement ceremony with family, friends, teammates, and coaches."

The ex-Lady Lancer was twice named to a Commonwealth Coast Conference All-Conference Team, once as a defender and once as a midfielder.

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Small Lancer JV Boys' Volleyball Contingent Played Big

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's seven-member 2016 boys' volleyball squad may have been small in numbers, but it played big and tallied an impressive 8-6 record over the spring while also preparing its players for a higher level of volleyball in the future.

Coach Jill Bartlett's contingent consisted of juniors Tim Sullivan, Brian Murphy, and Danny Bears, sophomores Luke Cava and Timmy O'Neil, and freshmen Matt Nickerson and Vin DelSignore.

Outgoing Londonderry High varsity boys' volleyball coach John Vaughn - who retired following the 2016 campaign

but got good looks at the JV crew many times throughout the spring - offered his thoughts on the squad in pinch-hitting for Bartlett, who welcomed a new baby near the end of the JV Lancers' season.

"The players consistently improved throughout the year and learned skills easily," said Vaughn.

"Luke Cava led the team in kills and blocks, while Danny Bears was the setter in our 5-1 set-up. Timmy O'Neil moved to opposite half way through the season and his setting was solid. Tim Sullivan was a force as a middle blocker, and is improving his attack. Bryan Murphy was an outside-hitter who developed an effective

serve during the year. Vin was our first outside-hitter, and he played solid defense as well. Matt Nickerson keyed our back line and had many overhand attacks from behind the attack line."

Vaughn and Bartlett were both highly impressed with the work ethic of the JV athletes and the showings they

put forth in all of their matches.

"As Jill might say, 'These boys put in a tremendous effort every day in practice and we were competitive with every program we faced.' The future for LHS volleyball is bright with many of these players making the jump to varsity next season," stated Vaughn.

Leach Library's Young Adult Program Focuses on World

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Leach Library Assistant Director Sally Nelson asked her son what would have encouraged him to read more as a teenager. His response and her own experience working with teenagers led to the development of a Young Adult Reading Program for the library, a program that has run successfully since 1999.

On Thursday evening, June 30, the program's challenge for the youngsters was to create their own country, design a flag for it and develop rules and laws.

The theme of this year's Young Adult Summer Reading Program is "Get in the Game," Nelson said. The young people meet weekly from 6 to 7 p.m. and explore remote locations of the world and extreme endeavors of the mind in the reading portion of the summer program, with snacks and door prizes, raffles and books to be had each evening, Nelson said.

"My goal is to make

this fun," she said. While hesitating to call it an educational program, she said it is always a "learning experience. We are creating our own world to explore and keeping it very broad."

The program is open to youngsters entering sixth through 12th grades.

As Nelson looked around the room, she said, "We have a nice mix of girls and boys and all ages. This is a really great group of kids. They didn't all know each other before the program began but they have come together nicely, sharing ideas and working into one large, happy group. Cat Boudreau helps me with this program and we are a tag team, and Megan Donovan helps as well."

The participants keep track of the books they read on a reading log and follow guidelines to be eligible for awards and prizes.

The program is supported by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library as well as local businesses. Nelson said thanks are due also to the

English staffs at Londonderry Middle and High schools.

All students are welcome to sign up to participate in the program until Aug. 8. There will be a wrap-up pizza party on Aug. 11, and reading books for the awards and prizes goes through Sept. 10. Nelson added that for those in LMS grades 6 and 7 who read 12 books by closing time Sept. 10, they will earn a certificate to give to their English teacher for extra credit.

A list of events in the program can be found on page 16.



Dozens of young people took part in the "Get in the Game" Young Adult Summer Reading Program at the Leach Library last week. Photo by Penny Williams

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**SUMMONS
COMPLAINT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
RSA 31:5**

Case Name: **Town of Londonderry v. Others**
Case Number: **218-2016-CV-00622**

Date Complaint Filed: June 09, 2016

A Complaint for a Special Town Meeting of the Town of Londonderry, is on file in this office.

It is ORDERED, that the Town of Londonderry notify all parties who have an interest in the complaint of the following: **Evidentiary Hearing**

Date: July 21, 2016
Time: 9:00 AM
Time Allotted: 30 Minutes

Location: Courtroom 6 - Rockingham Superior
10 Route 125, Brentwood

Any interested party may appear at this hearing and show why the Complaint for a Special Town Meeting should not be granted. If you wish to be heard on the complaint you must first file an Appearance with this court on or before July 21, 2016, and send copies to the party listed below and any other party who has filed an Appearance in this matter.

