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With a Little Help... Zoey Macaskill and Evelyn Tucker, both 3, were dancing up a storm at the Concerts on the Common series performance of HELP! on the town common Wednesday, July 26. The band performed a wide variety of Beatles songs for one of the largest crowds of the season. See more photos page 10. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Perkins Road Storage Unit Business Goes Before Heritage Commission

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Bluebird Self Storage has been working in recent months to put together a new business on 76 Perkins Road that will offer a series of storage units to Londonderry residents. But, in

order to continue with this process, representatives first needed to meet with the Heritage Commission on July 27 in order to discuss the building's visual impact on the community.

Bluebird had previously met with town staff in

order to get permission to build in between Twins Smoke Shop and the Sleep Inn off of Route 93, including a meeting with the Planning Board back on May 10. During these previous meetings, representatives noted that the

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Cross Farm Developer Shows Impact on Wetlands with Conservation Commission

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In recent months, Cross Farm Development, LLC has been working with the Town of Londonderry to obtain a 2.8-acre patch of land off of Route 102 that is outside of a retirement community that Cross Farm is currently developing on 57 Adams Road. Town officials, including Town Manager Kevin Smith, are hoping to have the town purchase the land from the Department of Transportation for \$361,100 before than selling it to Cross Farm for the same price, thus allowing Cross Farm to convert the land into an additional exit from the community onto 102.

The Planning Board is

set to vote on whether or not to go through with the purchase on August 2, but in the meantime, Cross Farm representatives were still tasked with meeting with the Conservation Commission on July 25 to discuss how Cross Farm's project will affect local wetlands.

At the start of the commission's meeting, Jack Szemplinski of Benchmark Engineering, Inc. came before the commission to give an overview of the project's impact on the wetlands, as the commission has asked Szemplinski at multiple past meetings to think of ways in which the blueprints could be altered to minimize wetland damage.

Szemplinski's focus for the meeting was the addition of a drainage pond to the south west of the property that would be used to prevent potential flooding in the community. He backed up his designs by noting that he based his calculations on a recent study by Cornell University that established how big to build these drainage areas in preparation for larger rain storms.

Some commission members, however, were not convinced that the drainage area needed to be as big as it is in the blue print. In particular, Commission Chair Marge Badois vocally opposed

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Budget Committee Looks at Capital Improvement Plan

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Deliberations continued over the potential projects within the annual Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) at the Budget Committee's latest meeting on July 27.

Over the past few weeks, Business Administrator Peter Curro has been working with the Londonderry School Board and town hall to advertise and explain the CIP and what it hopes to accomplish. In essence, the annual plan takes into account various projects that the town believes are necessary in one way or another and that would

be carried out within the next five years. After several plans are put up for consideration by assorted committees, the planning board will eventually analyze each project and potentially approve one or more.

Amongst the projects in the most recent CIP are plans for a new school district office, which has been receiving complaints about air quality and space management, a new high school/district-wide auditorium, a new elementary school to accommodate Londonderry's recent growth, and assorted renovations for various school buildings throughout the dis-

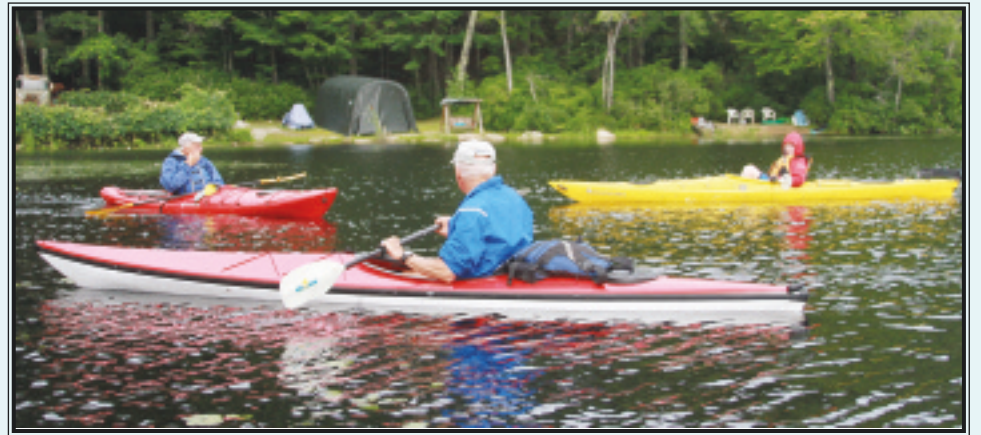
trict.

During the Budget Committee's meeting, committee members went over each of the four projects, starting with the new district office. Curro noted that a new office would run the town about \$4 million, but it is a necessary build because the current office was built

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Paddle Day at Scobie Pond

Around a dozen or so outdoor enthusiasts grabbed their paddles and kayaks and took part in the paddling events hosted by the Conservation Commission at Scobie Pond on Saturday, July 29. The event was an effort to get residents out to enjoy some of the waterways in Londonderry that the group manages.

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Carson and Governor Sununu Present Town with Check

On Friday, July 28, State Senator Sharon Carson and New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu presented the Town of Londonderry with a check for \$519,823 for road and infrastructure improvements so that “we can continue to be a magnet for small business and families in the southern tier,” as explained by Carson.

