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## Fun Run

Quinn Morrison tries for the quickest time during last week's Obstacle Course Races at the Londonderry Recreation Summer Camp Program being held at the playground of South Elementary School. See more photos on page 2.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Zoning Board Grants Appeal on Page Road Building Permit

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council, as per state statute, on June 6 approved a building permit on a Class 6 road for Peter and Susan Carl. The permit included Londonderry Fire requirements.

The property is located at 38 Jack's Bridge Road, which was discontinued in 2004, leaving the only access to the Carl property over Page Road, a class 5 roadway that becomes a class 6 roadway where the property is located.

The granting of the

building permit followed a two-step process that involved Planning Board review and recommendation and the authorization and approval of the building permit by the Town Council, once municipal liability was released.

The crux of the issue

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## Town Contracts Go to Special Deliberative Session, Election

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two contracts for town employees will be moved to the warrant for a special meeting after there were no speakers at a public hearing.

The public hearing July 21 drew three Councilors, one by speaker phone; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Chief Financial Officer Doug Smith, who is no relation to the Town Manager; and no speakers.

The articles will be discussed in a deliberative session Aug. 15 and the warrant articles will be voted on in conjunction with the Sept. 13 New Hampshire primary

election.

The articles read as follows:

- Article One. 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, Council 93 (LAEA - Unit B - Town Administrative Personnel), 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: First year, FY 17, \$42,905, .01 on tax rate, average

1.5 percent increase.

The contract includes 12 "middle manager" administrative employees at the Town Hall, according to Smith. It has been approved by both the Town Council and Budget Committee.

- Article Two. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items 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

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## State Republicans Condemn Baldasaro's Comments About Clinton

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Al Baldasaro said what he meant and meant what he said.

The retired Marine sergeant and Republican state representative for Londonderry is standing by remarks he made during a radio interview with WRKO Radio's Jeff Kuhnner on Wednesday, July 20. In the interview, Baldasaro criticized Democratic Presidential candidate and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's handling of the terrorist attack on the compound in Benghazi, Libya.

He told Kuhnner that Clinton should be "put in front of a firing squad" for

her response and the eventual death of four Americans.

His comments did not sit well with the New Hampshire Republican Party.

Jennifer Horn, chairman of the New Hampshire Republican Party, said in a statement, "Representative Baldasaro's comments are appalling and have no place in public discourse. Calls for violence in politics are never appropriate."

Horn concluded, "I condemn his statement in the strongest possible terms and urge him to immediately apologize."

New Hampshire Speaker of the House Shawn

Jasper, a Republican, said in a statement, "I believe strongly that free speech is a fundamental constitutional principle that we enjoy as Americans. However, with those rights come certain responsibilities. To suggest that a candidate for President of the United States is guilty of treason and should be

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# Rec Campers Beat the Heat and Race for Fun



Last week's Obstacle Course Races at the Londonderry Recreation Department's Summer Camp Program at the playground of South Elementary School are always a favorite. This year, dozens competed; the top racers were: Owen Davies, Aidan McKivergan, and Sam Street for the boys and Sage Matzler, Taylor McKinnon and Kendall Grant for the girls. First year Councilors Breda Holland, Jess Toomey and Mercedes El-Azem organized the event.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

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### - PROVIDER ON CALL - RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME (RLS)

Restless legs syndrome (RLS) is a condition in which your legs feel extremely uncomfortable while you're sitting or lying down. It makes you feel like getting up and moving around. When you do so, the unpleasant feeling of restless legs syndrome temporarily goes away. Restless legs syndrome affects both sexes, can begin at any age and may worsen as you get older. Restless legs syndrome can disrupt sleep, leading to daytime drowsiness, and make traveling difficult. People typically describe restless legs syndrome (RLS) symptoms as unpleasant sensations in their calves, thighs, feet or arms, often expressed as deep seated, creeping, crawling, jittery, tingling, burning or aching.

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 any-

one 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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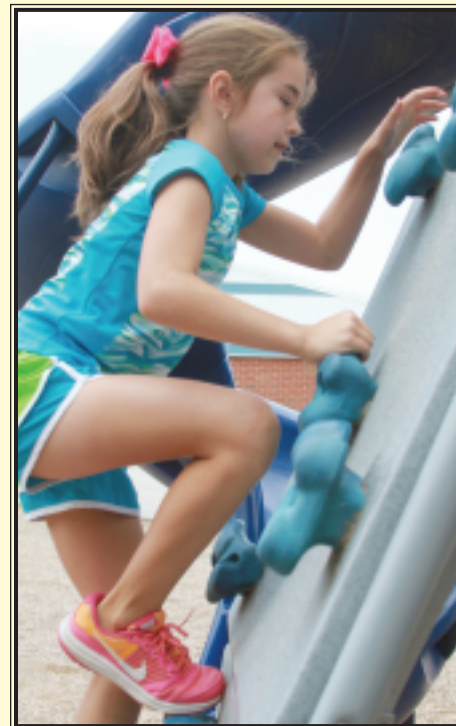
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# Construction Taking Place on Senior Center Addition

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Work is proceeding on an addition to the Londonderry Senior Center.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said this week that the construction approved by voters in the March Town Meeting has begun.

The project will include a new room for programming, a storage area and an expanded kitchen, according to Smith.

"Overall, it will increase the size and function," he said. The expansion will accommodate more seniors and more programming, Smith said.

Smith said that expansion has been part of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for a while and they were able to use Unexpended Fund Balance to pay for this renovation, without adding to the current taxes.

Currently framing is being done on three sides of the new area, Smith said.

Administrative Support Coordinator Steve Cotton said the current Senior Center is approximately 3,360 square feet, and the addition will give another 1,900 square feet.

The project should be completed by early fall,

Smith said.

The Senior Center hosts a holiday craft fair, a Thanksgiving dinner, a summer barbecue and a fall bake sale at Mack's Apples. Weekly programs include yoga and exercise classes, Tai Chi, knitting and crocheting, Bingo, and Mah Jongg and Computer Clubs. The annual Ice Cream Social is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 18, pending construction needs.

The Senior Center is located at 535 Mammoth Road in the former Mayflower Grange building. For information on programs, call 432-7509.



Construction is well under way at the Londonderry Senior Center with the foundations on the additions poured and framing begun. There will be 1,900 square feet added to the existing building. Photo by Chris Paul

## Perkins Road Subway Armed Robbery Suspects Caught

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Police Detective Chris Olson said police have apprehended two persons believed to be involved in a robbery at the Subway restaurant on Perkins Road last week.

He said the Police Department received a call Wednesday, July 20 just before 10 a.m. reporting two men running down Perkins Road. He said the men were shirtless, wearing black masks, one reportedly carrying a firearm, the other a safe.

Londonderry police officers checked the area and went to the Subway Restaurant, where the clerk mouthed "help me" to them. He told the officers he had just been

robbed and during the robbery he had been forced to the floor and kicked. He was subsequently taken to the hospital for treatment for his injuries.

Using a dog to track the robbers, the police found two men wandering around the Vista Ridge apartment complex. One had a distinctive tattoo on his back that had been identified in a surveillance camera video.

Thomas Berard, 39, 4 Acton Court, Greenville, was arrested. A 17-year-old juvenile was arrested and released as well. Also arrested was Kaila Jane Hull, 7A Long Pond Road, Kingston, discovered by police to be wanted on an outstanding warrant. The two males had been staying at her apartment at

Vista Ridge but Olson said she is not thought to have been part of the robbery.

The police recovered \$270 at the time of the arrest but Olson said more than that had been stolen.

Berard was charged with armed robbery, simple assault, reckless conduct, placing another in danger and criminal threatening by use of a deadly weapon. He was held on \$100,000 cash bail and was arraigned in Derry District Court July 21. At that time his bail was not reduced.

Londonderry Juvenile Detective Alvin Betten-court said the 17-year-old was released to a parent. He has filed a Juvenile Petition with Derry Family Court and a court date will be set for the teen's arraignment.

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# Editorial

## Think First

It's easy in this political season to speak before we think. The comments of some candidates have been so outrageous, in addition to being so polarizing, that it's all we can do not to blurt out something equally inappropriate.

The same holds true as we read the almost daily news stories about the latest act of mass violence against police or gatherings of people. It's too easy to react with generalizations that in calmer times we would never utter, let alone think.

But the anger and outrage and us vs. them mentality make it even more important to recognize that our hallowed free speech carries with it a serious responsibility. Just as there's a fine line between free speech and yelling fire in a crowded, and not burning, theater, we need to understand the potential result of demonizing religions or nationalities or political parties and their candidates.