The Town of Londonderry shall publish a copy of this Summons in the Londonderry Times. The Town of Londonderry shall promptly file with this court a Return of Publication on or before July 21, 2016.

Send copies to:

Michael D. Ramsdell, ESQ

Ramsdell Law Firm PLLC
46 South Main Street
Concord NH 03301

If you will need an interpreter or other accommodations for this hearing, please contact the court immediately.

Please be advised (and/or advise clients, witnesses, and others) that it is a Class B felony to carry a firearm or other deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625.11, V in a courtroom or area used by a court.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

July 05, 2016

Maureen F. O'Neil
Clerk of Court

(504)

NHJB-2483-S (10/01/2013)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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SUPERIOR COURT

IN RE: TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

Docket No. 218-2016-CV-00622

**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY'S VERIFIED MOTION TO AMEND VERIFIED
PETITION TO HOLD SPECIAL TOWN MEETING PURSUANT TO RSA 31:5 TO
INCLUDE COST ITEMS IN SECOND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

The Londonderry Town Council, on behalf of the Town of Londonderry, New Hampshire (the "Town" or "Londonderry"), moves to amend the pending Verified Petition to Hold Special Town Meeting to include the cost items in a second collective bargaining agreement. In support of its motion, Londonderry states as follows:

1. By petition dated June 7, 2016, Londonderry petitioned the Court to hold a special town meeting pursuant to RSA 31:5 for the purpose of raising and appropriating the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$42,905) to approve the cost items in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93 (LAEA – Unit B – Town Administrative Personnel) ("LAEA, Unit B"). A hearing on the Town's petition is scheduled for July 5, 2016.

2. Special town meetings are governed by RSA 31:5, which provides in pertinent part that: "In case an emergency arises requiring an immediate expenditure of money, the selectmen may petition the superior court for permission to hold a special town meeting which, if granted, shall give said meeting the same authority as an annual town meeting." RSA 31:5, I(a).

An "emergency" is defined as: "a sudden or unexpected situation or occurrence, or combination of occurrences, of a serious and urgent nature, that demands prompt, or immediate action, including an immediate expenditure of money." RSA 31:5, I(b). "This definition, however, does not establish a requirement that an emergency involves a crisis in every set of circumstances." *Id.*

3. As explained in more detail in the Town's petition, the "emergency" within the context of RSA 31:5, I(b) is that the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and LAEA, Unit B includes a special enrollment period for the union employees to switch to a health savings plan that will provide greater than \$160,000 in savings to the Town and the union members during the term of the agreement. However, the special enrollment period requires implementation by January 1, 2017, which is more than three months before the Town's next annual town meeting. Consequently, a special meeting must be held prior to January 1, 2017 to enable Londonderry to take advantage of the special enrollment period, thereby saving the Town's citizens thousands of tax dollars.

4. Londonderry seeks to amend the pending petition to add a second warrant article pursuant to RSA 31:5 for the purpose of raising and appropriating the sum of Fifty-One Thousand One Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$51,114) to approve the cost items in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1801 ("Local 1801"). The Town could not include the cost items in this collective bargaining agreement in the original petition because the parties only recently reached a contingent agreement.

5. As is the case with collective bargaining agreement between the Town and LAEA, the "emergency" within the context of RSA 31:5, I(b) is that the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Local 1801 includes a special enrollment period for the union employees to switch to a health savings plan that will provide greater than \$160,000 in savings to term of the agreement.¹ Identical to the situation with LAEA, because the special enrollment period requires implementation by January 1, 2017, a special meeting must be held prior to that date to enable Londonderry and the union to take advantage of the special enrollment period.

6. The Town has complied with the procedural requirements of RSA 31:5 regarding the pending petition for special meeting. This motion will not require a separate special meeting. Nonetheless, the Town proposes the following procedural steps to conform with the process already undertaken as nearly as possible:

- Notice of this motion will be posted today at the Town Council Chambers and the Town Clerk's Office and shall remain posted for at least ten days;
- Notice of this motion will be published in the next available edition of the Londonderry Times, a local newspaper with a wide circulation in the Town.
- Notice of the location, date and time of the evidentiary hearing on this motion will be posted within twenty-four hours after receipt of that notice from the Court, and that notice will be posted in the Town Council Chambers, the Town Clerk's Office, and at least two other conspicuous places in the Town;
- Notice of the evidentiary hearing also will be published in the next available edition of the Londonderry Times; and
- As indicated by the certificate of service at the end of this motion, the

¹ Because the Town would be able to save \$188,032 in healthcare costs during the four year agreement, the net cost of the agreement to Londonderry's taxpayers would only be \$18,630.