This is following the ongoing I-93 expansion project, which, according to the DOT website on the project, is meant to reduce congestion, improve safety, and promote

“economic vitality” for Derry and Londonderry.

“At a time like this, making sure we are equipped with modern, safe roadways, bridges and basic infrastructure that supports our citizens and small business is essential,” said Carson.

Part of the reason the check was issued was because the legislature recognized that many cities and towns could benefit from infrastructure improvements, and passed a bill that would return “\$37 million in surplus funds to communities across the state.”

Governor Sununu had this to say about the event:

“Today is a key first step in strengthening Londonderry’s infrastructure and reducing property tax obligation for every citizen in the town. We’re sending cash back so that Town hall can provide relief on the tax base – a home run for taxpayers. For years we have heard how the state cannot control local property taxes, but what we can do is use infrastructure grants to give Londonderry more financial flexibility so that they can target key areas of need in their community.”



A check for \$519,823 was presented to the town of Londonderry last week at the Town Hall. At the presentation were, from left, State Rep. Dave Lundgren, State Rep. Sherman Packard, Town Manager Kevin Smith, Gov. Chris Sununu, State Senator Sharon Carson, State Rep. Bob Rimol, and Town Council Chair Tom Dolan. Courtesy photo.

Budget Committee Discusses First Close Report for 2017/2018 School Budget

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the 2017/2018 school year draws closer, the Budget Committee met with Business Administrator Peter Curro on July 27 to discuss the current state of the first close report for the beginning of the year.

Curro was present to provide an overview of the specifics of the budget alongside the school district’s new superintendent, Scott Laliberte.

For starters, two major items that went over budget included funds for catastrophic aid at \$62,420 over budget and funds for the tuition

local leap at \$38,000 over budget. However, three major items that were severely under budget were the other income category at \$73,770 under budget, community activities at \$20,500 under budget, and tuition for other School Administrative Units at \$19,800 under budget.

Things still appeared positive, though, as Curro noted that the district currently has a \$122,500 surplus due to expenses coming under budget by \$180,000, although other things came under expectations, including revenue by \$32,500. Curro is anticipating that by the end of

the year, there should be an even larger surplus of \$224,500 due to overestimations for special education funds and employee tax reserves.

In response to this, \$125,000 will be placed into the equipment capital reserve, while an extra \$50,000 will go into the special education trust fund, as those two must legally be funded first before anything else. The remaining \$49,500 will go into an undesignated fund balance account for future use.

However, there were still some concerns over

other areas. The retirement funds budget, in particular, ran over budget by more than \$350,000 dollars, mainly due to 19 retirements occurring in the last fiscal year. Committee Chairman Tim Siekmann asked if there was any way they could anticipate things like this happening, but the best he could guess would be around Christmas, as they typically have no way of knowing if someone will retire until the announcement is made.

There was also the unknown factor of general projections for the

upcoming fiscal year. Essentially, one of the best things that can be done is to focus closely on class size throughout the six schools and try to anticipate what costs will be through the amount of children. Londonderry’s recent growth in population can also be seen as something to keep track

of for these projections. In other news, Curro’s report noted that the food service program should break even, give or take \$10,000. It also noted that a new school policy needs to be adapted in order to combat an open balance for unpaid lunch of around \$15,000.

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Editorial

The Role of the Free Press in a Democracy

The idea of freedom of speech is something that has been touted by democratic societies since their inception, and the United States of America is no different. We run on a specific governmental structure that is put in place by the people, and is meant to defend the rights of those within the society by allowing the people to participate in the decision making process.

The three branches of the government are in place for one purpose - our founders never again wanted to live in a country where the government had absolute power, i.e. a country where a monarch or dictator ruled supreme. Though the construct of democracy is the framework to our society, there is a greater force that holds it all together: the power of free speech and the press.

In the U.S., democracy comes with certain privileges and responsibilities all citizens must participate in in order for the country to be successful, things like voting, representing the people in local offices, and - perhaps most importantly - questioning those in power. In order for citizens to do that, they must be kept informed about the things happening in our country.

That's where the free press comes in.

The First Amendment in the Constitution protects the press under freedom of speech, and it is the press's role to bring the people of the United States accurate, unbiased, and trustworthy news. Without it, the government has a far greater chance of becoming corrupt because no one knows enough to ask the right questions.

Thomas Jefferson, who was a draftsman of the Declaration of Independence, the first secretary of state,

the second vice president, and the third president, illustrated the purpose of the free press perfectly to Marquis de Lafayette in a letter: "The only security of all is in a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted when permitted freely to be expressed. The agitation it produces must be submitted to. It is necessary, to keep the waters pure."

But the question still exists: what happens when the press isn't free?

We see it today, from big presses to small - billionaires buying out newspaper franchises and small local papers; some examples according to Forbes Magazine are Rupert Murdoch, whose family owns and controls over 120 newspapers in five different countries, and John Henry, owner of the Red Sox, who purchased the Boston Globe in October 2013. Even small presses get bought out, or disappear altogether because of lack of funding, ultimately putting a hold on what keeps democracy in place.