Jennifer Horn, who heads the Republican Party in New Hampshire, said "calls for violence in politics are never appropriate." We couldn't agree more.

And now comes WikiLeaks' release of emails involving the Democratic National Committee and its underhanded attacks on Bernie Sanders, emails stooping so low as

to advocate questions about his religious beliefs as a way to harm his Presidential run.

But it's not just the Presidential election that is bringing out the worst in people; the tragedies of mass shootings and attacks on police officers have led unstable people to take matters – and guns – into their own hands.

Calling for violence against each other – whether it's in the heat of a political race or in reaction to a horrendous act – does no one any good.

The idea of thinking about what we say before we say it needs a huge boost right about now. We don't want to be responsible for killing an innocent person – and yes, killing is a likely result of the continual calls to violence.

If an unstable person hears enough times that someone is evil or in league with the devil or a criminal – despite no truth to the allegations, violence is a distinctly possible response.

In this age of social media and the internet, people write and send and post without even a second reading. We're used to immediate gratification and an almost instantaneous reaction.

But we're dealing with real lives, folks. Think before you speak.

# Letters

## Disregarding Voters

To the editor:

Yet another slap in the face (more like a kick in the groin) emerges in regards to the decisions by voters in the metropolis of Londonderry, NH.

Those in power have decided to sneak the auditorium issue through the back door of the Londonderry School District under the guise of a Capital Improvement Plan.

Does the LSD have the power to control the outcome of my tax dollar? Why even ask us to vote if the decision of "no" is circumvented?

It appears the term "spread the wealth" has transformed into a "spread the debt" agenda. "Spend" is in while "save" is the new four letter word.

These people would be wise to return to first grade to be re-educated as to what means "Yes" and to what a final "NO" means, for they too are not above being replaced.

The recession may be over for those willing to advocate this tax burden, but it's still a very present reality in the budgets of the residents in this town....me being one of them!

R Schaitel  
Londonderry

## No Auditorium

To the editor:

I am writing concerning the article in the latest issue of the Londonderry Times concerning the comment by School District Business Manager Peter Curro about needing an auditorium within the next three years.

I commented about this before, right after the citizens of Londonderry voted this article down, and we were told we did not know what we were voting for. It was voted down. What part of "no" do they not understand.

Are we going to get this shoved down our throats for each election until everyone who said no has passed away or moved? Leave it alone. We cannot afford this!

John Antonellis  
Londonderry

## Boondoggle Resurfaces

To the editor:

Once again, the spectre of the \$10 million boondoggle commonly referred to as the new Londonderry High School auditorium has reared its ugly head.

Thanks to our School District business manager and his rubber stamping school board, the latest iteration of the auditorium has been classified Priority 2 in our town's latest Capital Improvement Plan, meaning that it is "necessary within three years to maintain basic level and quality of community services."

Pardon my ignorance, but do we currently possess an auditorium? I could understand the need to "maintain" our current situation but since we do not have an auditorium, we would not be maintaining but rather we would be upgrading, an upgrade that is neither needed nor desired.

In the interest of clarification I will acknowledge that the auditorium is desired by some, and the majority of those who do so are in the employ of our school district. They are a minority but they are a very vocal minority. They will tell you how imperative it is to your child's education, and reference the New England Association of Schools and Colleges report that recommended such a facility.

What they will not tell you is that the recommendation was just that, a suggestion that it would be a nice thing to have but that the absence of one in no way jeopardizes our ac-

creditation. What they will also fail to disclose is the financial impact beyond the initial cost.

Imagine the auditorium construction comes to pass; rest assured your property taxes will rise commensurately. I'm sure you're thinking that that is obvious, but here is the hidden gem.

When contract time comes around for all our school district employees, they will bleat on about needing a raise to keep up with the cost of living, a cost that has increased because their taxes are higher. And why are their taxes higher? Need I say more? Won't it be wonderful for the rest of us to bear our portion of the cost for this totally unneeded expense as well as theirs?

Let us also consider what the actual numbers will be. The 2006 proposal was for a palatial venue of over 45,000 square feet costing over \$17 million. That gained little traction.

The 2014 committee came back with a downsized version that came in at nearly \$10 million. Even at the lower dollar figure the voters in 2014 soundly defeated the ballot question that asked for \$500,000 to fund its architectural and engineering services.

Nearly 60 percent of the voters said no to that one.

We must not forget the annual maintenance costs either, which were estimated to be \$160,000. I'm sure none of these costs have decreased in the last two years.

I will give the pro-auditorium crowd credit. Even after being informed in no uncertain terms, not once, but twice, that the populace of our town in no way, shape, or form supports the construction of such a facility, they are still working tirelessly to spend your money.

Frank Campisi  
Londonderry

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# Two Businesses Receive Variances for Taller Signs

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two Londonderry businesses requested variances to allow them to replace aging signs with new ones that are 16 feet tall. The Zoning Ordinance allows for 10-foot signs but in both cases, the existing signs were already 16 feet tall.

Chris Karras, representing 209 Northeast, a fleet services business, requested a variance before the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) Wednesday, July 20 to replace an existing 16-foot rusting sign at 197 Nashua Road (Route 102) with a

new 16-foot sign in the same location.

His argument for the variance was primarily based on the new sign's being more attractive and that it would be an enhancement to the area. He pointed out it is the same size but newer than the existing sign, which was erected in 1972. He said the sign meets all setbacks and would not be seen by any other properties because there are none close to the location. The sign is set back 40 feet from the front lot line, when a 15-foot setback is required.

There was no public comment for or against the matter. The board

said the proposed sign was better looking than what exists and needs to be 16 feet tall in order to be seen because it is set so far back from the road. The board also said that was a safety consideration, allowing trucks to be able to see the sign from the road without difficulty.

The proposed sign meets the intent and spirit of the ordinance because it is better looking and thus enhances the area, provides a safety factor, and provides for substantial justice because there are a number of 16-foot signs along Route 102.

There are no neighbor-

ing properties to be diminished, only forests and fields, so no diminution of property values would result, and a smaller sign would be a hardship and would make the business less easily identified, thus raising a safety issue for truckers. The height of the sign makes it visible to drivers going at the permitted speed.

The ZBA voted 5-0 to approve the variance request.

The second sign variance request came from the auto and truck sales business located at 214 Rockingham Road (Route 28) and owned by Moorecar Realty Trust. The trust had applied to replace the existing 16-foot sign with a new 16-foot sign and was denied and told to replace it with a 10-foot sign.

Peter March and Dan Hutchins of New Hampshire Sign Company explained that the location of the business on a curve in the road, with adjacent vegetation and a building on the property, would make a 10-foot sign difficult to see. They said the sign proposed is the same height as the existing sign and is needed for people to see the business, which depends on drawing people in who are driving by.

They also said the 16-foot sign is one of many higher than 10-foot signs along the road, and identified several in the neighborhood that are 20 to 24 feet tall. They said the new sign would enhance the area and attract business, whereas the 10-foot sign would limit visibility.

They added that justice would not be done by limiting their sign height when there are other signs in the neighborhood that are much higher. And they said the new sign would improve the neighborhood, while denial of a 16-foot sign would be hardship by reducing visibility for soliciting business when the business relies on the sign.

Only one person asked to see the sign and was not happy with the neon edge. The proponents of the sign said if required for acceptance, they could live without the neon border.

The ZBA members were concerned that the sign is "very busy." Several were concerned that people driving by and trying to read everything on the sign would be distracted and cause a safety concern.

The applicants said they could accept three lines of text rather than the four proposed. The

sign is lit but goes off one half hour after the business closes at night.

ZBA members said the spirit and intent of the ordinance was met by the new sign if the neon edge were removed and lines of text were limited. They said the height was needed because the business is on a curve in the road and trees and the building and curve interfere with visibility at a 10-foot height.

However the ZBA stipulated the sign be 16 feet tall from the low grade level, not from the existing flower box base.

No surrounding properties would be diminished because they all have similar signs along that stretch of Rockingham Road. The ZBA members agreed that denial would be a hardship for the business because of the property location and line of sight, and that the fact they are proposing replacing a sign with the same size as already exists is a reasonable use.

The ZBA approved the variance request 5-0 with the conditions that the sign proposed eliminate the neon border, reduce the number of text lines from four to three, and measure the total 16-foot height from low grade level.

## Special Meeting Continued from page 1

the current agreement and policies for the employees of the Union: First year, FY 17, \$51,114, \$.01 on tax rate, \$51,114, 1.5 percent average increase.