LEGAL NOTICE

Town will deliver today a copy of the motion, as well as a copy of the special warrant article, to New Hampshire DRA Commissioner John T. Beardmore ("DRA").

8. The proposed special town meeting warrant article, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A, states as follows:

Special Town Meeting Warrant Article

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1801, which calls for the following appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was raised under the current agreement and policies for the employees of the Union:

Year	Cost Increase from Prev. FY	Tax Increase from Prev. FY*	Total Estimated Cumulative Cost	Average Rate Incr.
FY 17	\$51,114	\$.01	\$51,114	1.5%
FY 18	(\$22,012)	(\$0.01)	(\$22,012)	1.5%
FY 19	(\$3,389)	\$.00	(\$3,389)	1.5%
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And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$51,114** (\$0.01 on the tax rate) for the FY17 expenses, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under the existing agreement.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$51,114 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate increase of \$0.01 in FY 17 based upon projected assessed values.)

This article is supported by:

Town Council – (Yes: 0-0-0) Budget Committee – (Yes: 0-0-0)

** Projections are based on projected assessed values.*

9. A proposed Amended Decree for Special Town Meeting is attached as Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Town of Londonderry respectfully requests that the Court:

A. Schedule a hearing on the instant motion on July 18, 19 or 20, 2016;

B. Amend the pending verified petition to hold a Special Town Meeting on

September 13, 2016 pursuant to RSA 31:5 to include the cost items in a second collective bargaining agreement; and


C. Grant such additional relief as justice requires.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

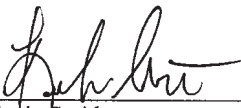
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VERIFICATION

I, Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith, under the pains and penalties of perjury, verify the facts alleged in the foregoing motion are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Kevin Smith
Londonderry Town Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this Town of Londonderry's Verified Motion to Amend Verified Petition to Hold Special Town Meeting to Include Cost Items in Second Collective Bargaining Agreement will be hand delivered this date to New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Commissioner John T. Beardmore.


Michael D. Ramsdell



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ROCKINGHAM, SS

SUPERIOR COURT

IN RE: TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

Docket No. 218-2016-CV-00622

AMENDED DECREE FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The above entitled Petition, as amended via motion dated July 5, 2016, came before the Court for hearing and the Court, having considered the evidence, finds that an emergency has arisen in the Town of Londonderry which may require an immediate expenditure of money.

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Town Council for the Town of Londonderry is hereby authorized to hold a Special Town Meeting on September 13, 2016 at the Londonderry High School for the purpose of acting upon the articles set forth in the accompanying petition and motion, and the Special Town Meeting shall have the same authority as that of an annual Town Meeting.

The above approval is conditioned upon compliance with all statutory requirements relating to posting and notice which control such a Special Meeting.

This decree is made solely for the purpose of permitting the Special Town Meeting to be held, and it is not to be construed nor interpreted in any other manner nor for any other purpose whatsoever.

SO ORDERED.

Justice, Rockingham County Superior Court

AROUND TOWN

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

Concerts on Common

Londonderry Concerts on the Common features the Bruce Marshall Group with blues, R&B, rock and Southern boogie music on Wednesday, July 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Town Common. For a complete schedule of the free concerts and details, visit www.ConcertsOnTheCommon.org. Concerts on the Common are provided by the Londonderry Arts Council.

Home-built Fly-in

The second annual Home-built Fly-in Aircraft Show at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire at the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport takes place Saturday, July 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All aircrafts are welcome. The family-friendly event includes demonstrations and activities for all ages. There will be raffles to win a scenic flight or flight lessons, and food will be available for purchase. Regular museum admission applies. Home-built/Experimental pilots flying in will receive free admission.

Electronics Recycling

An electronics recycling fundraiser takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Grange No. 44, 260 Mammoth Road. Enter the horseshoe driveway from Pillsbury Road for easy drop-off. Boy Scouts from Troop 521 will be waiting to take items, with cash or check payable to Grange No. 44. Snacks will also be for sale. CRT monitors will be accepted for \$10 each. Other electronics that will be accepted and their cost can be obtained by calling Sheryl at 437-5413.