If newspapers are bought out by corporations or individuals, there is a likely chance that those corporations or individuals will use the paper to push an agenda, whether it be political (which it is more often than not) or personal. No longer can the reporters report the whole truth, because they are subject to the views and opinion of those that foot the bill for the newspaper.

In order for democracy to continue to survive in the era of fake news and conglomerates controlling news sources, the small, locally run newspapers must continue to do their job: ask questions, do research, and do their best to report all sides of the story.

Letters

Thank You, Deacon Lee Abbott

To the editor:

I want to thank you for your clerical services for almost thirty years at St. Mark, the Evangelist Church in Londonderry. You were there when my two children received their sacraments. You even baptized my four grandchildren.

I have been a parishioner at St. Mark's since 1981. Deacon Lee, you have been there for my family and me through the good and the rough times. You were wonderful to my mom bringing church to her that last year of her life when her cancer had taken over. You were my rock at the unexpected death of my husband 12 years ago. Your spiritual counseling helped me grieve the loss of both my mom and my husband. You always took the time to talk with me, and I always walked away feeling better as well as understanding my Catholic faith just a little more.

I am certain that many of the parishioners at St. Mark's church are as sad as I am about the decision to remove your position as Pastoral Associate. Someone may be appointed Deacon at St. Mark's

again, but no one could ever replace you. I have been honored to know you in your capacity as Deacon. You have served several priests over the years devotedly. Your knowledge of the Bible always astounded me.

Deacon Lee, thank you from the bottom of my heart. As the hymn says, "Go forth and make a difference." You've certainly made a difference at St. Mark's.

Joan L. Chmielorz
Londonderry

Amedisys Hospice Care

To the editor:

Thank you for the opportunity to let our community know about an immediate need for hospice volunteers. Amedisys Hospice in Londonderry is actively seeking volunteers to visit patients.

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Please consider sharing a small amount of your time by visiting a hospice patient. Amedisys volunteers often tell me that the time they spend with patients feels as important to them as it does to the patient. Contact Patty Cooper at Amedisys Hospice at patty.cooper@amedisys.com or call 603-421-0414.

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CIP

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for 12 people, while about double that number currently work the building. Suggestions were made for a new ventilation system, but Curro noted that the heating system simply would not be able to keep up.

A discussion on a proposed auditorium was then discussed.

Curro described the building as being "acoustically sound" and "multi-purpose," and would ulti-

mately be created simply to have better quality materials and better sound for attendees, although there would be fewer bells and whistles in order to cut down costs. It was noted by Curro that the current high school gym simply could not be expanded due to property restrictions.

Some members questioned the need for a new auditorium and the use of taxpayer dollars to fund the project, and they said they would be more open to the idea if it was more

geared to the community at large.

Not much discussion was held on the topic of the new elementary school. Plans for the renovations were kept relatively generalized, revolving around updating materials used in the walls of each school, upgrading mechanical elements, and potentially moving the LEEP program into the Moose Hill Kindergarten while having kindergarten students be moved into the elementary schools.

Berkshire Hathaway, Verani Realty Donate To RailTrail Phase IV



Phase IV of the Londonderry Rail Trail took another step closer to being started as the realtors and Giovanni Verani presented representatives with a check for \$2,500 last week at the trail behind their Verani Way office. Verani presented the check to Bob Rimol, one of the main catalysts of getting the town's Rail Trail efforts underway. With a good portion of the trail already complete, the next phase, Phase IV, will continue the trail across Rockingham Road and Mammoth Road from North School to where the Wallboard Supply Company driveway is. That effort is slated to begin next month. Plans for Phase V of the project will be started next year. This will continue the trail up to the airport on Harvey Road. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Heritage Commission Overviews Series of Upcoming Site Plans

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Heritage Commission found itself with a rather large amount of site plans to review during its July 27 meeting at town hall, with plans ranging from those for ice cream shops to self storage buildings.

First to present their plans were Chris Derosa and landscaping architect Eric Buck, both of whom were representing Decarolis Estates and their plans to establish new housing at 7 Litchfield Road. Specifically, the two came before the commission to explain the layout of a new sign that would be placed at one of the entrances to the new housing area.

According to Buck, the sign would be a field-

stone, double sided wall that features the Decarolis Estates name in dark lettering on a granite slab. In terms of foliage, Buck will be including a variety of perennials, lilacs, and native ornamental species along the sign, as well as giving the plants a good amount of time to bloom in a palatable soil. The lighting will be LED and will downcast upon the lettering of the sign. Buck noted that there is no secondary entrance for the estates, meaning that the sign would be visible to anyone exiting or entering.

Next up were John Rokey and Alan Johnson to discuss their plans to produce a series of rental commercial office units on 114 Rockingham Road. According to Rokey, the engineer for the project,

and Johnson, the property owner, the process will involve demolishing an old two-story home that is currently positioned on the property, although there is a 300-square-foot music studio attached to it that will be preserved. Rokey noted that the area would be well landscaped, but there were concerns from the commission over a number of issues, including outdoor storage, how many signs there would be on the property, and what kind of view locals would have when the project is complete.