This collective bargaining unit includes members of the Town Clerk's staff and Public Works employees, and was approved by both the Council and Budget Committee.

Councilor Tom Freda conducted the public hearing in the physical absence of Chair John

Farrell, who participated by speaker phone. Councilor Tom Dolan was the third member present.

The three Councilors unanimously approved moving each item to the warrant after no speakers came forth.

Both unions' contracts expired in July 2015.

The Town said the proposed contracts would benefit the town because a new health plan would be part of the agreement, and that plan would save the town an estimated \$71,000 and save the union members \$96,000.

However, he said, the enrollment period for the health plan ends Jan. 1, 2017, and the Town Meeting vote is not until March, so the town petitioned the state to have a special meeting to vote on the contracts, and was approved under the "emergency" clause.

The Deliberative Session will be Monday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room at Town Hall. Voting will be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Londonderry High School gym.

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# Zoning Board Corrects Error in Auto School Rehearing Vote

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A request for a rehearing by the Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) in the Complete Auto Driving case, in which Al Cardello requested a variance to allow the driving school to operate out of the Londonderry Presbyterian Church as an accessory use, ended May 18 with a 3-2 vote to deny the request.

At the June 6 ZBA meeting the board voted to rehear the case based

on a request by members Jaqueline Berardino and Bill Benard, who had each voted no, to correct an error.

Berardino and Benard claim the May 18 vote was unlawful and/or unreasonable because they did not vote in favor of the applicant's meeting all five of the criteria during deliberations, but voted in opposition to the motion to deny the request for a variance. As a result, they asked the ZBA to rehear and/or reconsider the case to correct the unlawfulness and/or un-

reasonableness of the results.

On Wednesday, July 20, the ZBA held the rehearing to correct the mistake in the original case. A motion was made to deny the variance, and the vote was 5-0.

In other business:

- Bob Feldmann of Colonial Drive filed a request for a rehearing of the Moreau Living Trust variance to allow subdivision of an 8-acre lot with a right-of-way to Colonial Drive into two single-family lots, each having 50-foot frontage.

On June 6, the ZBA heard the Moreau request of the Moreau Living Trust. At that time Richard Canuel, Senior Building Inspector, told the board the lot in question was a landlocked piece and when the Colonial Road subdivision was put in, the landlocked lot was given a 50-foot right-of-way access.

That occurred before the Conservation Overlay was put in place, so as an existing lot of record, the property could be developed for a single-family dwelling without needing

a variance or coming to the ZBA.

The property has substantial wetlands and the owner's preference is to put in a driveway to two lots, but an alternate plan could be to put in a roadway and develop from three to five lots.

The board said the proposed two-lot subdivision was a reasonable use of the property and voted 4-0 to approve the variance.

Feldman provided the ZBA with 20 pages of information to review before deliberating about

a re-hearing. Smith asked board members if they wanted to consider the rehearing issue that night, but most thought taking time to reconsider the material was important.

Chairman Jim Smith said that because the 30-day appeal period would expire before the next ZBA meeting in August, it would be necessary to suspend the case to buy time for review. The rehearing request would then be addressed at the next meeting. The board voted 5-0 to do that.

## Page Road

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that brought the Carls before the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) on Wednesday, July 20 were the conditions imposed by the Londonderry Fire Department based on National Fire Protection Agency standards. These include: 12 feet per lane, making the improved roadway 24 feet wide; turnarounds every 1,200 feet; road construction with hard, all-weather surface sufficient to sustain fire truck weight; and maximum road slope not to exceed 6 percent.

In addition, the address was to be changed to Page Road and stonewalls that may be in the way would have to be moved and rebuilt. And a private maintenance agreement signed

by the Carls and other residents on that road would be required to assume liability for any damage done to town vehicles or equipment called to the property.

The Carls were represented before the ZBA by Attorney Steve Clark, who said some of the conditions imposed by the Town Council were unfair. He sought relief from the ZBA for the requirement that if the improved road is not 24 feet wide, the dwelling to be built would be required to have a sprinkler system. He said the improved roadway to 24 feet and the sprinkler system requirements are a burden and a financial hardship for the Carls.

The turnarounds every 1,200 feet were not a concern because they would not be needed, as the improved road length in

question is less than 900 feet. The Carls sought relief from the roadway improvement requirement of 24 feet width and the sprinkler system for the dwelling if the road were not 24 feet.

The ZBA deliberation last week focused on the road. Page Road leading up to where the Carls would be required to improve it is 12 to 15 feet wide. The town has no formal policy for width of a class 6 roadway, and the requirements given the Carls were based on NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards.

Other dwellings in that area did not face similar requirements, and Clark pointed out the Carls obtained an estimate of \$30,000 for a sprinkler system. Fire Department Division Chief for Fire Prevention Brian Johnson

said that was a very high quote and typically the cost would be considerably lower – a \$30,000 sprinkler would be for a “very big house,” he said.

The ZBA said that if it granted the appeal for relief, the Carls would still have to pursue the matter of building a dwelling without a sprinkler system or widening the road with the Londonderry Fire Department and the State Fire Marshal's Office before they could receive an occupancy permit.

Clark told the board he would like relief at the ZBA level to avoid having to move on to the next level of relief but would do so if the ZBA denies the relief sought.

The ZBA questioned its authority to make the decision to grant the appeal from the administrative decision but was

assured by Senior Building Inspector/Zoning Officer/Health Officer Richard Canuel and Laura Gandia that the board has that authority and that legal counsel had been contacted regarding it.

The ZBA members were concerned that requiring the roadway to be 24 feet wide would impinge on rights of way and easements belonging to other families, and would create additional problems. Looking at just the roadway width and the sprinkler system requirements, the ZBA deliberated on the request after there were no comments from the public.

Chairman Jim Smith said his gut reaction was to grant the appeal and let the homeowner continue to pursue whatever subsequent legal appeals might arise.

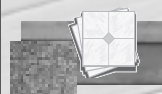
Neil Dunn was concerned that asking the Carls to improve a roadway to 20 or 24 feet would create issues with easements or rights of way along the proposed improved roadway. He also found it difficult to accept the requirement that they build out a class 6 road to a greater capacity than the road leading to it.

The ZBA found both the requirements of widening the roadway to 24 feet after being connected by a roadway of 12 to 15 feet, and the cost of the sprinkler system, to be unreasonable.

The ZBA approved the appeal from the administrative decision regarding the construction of the roadway to 24 feet wide and from the requirement for a residential sprinkler system by a 5-0 vote.

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# Red Star Twirlers Compete in Nationals at Notre Dame

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Red Star Twirlers aren't Summer Olympics bound because their sport isn't recognized as an Olympic category, but they work and train just as hard as any Olympian athlete.

Red Stars director Gina Hutchinson said her twirlers are in final preparations for the NBTA (National Baton Twirling Association) National Championships next week at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. Four Red Star athletes are getting ready to attend, and while the entire team competes every other year, individual team members test their skills every July.

This July it is Emily Cowette, 13, and Morgan Torre, 15, both of Londonderry; Alexis Crocker, 12, of Hudson and, Tiana Barton, 8, of Derry.

Hutchinson said Emily is working on three baton routine, which earned her the gold in her age group in 2015. As the winner of the prestigious three-part overall event, including a baton twirling routine, a strutting routine suited to leading a college band, and modeling and interview when she

was in the juvenile division three years ago, Emily is now hoping to win in the advanced pre-teen division.

As the difficulty needed in routines progresses through the age divisions, Emily has been a standout, Hutchinson said. She is the youngest Red Star to master four-baton juggling, for example, matching her skills to those several years older than she.

Among her strengths are the ability not only to be a solid twirler, but a stellar performer, Hutchinson said. Last year, Emily came in second in Show Twirl and is hoping to make number one with a performance to "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend."

Morgan, her duet partner, has honed her skills with practice 15 to 20 hours a week since school got out, said Hutchinson, who said competing at Notre Dame is one of her favorite events each year. In Show Twirl, complete with a broom, Torre will perform to a medley of songs from the Broadway hit "Wicked." Show Twirl is geared to train twirlers to perform in shows, just as the name implies. This has always been a strength for Red Star Twirlers due to



Emily Cowette, 13, of Londonderry; Morgan Torre, 15, of Londonderry; Alexis Crocker, 12, of Hudson and Tiana Barton, 8, of Derry will be testing their individual skills at the NBTA National Championships at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind. Courtesy photo

the number of shows the team performs each year.