Young Adult Programs

Young Adult Summer Reading programs at the Leach Library are held in the downstairs meeting room from 6 to 7 p.m. Thurs-

days and are open to students entering grades 6-12. Snacks and drinks are served; door prizes are raffled. Thursday, July 7 is Games Night; bring games to share or make a game with supplies provided. Thursday, July 14 is Book Bingo; all participants receive at least one book as a prize. Thursday, July 21 is Library Olympics, and Thursday, July 28 is a discussion of "Peak" by Roland Smith. The first 50 to sign up receive a paperback copy of the book.

Food Fun Bingo

Children's Summer Reading Program Food Fun Bingo takes place at the Leach Library on Monday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to noon for a picture version of the game. Every participant will win and be able to choose books from a selection table. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Story Time

Children's Summer Reading Program Story Time "Secret Agents" takes place at the Leach Library on Tuesday, July 12, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for stories of adventurous secret agents. Patrons of all ages are invited to a program of stories, finger plays and songs. No registration is required.

Animal Athletes

Join Squam Lake Natural Science Center at the Leach Library on Wednesday, July 13 from 11 a.m. to noon to explore animal athleticism. Participants will meet a variety of animals and learn about their athletic qualities. Live animals that may be at the program are a snake, hawk, beaver, and American kestrel. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-

1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Craft Times

Leach Library hosts Craft Times for the Children's Summer Reading Program. On Thursday, July 14, children can decorate a pillow using fabric markers. On Thursday, July 21, children can paint a wooden fan. On Thursday, July 28, children can design a fabric bandana and decorate it with fabric markers. All programs are from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to each program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Fins, Feathers and Fur

The Leach Library Children's Summer Reading Program presents "Fins, Feathers and Fur" on Monday, July 18 from 11 a.m. to noon for stories of different types of pets. The audience will be treated to a reading of "Running with Rollie" by local author and Londonderry High School graduate Jeffrey Bradley. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Dragon Tales

Leach Library's Children's Summer Reading Program presents a "Dragon Tales" story time on Tuesday, July 19, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The program includes stories, finger plays and songs. No registration is required.

Magic

Malik the Magic Guy comes to the Leach Library Children's Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, July 20 from 11 a.m. to noon for a program filled with comedy and magic tricks. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call

432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Forest Friends

The Leach Library Summer Reading Program for children includes a program on Monday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to noon with stories of forest friends big and small and how a goat was helped to find his way home. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Birds of a Feather

Leach Library Children's Summer Reading Program presents "Birds of a Feather" story time on Tuesday, July 26, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The program offers stories, finger plays and songs. No registration is required for this drop-in program.

Library Concert

The Leach Library Summer Reading Program presents New Hampshire musician Amy Conley in concert on Wednesday, July 27 from 11 a.m. to noon. Participants will be treated to a wide range of songs, from old favorites to original songs, played on instruments including a guitar, banjo and ukulele. Registration is required on the Thursday prior to the program. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Free Clothing

Renew opens July 9 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Derry residency not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email renewclothing@yahoo.com, or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Vacation Bible School

St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Road, offers "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School from Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for youths entering first grade

up to sixth grade. Cost is \$20 for one child, \$15 for a second child, \$10 for a third child, and \$55 for a family of four or more. Details are available at www.stjudenh.com or by calling Trish Woodward at 437-7026.

Search for Town's Oldest Citizen

The town of Londonderry is searching for town's oldest citizen to be presented The Boston Post Cane. The Boston Post Cane tradition started in 1909 when the Boston Post newspaper delivered the cane to 700 towns in New England for them to be presented to the oldest citizens. Candidates must be the oldest known citizen in town documented by birth certificate, passport or voter registration; a resident of Londonderry for at least 25 years; and a U.S. Citizen, Naturalized or registered voter. For more info contact: Kay Webber, Londonderry Historical Society, 24 Peabody Row, Londonderry. Call 432-2886. Deadline is Sept. 30.

Homebuilt Fly-in

Second Annual Home-built Fly-in Aircraft Show at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, on Saturday, July 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All aircrafts are welcome. This is a unique family friendly event, and there will be demonstrations and activities for all ages throughout the day. There will be raffles to win a scenic flight, or flight lessons. Food will be available for purchase. Regular museum admission applies. Homebuilt/Experimental pilots flying in receive free admission.

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the church secretary at 434-1516.

Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. July 8 at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road, Derry. The program will be presented by Richard Holmes, Derry Town Historian, on the grounds of the historic farm where Frost lived from 1900-1911. A tour of the house is optional. Members are asked to bring a bag lunch; chips, drinks and dessert are provided.

Beginning Media Camp

The Londonderry Access Center's Beginner Summer Media Camp will be held July 18-29 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The camp is for students entering fifth through eighth grades in fall 2016. Participants will learn video production and will produce a TV show and have a screening of all their work at the end of the two weeks, for friends and family to see. Early registration is encouraged by calling Erin at 432-1100, ext. 185.

Clothing Ministry

St. Gianna's Closet ministry provides gently used clothing for children from birth through teen. Call Liz at 437-6678. Donations of gently used children's clothing can be brought to 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry or St. Thomas Church in Derry during weekday business hours.

Hospice Volunteers

Amedisys Hospice is looking for volunteers to help provide services to patients who are terminally ill and their families. Hospice volunteers help in a variety of ways, including providing companionship at the bedside to general support to patients and families. For more information or to register for volunteer training, contact Valerie Cilizza, Volunteer Coordinator with Amedisys Hospice of Londonderry, at 421-0414 or valerie.arnista@amedisys.com.

HU Chant

An Eckankar Community HU Chant takes place Sunday, July 10 at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday, June 28

9:25 a.m. Cars egged last night on Baldwin Road.

3:31 p.m. Caller on Otter-son Road reports vehicles egged the other night.

4:39 p.m. Jesse Greene, 26, Wall Street, Derry turned himself in on war-rant for Conduct After an Accident. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recogni-zance, with Derry Circuit

Court date of Aug. 9.

6:44 p.m. Caller reports tent at Adams Road pond near bench.

11:22 p.m. Caller on Pills-bury Road reports loud vehicles running in drive-way and people being loud. Ongoing issue.

Wednesday, June 29

6:55 a.m. Theft at Man-chester-Boston Regional Airport, Airport Road.

3:35 p.m. Jeffrey Joseph Klier, 38, homeless, arrest-ed for Burglary. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recogni-zance, with June 30 Derry Circuit Court date.

7:51 p.m. Employee from Subway on Perkins Road reported subjects broke beer bottles in parking lot and drove over garden.

Thursday, June 30

7:58 p.m. Caller on Red

Deer Road reported valve stem on bike, which is on a trailer, was broken off.

Friday, July 1

10:58 a.m. Londonderry Fire responding to Sleep Inn, Perkins Road on report of smoke in the building.

10:58 a.m. Caller on Winding Pond Road re-ports vehicle drove over garden.

Saturday, July 2

10:05 p.m. Anonymous loud music complaint on Meadow Drive.

Sunday, July 3

2:38 a.m. Caller on Tink-ham Lane reports intoxi-cated man in driveway. William Nelson Wright IV, 38, 5 Arrow Lane, Nashua arrested for three counts

of Possession of Con-trolled/Narcotic Drugs. Bail set at \$3,000 personal recognizance, with Derry District Court arraign-ment Aug. 23.

9:24 a.m. Caller from RMZ Truck Stop, 137 Rocking-ham Road reports female slumped over in a Toyota Scion. Crystal Bickmore, 27, 25 Laval St., Apt. 23, Manchester arrested for Possession of Drugs (in a motor vehicle), Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor, and handicapped parking. Bail set at \$1,500 personal recognizance, with Derry District Court date of July 12.

2:40 p.m. Bedford Police arrested Christopher Lal-

iberte, 38, 428 Donald St., Bedford on Londonderry warrant for Criminal Lia-bility for Conduct of Another. He was trans-ported to the Strafford County Jail by Bedford as a result of another no-bail warrant.

2:57 p.m. Anonymous re-quest to monitor party that has already started on Winding Pond Road.

9:41 p.m. John A. Beltran, 46, 89 Litchfield Road, Apt. B, Londonderry ar-rested for Domestic Vio-lence (simple assault) and Criminal Mischief (van-dalism). Bail set at \$1,500 personal recognizance, with Derry District Court arraignment July 5.

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Free Meals

The Community Meals Program provides free meals to all; Derry residen-cy is not required. Sunday, July 10, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry; Saturday, July 16, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry; Sunday, July 17, din-

ner, 5 to 6:15 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry; Friday, July 29, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church, East Derry Road, Derry; Sunday, July 31, lunch, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Lon-donderry, and Sonshine Soup Kitchen, Derry, dinner, 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.



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