Third to go before the commission were Jason Lopez and Don Charette, who were establishing plans to create an ice cream and coffee shop called Wicked Good

Scoops on 9 Butrick Road. Lopez, the engineer, noted that the plan would involve renovating a small building, which used to be an old hair salon, into this new business and placing signage for the project on Route 102. He and his team have already started looking to the floor plan and stated that no major structural changes would be necessary.

Charette, the owner of the property, seemed very excited to begin putting the business together, on top of including wiffle ball cages, an outdoor deck, and an ice cream and coffee delivery service with the business, Charette hopes to contribute to the town and its population. He noted that he plans "to keep the

town the same as it is," while actively working with local children, whom we hopes will find Wicked Good Scoops to be a good hangout spot. He hopes to help make the community a better place, stating, "I hope to give back."

Next came Amy Sanders and Brendan McNamara to represent the Bluebird Self-Storage company that will be built on 76 Perkins Road. For more information on this story, see page 1.

Finally, the last plan to be presented to the commission was for Lymo Construction on 44 Wentworth Avenue. Kevin

Anderson and Craig Jones, the representatives for the plan, noted that the manufacturing and office building will be roughly 26,000 square feet and placed on a currently vacant and forested area. It should not be visible from nearby roads, but there will be some alteration to a small wetland in order to create a wet basin for the sake of storm water drainage. The business itself will focus on manufacturing exterior siding for construction and act as a showcase area for the created projects.

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Conservation Commission Updates Policies and Prepares For Old Home Day

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Preparations for Old Home Day, continued discussions over efforts to improve parking in several local trails and ponds, and a visit from Cross Farm Development, LLC representatives occupied the time of the Conservation Commission during its July 25 meeting at town hall.

The meeting began with Jack Szemplinski with Benchmark Engineering, Inc., a representative for Cross Farm, meeting with the commission to discuss his latest updates to blueprints for a retirement community he is hoping to produce on 57 Adams Road and its impact on local wetlands.

More on this story can be found on page 1.

Following this discussion, a quick note had to be made concerning a bill from Stantec Consulting Services over plans that had been sent to the commission over parking changes around Scobie Pond, Kendall Pond, and Tanager Way. The plans have been put on hold indefinitely following a public hearing with residents from those areas, but a charge of \$2,714 still owed to Stantec for the plans. The commission agreed to cover the charges.

Next, members discussed baiting policy following a previous meeting where an individual attempted to gain a baiting permit in the Musquash

Conservation Area. The members decided to update their policy to state that they refuse to grant baiting permits for any conservation land and that they are only willing to consider granting permits elsewhere under special circumstances.

The commission also began preparations for their participation in two upcoming community events: the commission's

Paddling Day, and their contributions to the upcoming Old Home Day festivities. The Paddling Day was a kayaking event held at Scobie Pond on July 29 that the commission organized as a means of making residents aware of local bodies of water scattered throughout Londonderry, as well as giving locals an excuse to get out and enjoy nature. (See photos on page 2).

As for Old Home Day,

the commission will be manning a booth on August 19, where members will be handing out maps of the Musquash and encouraging residents to take some time to enjoy the various trails in the conservation area.

In other news, the commission continued to discuss efforts to work with Paul Margolin of the Solid Waste and Environment Committee to produce monthly articles for

the Londonderry Times that elaborate on different environmental topics and how residents can help contribute towards keeping the town environmentally friendly. Site plans for two upcoming projects, Lymo Construction on 44 Wentworth Avenue and Bluebird Storage on 76 Perkins Road, were also analyzed to help understand what kind of impact they might have on wetlands in the area.

Cross Farm

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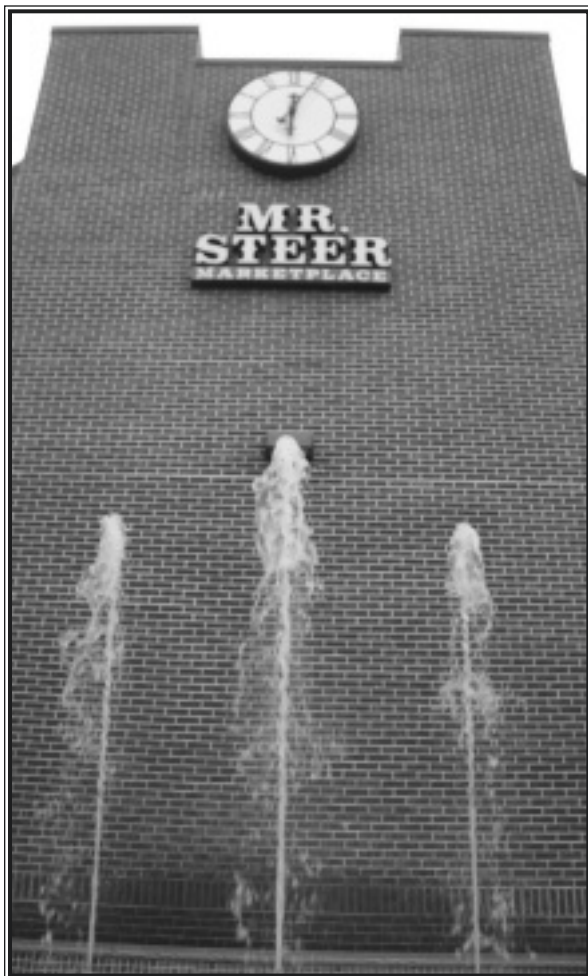
the project in its current state and location, saying that Cross Farm has shown "no willingness to try to stick to the intent of the ordinance." Szemplinski, nevertheless, defended the size and location of the drainage area, noting that Cross Farm must meet certain state regulations when it comes to storm runoff; there is really no other way for them to put the area together.