Alexis is an intermediate twirler and is the Intermediate Miss Majorette of New Hampshire. In her first Nationals in 2015, she placed in the top 10 in several events.

"The youngest Red Star heading for Nationals is 8-year-old dynamo Tiana Barton of Derry," Hutchinson said. "In 2014 she won

the first medal for the team in her first trip to South Bend. Last year, she added several more as her skill level rose. This year, as Beginner Miss Majorette of New Hampshire in the 7- to 9-year-old division, her speed and technique as a young twirler should set her up for high placements."

Tiana has been twirling since she was 4 and is a

student at Ernest P. Barka Elementary School. Her show twirl is a medley of songs about candy, complete with a 5-foot-tall lollipop to match her pastel costume.

All four twirlers are private students of Hutchinson and of KeriAnn Lynch Unger.

Meanwhile, in Derry, the rest of the team is gear-

ing up for a performance at the Fisher Cats game on Aug. 5 and the Londonderry Old Home Day Parade later that month, as well as preparing new routines for next year's Nationals, when the full team will compete.

For information about the Red Stars, call 432-9116 or visit: [www.theredstartwirlers.com](http://www.theredstartwirlers.com).

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# Derry, Londonderry Seek to Capitalize on Breweries

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**hey'll drink to that, and they'll probably do it in Derry or Londonderry.

The Greater Derry-Londonderry Chamber of Commerce held its first Brew Hampshire event July 14 in the Derry Opera House to celebrate local small-batch breweries. The event gave exposure to the companies, several of which provided samples, and gave local residents a fun night out.

Will Stewart, Chamber president, said the idea began "brewing" when he

noticed how many craft-style breweries were in his two towns. In Londonderry there's the 603 Brewery, From the Barrel Brewery and Pipe Cream Brewery, while Derry is home to Kelsen Brewery and Rockingham Ale.

The evening began with a taste testing, followed by a film called "Brew Hampshire" and a panel discussion. In the discussion, panelists gave their reasons as to why the two towns are a good place to start a beer, ale or mead business.

"For starters, it's a great location," Stewart

said. "Southern New Hampshire is close to I-93, and it makes distribution easy." It's also easy for retail companies to find the breweries, and to taste-test before they order a six-pack or a case. Many have small taprooms where visitors can try out a variety, he said.

"Both towns are good to work with from a permitting standpoint," he said. And both have available land that is good for commercial properties.

The film "Brew Hampshire" is a documentary about the rise of craft brewing in New Hamp-

shire, Stewart said. The panel discussion included producers Meagan Frappiea and Bryant Naro of Slate Roof Films Ltd., representatives of Kelsen and 603 breweries, and local businessman Andy Day.

Stewart said the initial event drew 85 people. Admission was \$10 per person for those over 21.

"The craft beer industry is seeing phenomenal growth in the Derry/Londonderry region," Stewart wrote in a press release. "And given the industry's economic development potential with regard to

both job creation and tourism, the Chamber is excited to host this event to further promote and celebrate our region's craft breweries."

The event was sponsored by Iron Heart Canining and hosted by the Chamber.

The Derry Economic Development Committee is drafting a plan for a "full-on Oktoberfest," vice-chair Chris Black said at the July meeting. The tentative date is Oct. 6, 7 and 8, 2017, and the committee is currently working out the logistics of alcohol licenses, traffic

and parking.

Chairman Terri Pastori said, "One of our goals was to create a signature event. But we're going to do our research first."

Within a 10-minute drive, Black said, there are five craft breweries, one meadery and two wineries.

Stewart pronounced an Oktoberfest "a great idea" and said he didn't know of any area that has as many breweries and wineries in such close proximity as Derry and Londonderry. "It will be a boon for job creation and tourism," he said.

## Baldasaro

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'lined up and shot' crosses the line between political rhetoric and irresponsible speech."

Jasper added, "I am deeply troubled that the line has been crossed by a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Make no mistake about it; I am not defending that candidate for President. However, given the events of the past few weeks, where we

have witnessed protesters calling for the killing of police officers, followed by the subsequent murder of eight officers and the wounding of others, it is stunning to me that anyone would make similar comments involving a candidate for President."

Jasper concluded, "I condemn the comments made by Representative Baldasaro and I call upon him to think about the implications of those comments, renounce them, and apologize for them."

The House's Communications Director, James Rivers, said that he doesn't believe the House has any further plans to censure or discipline Baldasaro.

"If the residents of Londonderry are unhappy with Mr. Baldasaro, they can make their views known at the ballot box in September," Rivers said.

The current Speaker's philosophy, Rivers said, is, "We work with the people that are sent to us."

The Secret Service has said it is investigating Baldasaro's comments.

Baldasaro said he was speaking as a veteran, a patriot and a parent.

Baldasaro said Clinton deserved the firing squad

because of the Benghazi fiasco and also because of her use of a private e-mail server on which she fielded classified information while serving as Secretary of State. "Anyone who has a private server, who has information that could get out to the enemy, is committing treason," Baldasaro said in a phone interview July 21.

The firing squad is an accepted form of military justice, according to Baldasaro.

Baldasaro has been touring the country with Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump as co-chair of Trump's New Hampshire veterans coalition, and spoke with the Londonderry Times

from the Republican convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Like his candidate, he shoots from the metaphorical hip. "I don't work from a prepared speech," Baldasaro said.

Both Benghazi and the misuse of classified material are personal to Baldasaro, who, in addition to being retired military, has a son who is serving now. Clinton's candidacy worries Baldasaro, who alleged, "She committed treason. Should she be Commander in Chief?"

"This is personal to me," he reiterated.

Baldasaro also told Kuhner that Clinton was "a piece of garbage."

"She is a disgrace . . . for the lies that she told those mothers about their children that got killed over there in Beng-

hazi," Baldasaro said of Clinton. "She dropped the ball on over 400 e-mails requesting backup security. Something's wrong there."

"The liberal media ran with this," Baldasaro added. "They'll get over it."

Baldasaro said he has spoken with the Trump campaign's head of security, who "told me not to worry."

In addition, he said, he has received telephone calls from all over the country from veterans thanking him for his stance. "They are saying, 'You're right, she's not above the law,'" Baldasaro said.

"I said the truth as a veteran," Baldasaro said, adding, "The firing squad is still on the books."

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# Area Democrats Open Campaign Headquarters

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Democrats from five area towns gathered at their new campaign headquarters for the official grand opening on Wednesday, July 20 near Coffeeberries at the Appletree Mall in Londonderry.

Representatives from Londonderry, Derry, and Chester, along with Auburn and Litchfield, attended. Among the attendees were Chris Pappas, running for Executive Council; Carol Shea-Porter, who hopes to regain her seat in Congress; and Tammy Siekmann, who will be running for State Senate in Londonderry and Hudson.

Siekmann and her husband, Tim Siekmann, organized the event and will be doing much of the administrative work at the headquarters.

Pappas raised the controversy over statements made by State Representative Al Baldasaro, R-Londonderry at the Republican National Convention. Baldasaro said in an interview that Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton should be “shot for treason” for her role in the Benghazi email scandal.

“Trump is responsible for allowing that sort of rhetoric to exist in his campaign,” Pappas said. “No one should be sitting on the sidelines during this election.”

Shea-Porter told the group that “Trump doesn’t stand for the people of New Hampshire. Just think about what would happen if Trump is able to win the presidency and how that would affect the Muslims in the country.”

“When you’re too tired campaigning, just think of



Tammy Siekmann, who will be running for State Senate, and Field Organizer Adam Massachi speak to the group gathered for the opening of the Democratic campaign office last week. Photo by Chris Paul

those people who will be affected by a Trump victory, and push a bit more,” she added, emphasizing

Clinton’s positive message that “Together, we can do better.”

The headquarters is

located at 4 Orchard View Drive in Londonderry near Shaw’s Supermarket. For more information,

contact Tammy Siekmann at 785-1999 or email chair-@londonderrydems.com.

# Saturday Storm Downs Trees, Causes Power Outages

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The storms that passed through southern New Hampshire late Saturday afternoon caused power outages and downed trees in several area communities.

According to Martin Murray of Eversource, there were significant issues caused by trees and limbs and branches hitting wires and bringing down 43 poles across the state. However, he said the 500 Eversource linemen had all but 1 percent of the 61,000 outages cleared up in 24 hours, a significant effort he said in challenging hot weather conditions.

“The majority of the outages we experienced this weekend were related to tree branches and trees breaking and falling onto the electric lines and poles,” said Bob Allen, manager of Vegetation Management for Eversource New Hampshire. “Because we have been experiencing an extended period of extremely dry weather conditions, trees in the region are especially brittle and prone to breaking.”

Local crews were supported by Eversource workers from Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Londonderry Fire Department’s Division Chief of Fire Prevention Brian Johnson was help-

ing with dispatch during the Saturday night storm. He said the hardest hit areas included Young Road, Dan Hill Road and Mammoth Road at Hall Road, where trees and limbs and wires were down and some road closures occurred.

He said during the hours of 6:30 to 9 p.m. Londonderry Dispatch, which dispatches for Londonderry and Hampstead, had 23 calls between the two towns. He said Battalion Chief Mike McQuillen handled the Londonderry issues, prioritizing them and getting crews quickly dispatched to the more serious.

“We lost power at the

Central Station, and the South Station was without power for 14 hours,” he said, noting generators powered the stations while the electricity was out.

Johnson said a shed and home at 2 Pheasant Run Road were hit by a falling tree during the previous storm on July 18

and had the bad luck to get hit again Saturday night by a falling tree. A house on Pendleton Road was hit by a tree Saturday as well.

“We had lots of trees and branches on wires and several small fires but apparatus was sent to take care of these,” said Johnson. “It was definitely

an interesting evening. And there were some parts of town that had only a little wind and were unaware of what was happening in other parts of town.”

He said he thought power was restored to most Londonderry residents by Sunday.



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# Broadway Meets Londonderry at Local Theatre Camp



Participants in the annual Triple Threat Theatre Camp were hard at work over the weekend, putting the finishing touches on some of the routines they would perform on Wednesday, July 27. Two former Broadway performers, Enrico Rodriguez, who appeared in "Rent," and General McArthur Hambrick, who appeared in "Cats," took part in directing the camp. Pictured at top left, Rodriguez directs performers in a scene from "Rent." At top right, Emily Thomas gets some pointers from Hambrick as she rehearses "Memories" from "Cats." Photo by Chris Paul

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Londonderry 9-U Hardball Stars Collect State Championship

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry 9-U all-star baseball squad continued to do an impressive imitation of a steamroller last week by going perfect in the state tournament on its own Londonderry Athletic Field Association Hale diamond to claim the 2016 state championship.

After going a perfect 5-0 in the district tournament to qualify for last week's big state event, the local hardball crew remained perfect in going 4-0 at the states to collect the crown.

Londonderry placed an exclamation point on its success in the championship game Thursday, July 21 by hammering the Keene contingent by a 14-5 tally.

The now 17-3 locals' next challenge comes at the Cal Ripken Regional Baseball Tournament, which begins this Friday, July 29 in Keene.

"The boys really deserved the win and the title," said proud head coach A.J. Marsh. "They have been on an incredible run, going 9-0 between

areas and states while beating some quality teams. Our guys are playing great baseball. They have been very focused and determined to win. I'm proud of the kids for all of their hard work. It's really a pleasure to coach this team."

In the pummeling of Keene in the title game, the local contingent exploded for eight huge runs in the fifth inning to sprint away from its opponent.

In that decisive frame, the Londonderry side utilized a run-scoring single from Boden Belanger, an RBI double by Brady Gillis, a wild pitch, a two-run error, another RBI single by Ryan Williams, a steal of home by Cole Metivier, and an RBI single by Jayden Hamilton to bust the contest open. Prior to that the two teams had traded runs in looking for a way to the vital victory, and that led to five lead changes in the game before Marsh's young men took over for good.

Before that huge fifth inning, the local crew had received an important RBI

double from Devin Boles in the fourth that plated his teammate Carter Browning. Boles wound up notching two RBI for the victorious locals.

The squad's pitching highlights were provided by Jonathan Wilson, who got the starting nod and went four innings racking up six strikeouts and throwing 13 first-pitch strikes. Gillis then came on in relief and hurled the next two frames to close things out. He notched four strikeouts.

Gillis also collected three hits at the plate for his squad, and Jayden Hamilton, Ryan Williams, and Belanger each claimed two knocks in the momentous victory.

"This is the first state championship team from Londonderry since 2002, which is a really great accomplishment," said Marsh.

The regional tournament - which includes the top 9-U squads from across New England, will feature pool play. After this coming weekend's action, the Londonderry squad will be seeded based upon its record and



The Londonderry 9-U all-star baseball team continued its exceptional summer with still more success in the state tourney on its own Hale Field last week. The champs thumped Keene by a 14-5 score in the finals. Courtesy photo

move forward in single-elimination bracket play that will run from August 1-4.

The Londonderry team had advanced to the state championship game by thumping the Hudson team - which also lost to Keene later to set up the state title match-up - by a 13-3 tally on the evening of Tuesday, July 19.

In that decisive victo-

ry, the local squad placed the 10-run rule into effect after five frames by plating seven runs in the first three innings and then six more in the fifth frame.

Gillis was a real power for Londonderry both at the dish and on the hill, racking up three RBI with two hits before pitching the final inning of the game successfully.

Starting pitcher Hamil-

ton whiffed six batters during the first four frames, and important offensive contributions also came from him, Ryan Williams, Zach Mantegari, and Cole Metivier.

Metivier also played some superb defense, catching a line drive at third base and then doubling the Hudson runner off at second base to wow the crowd.

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# Lightning 8-U Softball Crew Makes History at Regional Tournament

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

By finishing second overall at the recent New England Babe Ruth Regional Softball Tournament in Barrington, the Londonderry Lightning 8-U softball team became its organization's first squad at that age level to qualify for the upcoming Babe Ruth World Series in Jensen Beach, Fla.

The local team - head coached by Mike Saucier with assistance from Brian Daniels, Doug Peckham, Brendan Burns, and Dave Merhib - posted a solid 5-3 overall record in winding up the runner-up contingent at the regional tourney.

The Lightning crew was bested in the championship round by the title-winning New Milford, Conn., crew.

"Due to the close time crunch and monies needed to go to the tournament, we have respect-

ly declined the invitation. But it's a great achievement nonetheless," said Burns.

The Londonderry bunch began its involvement in the three-day tournament with some mixed success on Thursday and Friday, July 14 and 15, splitting four contests.

The locals won their first game in an incredibly tight, 1-0 decision over Andy Valley, Maine, but the Lightning then got crushed by the Stamford, Conn. entry by a 10-0 tally in game two of the first day.

The local squad then rebounded magnificently the next day with a 15-2 walloping of the Andy Valley bunch in game one of July 15, but game two of that day went to the opposition with New Milford, Conn. claiming a 7-1 victory.

But the Londonderry contingent then went on an exceptional three-game winning streak to drive

itself straight into the championship contest.

The locals dusted off the Andy Valley crew one more time in a 10-0 whitewashing in game one of July 16, and they followed up that superb performance with a nip-and-tuck, 9-8 edging of the Stamford squad to advance to a semifinal-round meeting with the host Barrington contingent.

There in the semis, Saucier's squad pulled out a 9-5 win to set up a battle with the New Milford mob with all of the proverbial marbles sitting on the table in the title game.

And the Connecticut crew proved that it was not to be messed with on that particular day, bagging a convincing 14-4 victory to stride proudly away with the regional crown in its grasp.

"The offense was impressive, with every player having multiple hit games. And from games



The Londonderry Lightning 8-U softball crew made some history recently in finishing as the runner-up at the regional Babe Ruth tourney. Shown seated from left are Abigail Austen, Elisabeth Kearney, Addison Browning, Sara Daniels, Grace Nutter, and Regan Burns. Holding the banner from left are Emma Saucier, Shannon Crowley, Natalie Merhib, and Maeve Campbell. And in the back row from left are head coach Mike Saucier and his assistants Brian Daniels, Doug Peckham, Brendan Burns, and Dave Merhib.

three through eight, the entire team only had six strikeouts," said Burns.

The key to the Londonderry team's defense was its infield play, with Grace Nutter making a number of impressive throws from third base to Elisabeth Kearney at first. Kearney aided the cause by making numerous out-

standing catches.

Pitcher Sarah Daniels and second baseman Addison Browning each gobbled up multiple fly balls, and along with speedy shortstop Shannon Crowley they kept almost every batted ball in the infield. The few softballs that reached the outfield were handled easily by

outfielders Regan Burns, Natalie Merhib, Emma Saucier, and Abby Austen.

Stephanie Peckham and Maeve Campbell handled the catching duties incredibly well despite the fact that the locals competed in intense, 90-degree heat throughout and played a total of eight games in just three days.