Members also made several suggestions to Szemplinski about moving the drainage area to other locations in order to avoid going against

wetland ordinances. However, Szemplinski was unwilling to go along with any of them. This has been a recurring theme at his previous meetings with the commission, as he has told commission members that he would look into potential alterations to the blueprints in the past, but not show any changes during the following meeting.

In the end, the commission wrote out two motions to be shown to the Planning Board when they vote on the project on August 2: one supporting previous portions of the project and another opposing the current state of the drainage area.

Mr. Steer Meats Brightens Up Area



Chris George, owner of Mr. Steer Meats, recently added a fountain to the side of his building that can be seen from Nashua Road to beautify the area, as he puts it. And on Monday, he added a clock to remind passerbyers of the time.
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Old Home Day Parade to Showcase the Londonderry Community

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Old Home Day is a staple for celebrating everything that makes Londonderry special – it's a chance for the community to come together for laughter and celebration, and this year will be no different.

One of the most popular attractions, the parade, has been in the works since March, when Parade Chair Christine Patton began sending out invitations to different groups who might be able to participate. This year

there will be horses, big equipment from the airport, Girl Scouts - "finally!", possibly some military vehicles, and, if it doesn't rain, an old Model-T car.

Miss New Hampshire will be making an appearance this year, and there are five musical groups scheduled to perform. Missing this year will be some Shriner groups because of a big anniversary in Canada, and the calliope, whose most recent player retired.

While the parade is a sight to see, a lot of plan-

ning goes into making it a success. Patton's committee members, Al and Judy Baldasaro and Doug and Liz Thomas, send request to the armed forces, research new acts, compile and update contact lists, and are involved in the preparation of the final marching order.

"They do a wonderful job," she said.

Patton also makes sure the town's thoughts and ideas are involved as well. After every parade, you can see her walking around asking people what they liked, what

they didn't like, and what they want to see more of.

"So far, I hear no complaints," she said, but has often heard that the town wants to see more high school bands involved.

The parade will take place, as it always does, at Londonderry Middle School promptly at 10:30 a.m., rain or shine. This event draws nearly 10,000 spectators, according to the Old Home Day website, and getting there early is advised if you want a good spot.



Comcast Offers Londonderry Residents a Chance at Affordable Internet Access

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Accessing the internet is vital in this day and age. With every person, government service, and business small and large associated with the web in some way, neither individuals nor families can afford not to have access to the internet, or even one computer for that matter.

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Salvation Army Seeks Donations for Upcoming Yard Sale Event

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

C lutter inside your house can strike at any time, and a yard sale is one of the most tried and true methods of eliminating such a problem. But, who is to say that your old junk can't be helpful to the community?

The Derry chapter of the Salvation Army is currently in the process of

setting up for its upcoming biennial "Huge Yard Sale" event, wherein items donated by the public will be sold off to raise money for the chapter.

According to Kathryn Mayes, who has been with the chapter for about two years, they try to collect as much as possible in the months leading up to the yard sale, eventually selling what they obtain and using most of what they

raise to support various community organizations in and around Derry, as Londonderry does not have its own chapter as of now.

Mayes noted that last year's yard sale was a huge success; they made over \$1,500 and had a storage unit completely filled by the time of the yard sale. However, recent efforts have been less than fruitful, with vol-

unteers still looking for donations just to come close to what they have made in previous years.

While not every town with a chapter hosts these yard sales, since some Salvation Army locations do not have a thrift store, Mayes stated that "people still want to donate," which is one of the motivations that fuels these charities.

Whether the outcome

is large or small, Mayes still greatly appreciates any and all help that she and volunteers can get, labeling the area as an "extremely supportive community."

The yard sale will take place on August 12 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Donations can be dropped off until the day of the sale at 18 Folsom Road in Derry, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 2:30

p.m.

The chapter noted that items such as used clothing, baby toys, movies, music, books, housewares, nic-nacs, and antiques can be accepted, but they cannot accept electronics, furniture, or appliances.

For more information, contact the chapter at 603-434-7790 or Mayes at kathryn.mayes@use.salvationarmy.org.

North School PTA Fundraiser Will Get up Close with Trucks

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A mongst the assortment of sedans, minivans, and convertibles that line our streets every day, it is the trucks that stand out most of all, providing more power and capabilities than most other vehicles on the road. Although we are all well aware of their presence, very few of us know how they work or what it is like to sit behind the wheel of one.

However, curious residents will be getting just such a chance come August 19 when the North

School PTA hosts its second Touch-A-Truck fundraiser alongside the upcoming Old Home Days in Londonderry.

The event, which will take place in the parking lot of the Moose Hill School from noon until 2 p.m., will allow attendees to step inside an assortment of trucks and get to know their purposes and how they work by the very people who drive them every day.