## Three Teams Neck-and-Neck in 50-Plus Softball League

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Birch Tree Counseling Center, Justin Time Snacks Eagles, and Rocco's Pizza teams continued to vie diligently for the top spot in recent Londonderry 50-Plus Soft-

ball League play.

The most recent tally of both points and records in the local league had Birch Tree boasting a 7-3 record and 14 points with Justin Time second at 6-5 with 12 points and Rocco's third at 5-5-1 with

11 points.

The Efficient Energy Systems contingent was doing its very best to climb out of the league's cellar with its humble record sitting at 2-7-1, good for some five points.

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# Burbine Leads Racketeers Honing Skills at Bedford Tennis Camp

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's difficult to swing a tennis racket and not hit a Londonderry resident at the Granite State Kids' Tennis League Camp this summer.

The sizable crew of Londonderry residents taking part in the annual camp - either as players or coaches - includes 2016 Londonderry High boy tennis players Denis Geiger, Ben Doris, Quentin Caruso, Ryan Leo, Cam Ness, and Josh Galluzzo, and perhaps most notably former LHS Lady Lancer tennis star and current Assumption College (Worcester, Mass.) women's tennis standout Cassie Burbine.

The Lancer males are working diligently to hone and improve their skills in

an effort to continue the strides made by the LHS tennis team this past spring. And Burbine is serving as a coach at the summer camp, which will run through Aug. 5.

Granite State Kids (GSK) is a non-profit organization that supports and promotes junior tennis in the Southern New Hampshire area. The organization uses a team concept that emphasizes fun, fitness, and friends in which the focus is on enjoying exercise and refining the skills that make tennis fun at all ages.

Cassie Burbine has been involved with the GSK organization for many years, and it assisted her in climbing her way up toward what has thus far been a notewor-

thy collegiate tennis career at Assumption.

As a freshman during the 2014-15 collegiate year, the ex-Lady Lancer star was named to Assumption's Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Student-Athlete Honor Rolls. She was also named to the Northeast-10 All-Rookie Women's Tennis Team and was a two-time New England-10 Rookie of the Week.

Burbine competed in 17 singles matches and 18 doubles matches for the Lady Greyhounds that season, posting a fine 10-7 record playing number one and number two singles as a freshman. She also played number one doubles and finished with a 9-9 record with her doubles teammate.

Then as a sophomore

during the 2015-16 school year, Burbine was named to the Northeast-10 Weekly Honor Roll on two occasions. She competed in 17 singles matches and 16 doubles matches for Assumption, posting a 7-10 record in singles while going 7-9 in doubles play. She played number one singles and doubles for the Lady 'Hounds.

Prior to Assumption, Burbine played four impressive years as a Lady Lancer racketeer, winning a state title as one half of a doubles state championship duo in 2013 and on her own as a state singles champ the next year. She completed her high school career with a 53-3 singles record and an equally amazing 53-3 doubles record.

Burbine, who would



Former Londonderry High tennis standout and current Assumption College tennis stalwart Cassie Burbine, left, runs some of the campers at the Granite State Kids' Tennis League Camp through exercises recently. Burbine is a coach at the Bedford summer camp. Courtesy photo

like to own her own tennis club one day, also played volleyball at LHS.

Anyone interested in

Granite State Kids' Tennis programs can gather more information at [granitestatekids.com](http://granitestatekids.com).

## GDTC Fun Run Numbers Rise Over the 600 Mark for the 2016 Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Track Club's (GDTC) 42nd Kids' Summer Fun Run Series winds down with its final night of races Thursday evening, July 28 at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. And the last two Thursday nights featured more superb competition and action, with Londonderry residents standing up tall in numerous age divisions.

The Thursday, July 14 event was held under

threatening skies with 80 degree temperatures, and 38 additional participants signed up to take part that evening. Those additional racers brought the total of series participants to 605, and the donations of non-perishable food items by each registrant brought in 190 additional pounds of food for donation to the Saint Thomas Food Pantry in Derry. Those 190 new pounds of food moved the total of food donated to the pantry to 1,324.7 over five weeks of runs.

Londonderry runners who managed top-three finishes that night included Anthony Ronzelo (first) in the 9-year-old boys' class, Caroline Leon (first) in the 12-year-old girls' division, and Emma Donnelly (first) among the girl thirteens.

One week later on July 21, the races were held under beautiful skies with 80 degree temperatures.

An additional 15 registrants joined the fun that evening, bringing the total of participants for the series up to 620.

The July 21 attendees came through for the local food pantry by adding another 195.6 pounds of non-perishable food, bringing the series total of donated food up to 1,520.3 pounds.

Among the Londonderry competitors that

night, the top finisher was Michaela Horan with a second place in the 10-year-old girls' division.

Everybody is welcome to come out and take part in this Thursday night's seventh and final week of 2016 fun runs. Youngsters aged 2 and 3 run 50 yards

across the Pinkerton football field. The 4- through 6-year-olds cover a distance of some 200 meters, and the 7s and 8s run a total of 300 meters. The 9- and 10-year-olds run 600 meters, and the 11-13-year-olds cover a cross-country mile.



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# Interim Pastor Joins Londonderry United Methodist Church

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

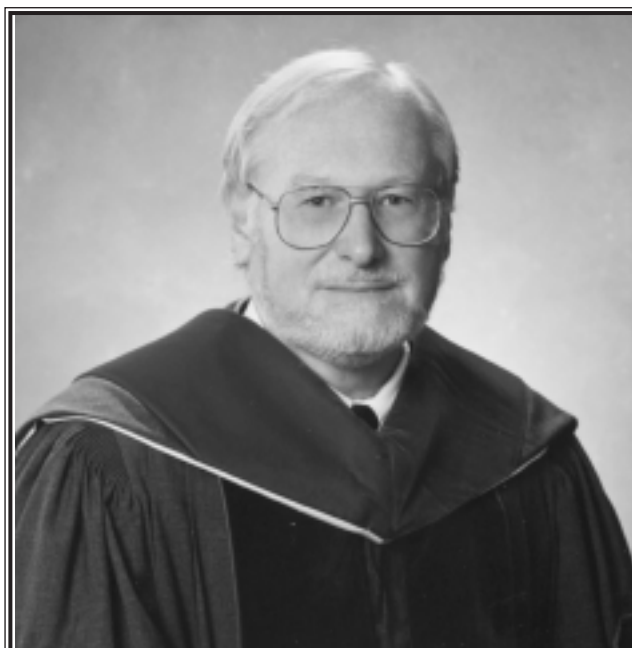
Last March the Londonderry United Methodist Church congregants knew their minister was leaving and as of July 1 they would have a new minister on the job.

After serving the Londonderry congregation for three years, Pastor Lynne Mentzer was invited to serve St. James United Methodist Church in Merrimack on July 1. Since then, the Rev. Thom Gallen has been called to Londonderry and is already settling in.

"For 14 years before coming to Londonderry, I was the executive director of the Preachers' Aid Society of New England, a small private foundation that relates primarily to the United Methodist Church," he said. "I came to Londonderry as interim pastor for the coming year while the United Methodist Bishop considers a longer term pastor to replace the much loved Lynne Mentzer."

Gallen has served churches before. "I spent 11 years at the First UMC in Chatham on Cape Cod 16 years ago and this is a very different experience," he said of his Londonderry position. "That was primarily a resort and retirement community, whereas this parish is very diverse, has a lot of young folks, strong lay leadership, some very 'old timers' and everything in between. The Church has a broad spectrum of programs and a variety of worship experiences on Sunday morning."

According to the church web site, the Londonderry Methodist Church was founded in the spring of 1854, with the first service held by a Mr. Nutter in Londonderry Town Hall - now the Lions Hall. Nutter, of Kingston, was subsequently appointed to Londonderry by the Methodist Conference and worship services were started in small neighborhood meetings in different



Rev. Thom Gallen serves as interim Pastor at the Londonderry United Methodist Church.

Courtesy photo

parts of town.

After two years of fundraising and building, the Methodist Church building was completed and dedicated on March 5, 1856, with a debt of \$300 that was soon repaid. In 1869 the first parsonage was purchased with \$1,200 plus a debt of

\$500.

A meeting of pew holders in 1891 decided to proceed with needed renovations. The church was raised 2 feet, and a furnace and new slate roof were installed. The door was changed to the center of the building, and vestry and coatrooms to the right and left of the entrance were finished.