Lisa Dahlgren, the North School PTA president, noted that she and the rest of the PTA began the event last year because they "thought it would be a

good fundraiser." It seemed to be quite successful in that regard, as close to 250 people attended last year and around \$850 were raised, with Dahlgren noting, "everybody had a great time."

The fundraiser also serves as a family event, mainly to give children the opportunity to get up close with the vehicles, as Dahlgren noted that kids seem to love the trucks.

She also noted that the PTA has already gotten permission to show off roughly 14 or 15 trucks for the event so far, down from 19 at last year's fundraiser. The types of

trucks will go far beyond your average Ford, as the event will include the likes of fire trucks and support trucks from the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, police SWAT trucks, limousines, tow trucks, plow trucks, and military vehicles from the US Army Reserve in

Londonderry, just to name a few.

The PTA is always looking to "be involved with the community," according to Dahlgren, which is exactly why the fundraiser takes place during Old Home Days. She noted that some of the trucks that will be fea-

tured are even being used for the Old Home Days Parade.

Tickets will be \$3 per person, but not exceeding \$10 per family, while children under one year old get in free with a paying adult. For more information, contact Dahlgren at kate.dahlgren@gmail.com

Perkins

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three-story building would take up roughly 100,000 square feet and that there would be a heavy focus on making the building aesthetically pleasing.

During the Heritage Commission meeting, Amy Sanders with CLD Consulting Engineers and Brendan McNamara, a residential architect, came before the commission to explain the project. The overall property would feature two entrances, with one being exclusively for emergency vehicles, as well as a pylon sign facing Route 93, wall-mounted lighting and a series of ponds along the front of the property.

In terms of landscap-

ing, Sanders noted that Bluebird "really wants an attractive site." A large variety of trees such as honey locust, red oak, and sugar maple, and flowers including hydrangeas and purple lilacs, would line the property.

McNamara, who noted that he was tasked with creating "a building appearance that would be acceptable across New Hampshire," went into more detail about the structure of the building. He was well aware of how many tend to perceive buildings with storage units and unappealing and just a series of metal doors, which is why he set about explaining how this building was far different, focusing on aesthetics on the outside while keeping the units hidden inside.

There were major concerns from commission member Jim Butler, who was not a fan of the color scheme of the building – that being blue and gray – and felt that the whole facility would be a "big eyesore" to those coming off of 93 and he would prefer a red brick layout that looks similar to the nearby bus terminal. Chairman Martin Srugis suggested that Bluebird consider a new color scheme for the building. However, McNamara noted that using bricks would be a fiscal impossibility and the best he could do with the current color scheme is simply mute it.

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Londonderry Historical Society Prepares for Old Home Day Celebration

ALYSSA GUINN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Old Home Day is approaching quickly, and many of the final preparations are being put into place. This year's theme centers around the object of one of New England's fall favorites: apples. In light of this, the Historical Society is making sure their contributions to Old Home Day reflect both the Londonderry community's history and this year's theme.

Kirsten Hildonen, vice president of the Londonderry Historical Society, has shed some light on

what the people of Londonderry can expect as part of the Old Home Day festivities.

"As with past years, we try to repeat some of our most popular attractions while introducing new activities that will appeal to families in Londonderry and complement the broader town celebration," she said.

Some of these past attractions include reenactments by The Third New Hampshire Colonial Militia Reenactors, and the presence of the cannon, which is "ever-popular among the kids." There will also be histori-

cal craft demonstrations by a blacksmith, carpenter, and spinner, and kids who are accompanied by their parents will be able to participate in crafts such as making their own candles. The Historical Society's buildings, the Morrison House, the Parmenter Barn, and the Clark Blacksmith Shop will be open for exploration.

New this year are two contests: a photography contest, and the first annual Ladies' Frying Pan Toss. The photography contest encompasses pictures for Londonderry's historical landmarks and

cash prizes will be awarded. For more information or to sign up for the competitions, visit londonderryhistory.org.

"We also have space available for local artists and artisans to sell their crafts!" Hildonen said, and urges anyone interested to contact her through email at events@londonderryhistory.org, or by calling her at 603-490-3161.

The Historical Society has worked hard to make sure there will be something for everyone, young and old, to enjoy on Old Home Day; all of the Historical Society has been

involved in planning and many of its members will be there on Saturday to share in the festivities.

"Our membership is small, but both dedicated and growing. We want to show the community how Londonderry would have looked and how people would have lived in the past," she continued, "and we want people to have fun while they do!"

In addition the their event, the grounds are an "excellent" place to watch the fireworks, and the society welcomes families to bring their lawn chairs and blankets to settle down and end the night with them.

The Historical Society's events will take place on Old Home Day, August 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Going Green: How We Can Help Bees Thrive

JOY MULLER
LONDONDERRY TIMES
SUBMISSION

Worldwide, honey bee populations are on the decline. This is important to us because many of the plants we eat require pollination, and, in the United States, we have relied on the honey bee as our major pollinator. In fact, honey bee hives are trucked all over the U.S.

Although a single cause has not been found, through years of careful study, scientists are concluding that a variety of stressors may be the cause. For example, para-

sites, pathogens, poor nutrition, and a special class of insecticides chemically similar to nicotine that are called neonicotinoids, may in combination create the conditions for colony collapse disorder.

While experts are identifying the best ways to deal with the agricultural effects, the good news is that we can encourage pollinators in our own yards. As summer has now come to New Hampshire, we are starting to see the vibrant blooms of flowers around Londonderry. These colors are not only pleasing

to look at, but a diversity of native perennials can encourage native bee pollinators.

Last year, the first census of native bee populations found over 100 species of bees in New Hampshire, with the Eastern bumble bee and the sweat bee being the most abundant. Scientists at the University of New Hampshire Bee Lab are investigating what species of plants these bees prefer

and suggest that a diversity of early flowering plants can have a positive effect on these pollinators.

Native perennial plants are also beneficial to the gardener as they require minimal care and maintenance once they become established. The UNH Bee Lab has a wonderful resource for more information on cultivating your own bee-friendly garden: www.nativebeesofnewengland.com.



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One of the largest crowds of the year was at the Town Common on Wednesday, July 26 for the band HELP!, a Beatles cover band featuring local musician Paul Lussier. All but two of the Concerts on the Common have had great weather and sizable crowds this year. The series comes to an end on Wednesday, Aug. 9, with the band "Manchuka." *Photos by Chris Paul*

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Skilled Local 14-U Hardball Crew Makes it to State Tourney Finals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's been a successful summer for Londonderry youth baseball and softball teams, with many of them making hay in their respective state tournaments and a few even getting as far as regional competition.

The Londonderry 14-U baseball squad made sure that it would get its share of the spotlight while exhibiting its skills in its level's double-elimination state tourney in Plymouth recently.

The locals - who were coached by Jason Parent - finished up with a superb 12-4 overall record for the summer and fell just short of winning a state crown.

The all-star crew battled all the way to the state title round and ended up taking on the defending champions from Keene in two big games. And when the dust cleared, the Keene contingent had successfully defended its crown

and was on its way back to the regional tournament, where it was a finalist last summer.

But be that as it was, coach Parent, his players, and their many supporters had a great many reasons to feel proud of what had been accomplished.

"It was a great title run for these boys, and they had a really good summer," said Parent.

The local crew was led by Owen MacDonnell (pitcher/first baseman), Brandon Fish (pitcher/shortstop), and Zack Rheault (catcher), along with Keith Cucinotta (pitcher/outfielder), Braeden Griffin (second baseman/pitcher), Gavin Parent (center fielder/pitcher), Ryan Killelea (utility man/pitcher), Owen Gingrow (second baseman), James Griffin (outfielder), Nathan Carroll (outfielder), Jack Marshall (outfielder/pitcher), Jake Holdsworth (third baseman), and Justin Dickson (catcher/outfielder). Owen Reilly also con-

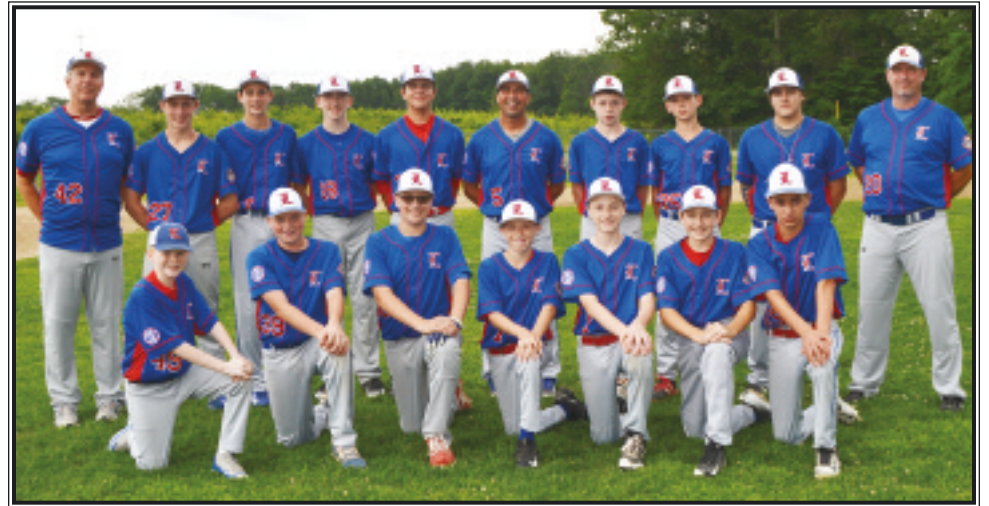
tributed significantly as the crew's team manager.

The local squad's state title run commenced with a 1-0 nipping of Hampton in round one, with hurler Fish keeping the seacoast side scoreless on a paltry two hits while striking out 13 on 95 pitches over 6 2/3 innings.

Owen MacDonnell then came in with the bases loaded and two out - with his team grasping its perilous 1-0 advantage - and got the save on four pitches by getting the final hitter to fly out to Gavin Parent in center. Londonderry had plated the game's lone run in the third inning when Griffin was hit by a pitch, moved to second on a single by Fish, and sprinted home on a run-scoring single by MacDonnell.

Game two of the tourney - against the host Plymouth team - was far less of a challenge for the local squad in a 13-2 blowout.