In 1931 electric lights were installed at the church and the parsonage, and water was piped to the sinks. In 1953 the Londonderry Methodist and Presbyterian churches joined in federation, which lasted until 1961. In 1968 the global United Methodist Church was

formed with the merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The Londonderry United Methodist Church spire was added in 1980. Ground was broken for the addition of the Sunday School and Fellowship Hall wing in June of 1988 and the building was consecrated on April 30, 1989.

The sanctuary has been renovated many times during its more than 150 years, the last of which occurred in the summer of 2000. Termite-damaged floor joists were replaced and new flooring, carpeting, plastering, lighting, ceiling fans, communion rail and pulpit were installed.

More recently the sanctuary basement was renovated to add classrooms and meeting spaces to accommodate continued growth of the congregation.

Gallen said, "I have only been here two weeks, and I love the community. It has a strong social network, wonderful shopping and living amenities, a good library, etc. I was very impressed with the article in one of the local papers on the outlook of the police chief, who seems very attuned to national events and a strong sense of community/police relations."

Looking to the future, Gallen said the church plans this coming year to do a comprehensive review of its program, resources and facilities and lay out a plan for ministry for the next five to 10 years, all in preparation for a more permanent pastoral assignment to the parish.

"I was on the staff of our national United Methodist Church mission agency for a number of years in New York City and was responsible, in particular, for our denominational mission agencies and organizations in Alaska," said Gallen, noting that experience should aid in the planned review.

Gallen has two grown daughters living in Cleveland and Dallas and a grandchild, with another expected. He was born and raised outside of Philadelphia, attended Lycoming College, and graduated from seminary at Drew University. He also has a graduate degree from the Chicago Theological Seminary, then a consortium school of the University of Chicago.

"I believe this is a wonderful congregation with a venerable past in Londonderry and a strong future of ministry and mission," Gallen concluded. "I am very much looking forward to the year ahead."

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# Leach Library Visitors Get to Meet Book's Namesake

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The chairs were all occupied and the mats on the floor were filled to capacity as children and their parents gathered for a day of reading about pets at the Leach Library.

The program, titled "Fur, Feathers and Fins," was designed for the youngsters to hear stories of the many types of pets people keep. From cats and dogs to goldfish and parrots, stories of silly, strange and very unique pets were presented.

But the highlight was a special guest, Jeffrey Bradley, reading, "Running with Rollie" - A Simple Story About a Dog and a Soldier...The Rescuer and The Rescued.

Bradley, a local resident and graduate of Londonderry High School,



Jeffrey Bradley sits with Rollie, the subject of his book, "Running with Rollie," at the Leach Library. Photo by Penny Williams

brought the subject of his book, Rollie, with him along with his wife, Emily. The three of them are a tightly knit family. Rollie isn't doing any running

these days as he is 13-plus years old and has some medical issues that Bradley said he appears to be handling.

Rollie slept through

the reading of his story but was awake as children and adults lined up to meet him and the Bradleys after Children's Librarian Jennifer DelVillar finished reading a couple of other books.

The youngsters in the audience were thrilled to listen to Rollie's story, especially as Rollie was right there with them. The story is based on a blend of what really happened and what might have happened. It is the tale of a soldier who adopts a dog upon his return from deployment so he has

someone to hug and welcome him home.

Bradley adopted Rollie in Rolla, Mo., upon returning from deployment and said Rollie waited for him to return when he was deployed again. Bradley, a West Point graduate, said once he had adopted Rollie, the two of them did everything together, especially running.

The young audience was especially impressed that this was a story that really happened.

DelVillar read "Achoo" by Trudee Romanek, which tells the story of a

family searching for the right pet when all the furred and feathered animals looked at cause one sister to sneeze because she is allergic to them. The family finally settles for a Bearded Dragon. Then she read "What Kind of a Pet Should I Get" by Dr. Seuss, and finished by reading "If I Had A Raptor" by George O'Connor.

The children also talked about their own pets and ended the session with a visit to Rollie. The entire room got in line to greet the patient Rollie, who took it all in stride.

## Londonderry Police Explorers Send Five Cadets to Training Academy

Londonderry Police Explorers Post #1137, led by Officer Brad Warriner, who is also School Resource Officer at Londonderry Middle School, sent five Explorers to the 43rd New Hampshire Police Cadet Training Academy. The academy took place June 25 to July 1 at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord.

Londonderry cadets who attended are: Eric Langlois and Josh Roberts for Basic; Chris LeGrow and Chris Casimir for Advanced; and Nathaniel Cohen for Leadership.

First-year cadets are referred to as Basic Cadets; second-years are Advanced Cadets, and the third and final year cadets are called Leadership Cadets.

The purpose of the academy is to expose young adults, aged 14 to 20, to the various aspects of police work and to teach them leadership skills. The cadets are given real life experiences that are stressful and intense, to simulate police academy training. The teenagers are "welcomed" to the academy with a military "boot camp" style of yelling to fall in line, eyes

forward, bag in left hand and then to "sound-off" their name, room number and squad number.

The cadets were exposed to early morning physical training, late night fire drills, and physical training for demerits. They were not allowed to speak to each for four days while they learned to work as a unit. The Advanced Cadets traveled to the Sig Sauer Academy firing range, and the Leadership Cadets paid their respects at the New Hampshire Police Memorial in Concord and navigated rope courses.

## Malik the Magic Guy Emphasizes Reading in Visit to Leach Library

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Malik the Magic Guy visited the Leach Library last week and engaged a room full of youngsters with his magic, while keeping the adults in the room smiling with his humor.

Malik is a full-time comedy magician with over 20 years of experience and based in the Boston area. He has performed at dozens of libraries in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and in 2013, was the featured magician for the 2013 Rhode Island Summer Reading Program, performing over 30 shows in that state. His show Wednesday morning, July 20 was aligned with this year's Summer Reading Program theme - "On



Malia Smith, 7, was one of the youngsters in the audience chosen by Malik the Magic Guy to help him with a magic trick in his presentation at the Leach Library. Photo by Penny Williams

Your Mark, Get Set, Read." tricks. And throughout the show he put in plugs for library use and the importance of libraries to help him with his and of reading.

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**Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [calendar@nutpub.net](mailto:calendar@nutpub.net).

## Trail Ribbon Cutting

Londonderry Trailways holds a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Phase 3 of the Londonderry Rail Trail at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5. The public ceremony marks the completion of the 1.6-mile extension of the trail beginning at the intersections of Independence and Liberty Drives and continuing south to Seasons Lane. With the addition of Phase 3, Londonderry has 3.2 miles of completed rail trail. This section of trail passes through a peat bog that is habitat for wildlife. Phase 3 was graded and paved in November. Final surfacing was completed in April. Total construction cost for Phase 3 was \$400,000.

## 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.

## Blood Drive

The Community Service Committee of Saint Jude Parish sponsors an American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, July 28 from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Homemade goodies will be served. To save time, donors can make an

appointment at [www.red-crossblood.org](http://www.red-crossblood.org) or 1-800-RED-CROSS. They can also sign up for RapidPass on the Red Cross website above, which saves additional time by answering several of the medical questions ahead of the appointment. For more information on the blood drive, contact Vinny Curro at: [vincurro@comcast.net](mailto:vincurro@comcast.net) or 867-7472.

## Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 6 to 7 p.m. to hold a special voter registration session required for the Deliberative Session of the Special Budgetary Town Meeting being held in the Moose Hill Conference Room on Monday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2 is the last day for anyone not previously registered to do so before the Deliberative Session on Aug. 15. Proof of citizenship, identity, and residency is needed to register.

## Listening to Frost

The Robert Frost Farm Literary Series presents Lisa Seale, associate editor of The Robert Frost Review and professor of English at the University of Wisconsin College, in a free program titled "Listening to Robert Frost" at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31 at the Frost Farm, a national historic landmark at 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. The audience will hear Frost recite some of his most famous poems. The Literary Series is made possible by grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and sponsored by the Division of Parks and Recreation, the Robert Frost Homestead Trustees, and the Friends of the Robert Frost Farm.

## Frost Friendship

Jack W. C. Hagstrom will discuss "My Friendship with Robert Frost" in a Robert

Frost Farm Literary Series free program Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Frost Farm, a national historic landmark at 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. Hagstrom's reminiscences started when he was a student of Frost's at Amherst College. The Literary Series is made possible by grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and sponsored by the Division of Parks and Recreation, the Robert Frost Homestead Trustees, and the Friends of the Robert Frost Farm.

## Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets Friday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. at Outdoor Pride Garden Center, 261 Central Road, Rye. The program will be presented by Nikki Lewis, garden manager. A tour of the grounds and greenhouse is planned, and Debra Sleeper will be available to discuss floral design. All garden club members will receive a discount off purchases on that day. Members are asked to bring a bag lunch and sun protection. The committee will provide chips, dessert and beverages.

## Upper Room Celebrates

The Upper Room, a family resource center at 36 Tsienneto Road in Derry, holds a 30th anniversary party on Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. The family event features Moo's Ice Cream, treats, a bounce house, face painting sponsored by WellSense, and games.

## Advanced Media Camp

An Advanced Media Camp will be held at the Londonderry Access Center (LAC) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 8-12. This camp is open to students entering grades 6 through 9 in the fall. Students must have previously taken the beginner media camp, or had complete training with the LAC. Par-

ticipants will be able to strengthen the skills they learned in the beginner camp and will also learn to direct. For details or to sign up, call Erin at 432-1100, ext. 185.

## 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. Thursdays and are open to students entering grades 6-12. Snacks and drinks are served; door prizes are raffled. Thursday, July 28 is a discussion of "Peak" by Roland Smith. The first 50 to sign up receive a paperback copy of the book.

## 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.

## Car Show

The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Road hosts its third annual car show on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome to this family-friendly event, which features a 50/50 raffle, trophies and refreshments. Drive your vehicle in to compete for a trophy. The fee for entering the competition is \$10, which includes museum admission for all passengers in the vehicle. Regular admission applies for other visitors. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 14. For more information, call 669-4820, email [avmuseum@nhahs.org](mailto:avmuseum@nhahs.org) or visit: [www.aviationmuseumofnh.com](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.com).

## Young Adult Expedition

The Young Adult Summer Reading Program for students entering grades 6-12 offers "Choose Your Own Expedition" on Thursday, Aug. 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Leach Library. Snacks and drinks are served, and door prizes are raffled. The group will work as a team to conquer the world's most extreme locations.

## Young Adult Pizza Party

The Young Adult Summer Reading Program at the Leach Library for students entering grades 6-12 celebrates on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. with a pizza party and raffle draw.

## Animal Book Bingo

The Children's Summer Reading Program at the Leach Library presents Animal Friends Book Bingo on Monday, Aug. 1 from 11 a.m. to noon. Every participant will win and be able to choose books from a selection table. Registration is required. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

## Story Time

The Children's Summer Reading Program storytime on the Olympics takes place Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. with stories of sporting events. Patrons of all ages are invited to this program of stories, finger plays and songs. One attendee will win a raffle prize. No registration is required.

## Bubble Show

Silly Sally's Bubble Show takes place at the Leach Library on Wednesday, Aug. 3. Participants will learn about bubbles. With lots of audience participation, audience members will be educated as well as entertained as the bubble-ologists teach children about the environment, science, and play. Registration is required. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

## Craft Time

Leach Library presents craft time for children on Thursday, Aug. 4 from 10 to 10:45 a.m., or 1 to 1:45 p.m. to make a handprint parrot using paint and a variety of other materials. Registration is required. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

## Summer Reading Finale

Leach Library's Children's Summer Reading Program concludes with special programs. Advance registration is required and begins Thursday, Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room. All programs run 11 a.m. to noon: Monday, Aug. 8, "Rainforest Rendezvous," with exotic animals stories and a chance to match feathers on a parrot and sing; all participants receive a plush jungle frog. Tuesday, Aug. 9, "Dog Days," with stories about dogs that swim and a chance to identify dog breeds. Each participant receives a plush dog. Wednesday, Aug. 10, Wildlife Encounters with "Amazing Animals," including a live Brazilian porcupine, kookaburra and African serval. Thursday, Aug. 11, Bryson Lang's interactive Comedy Juggling Show.

## Senior Night

The 117th Old Home Day Senior Night takes place Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Lions Pavilion from 5 to 6 p.m. This annual barbecue is for Londonderry residents only and is free. Tickets for the event are available at the Londonderry Senior Center. The committee considers seniors to be 62 and older. Following the meal is a free concert at the bandstand, with the Windham Swing Band performing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for all Londonderry residents. In the event of inclement weather, all activities will be moved to the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

## Coffee Shop Talk

Rabbi Peter Levy of Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Rev. Ray Bonin of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, both in Derry, host an open discussion Thursday, July 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Coffeeberries in the Apple Tree Mall, 4 Orchard View Drive, Londonderry. They promise no agenda and no proselytizing, but instead, an opportunity to gain an understanding of a variety of viewpoints by talking and listening to each other. For more information, call 432-0004 or email [rabbi@etzhayim.org](mailto:rabbi@etzhayim.org). Additional dates are Aug. 11 and 25, and Sept. 8 and 22 at the same time and place.



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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Wednesday, July 20**  
**8:41 a.m.** Criminal mis- chief on Wheelwright Cir- cle.  
**3:45 p.m.** Criminal mis- chief at LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.  
**9:43 p.m.** Robbery report- ed at Subway on Perkins Road. Kaila Jane Hull,

23, 7A Long Pond Road, Kingston arrested on bench warrant. Thomas Berard, 39, 4 Acton Court, Green- ville arrested for Robbery - Armed, Simple Assault, Reckless Conduct – Place Another in Danger, and Criminal Threatening – Use of Deadly Weapon.

**10:26 p.m.** Neighborhood disputes on Conifer Place.  
**Thursday, July 21**  
**2:14 p.m.** Burglary report- ed on Reed Street.  
**Friday, July 22**  
**2:28 p.m.** Elvis Barban- Chavez, 45, Austin, Texas arrested on warrant for Identity Fraud.

**3:29 p.m.** Criminal mis- chief on Winding Pond Road.  
**7:08 p.m.** Dairon Julio Jimenez, 26, Austin, Texas

arrested on warrant for Identity Fraud.  
**9:49 p.m.** Brenda Ann Bemis, 44, 75 Policy St., Apt. 60, Salem, NH arrest-

ed on warrant for Theft by Deception.  
**Saturday, July 23**  
**10:23 p.m.** Fireworks com- plaint on Tinkham Lane.

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## So Far, So Good for Mosquitoes This Year

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
 LONDONDERRY TIMES

This year’s mosquito population that hat- ched in the spring is normal or below normal, Sarah MacGregor said.

But there’s still time for mosquitoes to thrive.

MacGregor, owner and operator of Dragon Mos- quito Control, put out her summer update earlier this month.

Wet conditions favor mosquitoes that carry Eastern Equine Encephali- tis (EEE), while hot, dry conditions give rise to those carrying West Nile Virus or WNV. MacGregor wrote in a press release that the mosquitoes that hatched in early spring are not a public health threat. They are a biting nuisance, but don’t carry disease.

While some species will have multiple genera- tions or broods, she wrote, and are likely to transmit EEE, that threat doesn’t become apparent until late July through October.

Treatment of catch basin mosquitoes began early this year, according to MacGregor, and mos-

quito larvae were found in catch basins in several towns. Treatment has been completed. Of the four species of mosqui- toes typically found in catch basins, all four are WNV carriers and three are also EEE carriers.

So far neither of the two Zika species has been found in New Hampshire, according to MacGregor. But the species could migrate from Massachu- setts or come in through cars, trains, airplanes or cargo brought in from the South.

Trapping has begun and traps are set in fixed locations in each town, MacGregor said. The catches are brought to her headquarters, where they are frozen, sorted, identified as to species and placed in tubes that are sent to the state labs in Concord for testing. The state begins testing in July and stops in October, MacGregor said.

It’s been a good year so far for Londonderry, according to Building Inspector and Health Offi- cer Richard Canuel. Can- uel wrote in an e-mail, “There have been no pos-

itive mosquito test batch- es to date. If and when, and where positive re- sults are found, we will then determine if spray- ing is necessary. “

He added that it is “Too early to tell just yet.”

MacGregor urged resi- dents to dump out stand- ing water from traps, tires, wheelbarrows, can- oes and other places where mosquitoes can breed.

“Fight the Bite,” a fact sheet from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Ser- vices, adds the following advice:

- Drain standing water, which is where mosqui- toes lay their eggs.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants at dawn, dusk and when mosqui- toes are most active.
- Dusk and dawn are the times mosquitoes are most active, so those who are outdoors should take special precautions.
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training, contact Valerie Cil- lizza, Volunteer Coordinator with Amedisys Hospice of Londonderry, at 421-0414 or valerie.arnista@amedisys.c om.

### Free Meals

The Community Meals Program provides free meals to all; Derry residen- cy is not required. 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, Londonderry, and Sonshine Soup Kitchen, Derry, dinner, 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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