MacDonnell and Gavin Parent combined on a fine pitching effort, and offen-



The Londonderry 14-U all-star baseball squad enjoyed a superb 2017 summer campaign, reaching the state finals. Courtesy photo

sively Marshall helped to pace the potent attack by going 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Additionally, the offense flourished with the contributions of Carroll (1-for-2 with a run), Fish (2-5 with a double and two runs scored), and Rheault (a double with three RBI).

That success placed Parent's platoon into a semifinal-round contest with the Keene team, which was also a perfect 2-0 at that juncture.

In the semi, MacDonnell held the defending state champs to three runs on seven hits while striking out nine would-be hitters.

The Londonderry starter went 6 1/3 innings, with Fish earning the save by getting Keene's lead-off hitter to line into a game-ending double-play.

On offense, the Londonderry bunch scored five runs on seven hits of its own in tallying the 5-3 victory.

Trailing 1-0 in the top of the second, Rheault led off with a single, which was followed by another single from Holdsworth. Marshall then moved the runners over on a fielder's choice before Gavin Parent knocked in both teammates on a single to give his side a 2-1 lead.

The locals then picked up two more runs in the third on a Fish single, a run-scoring double by Holdsworth, and an RBI single from Marshall.

Keene cut the lead to 4-3 in the seventh frame before Londonderry picked up an insurance run on a bases-loaded walk to Marshall.

That win placed Londonderry into the final

round, with Keene then beating Nashua to get itself back into the title game as well.

In the first game of the title round on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 18, Keene gained revenge in the double-elimination tourney and handed the local crew an 8-2 defeat.

One highlight for the Londonderry side in that lopsided loss was the offensive performance of Fish, who hit safely in three of four at-bats.

The two teams then played a winner-take-all final contest later that afternoon, and Keene came out on top of a 10-5 decision.

Offensively, the local contingent received two hits from Mr. Consistent Brandon Fish, and Dickson and Griffin each scored two runs.

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Londonderry Duo Excels During Sixth Week of GDTC Summer



Danielle Ulliani, left, enjoys some watermelon after Greater Derry Track Club races at Pinkerton recently, while cross-country racers test their mettle. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It must be a sign of just how fast this summer is zooming along that the 42nd season of Greater Derry Track Club Summer Fun Runs is down to its final night of races at Pinkerton Academy this Thursday evening, Aug. 3.

But week six of action, last Thursday night, July 27 was packed with young runners looking for the fun and competition which every night of the beloved annual series holds. Londonderry kids Meara Horan and Zach Lindholm were among the area standouts who

bagged top-three finishes in the different age categories.

The annual series - which is directed by the GDTC along with support from the Derry Recreation Department - draws youngsters from throughout Southern New Hampshire.

Horan collected second place in her nine-year-old girls' division, and Lindholm managed

third place in his boys' 12-year-old class.

Registration for the weekly races is free, but runners are asked to donate a non-perishable food item which will be forwarded on to a local food pantry. That effort has raised many hundreds of pounds of food during the 2017 summer fun run season thus far.

Registration begins at 6 p.m., with GDTC members leading stretching

exercises and offering running tips up to the 6:30 race time.

Kids aged two and three run approximately 50 yards, four to six-year-olds run 200 meters, seven and eights run 300 meters, nines and tens race 600 meters, and those 11 to 13 run the cross-country mile. Runners 14 and older run the open mile, but everyone aged two through 92 from any town is welcome.

Every runner gets a participation ribbon complements of the Derry Recreation Department and a commemorative T-shirt at the end of the program - in this case, this Thursday night - courtesy of the Greater Derry Track Club. Water, Gatorade, and watermelons have been supplied each week and will be again on the last evening of competition this Thursday.

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Londonderry 8-U Baseball Stars Make History

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Before this summer, no Londonderry 8-U all-star baseball squad had made it as far as the New Hampshire State Tournament championship game in that division. But there's a team representing the town at that level this summer which changed all of that.

The local 8-U crew made it all the way to the state tourney's title contest against a tough Dover contingent in Farmington on Sunday, July 16, making history in getting there.

Coach Jason Parent's Londonderry bunch had defeated the Roger Allen (7-1 score) and Hudson (5-2) contingents in the 12-team tournament before falling to the Dover crew by a 12-9 count in the semifinal round. But the locals kept their title hopes alive by nipping Hudson by a 2-1 tally in

the loser's bracket final to advance to the championship game.

Londonderry was bested handily by Dover in a rematch in that title battle, but coach Parent and his crew had a great many reasons to hold their heads high.

"What a thrill it was to watch our boys play so well and make history as the first Londonderry 8-U team to play in the New Hampshire state championship game," said Parent the day of the big game. "These state title appearances are very rare as it's difficult to get to this point with so many good teams while playing almost every day. The coaching staff wants this to be a great event no matter what happens, so we're going to stress doing our best and celebrating the moment. This is going to be a fantastic memory for these boys."

The youthful but

extremely talented Londonderry squad features player names which will doubtless be heard in Londonderry sports for many years to come.

"Our pitching staff has been led by Kam Weeks, Teige Broadhurst, and Brody Labee, with Logan Katz, Liam Parent, and Will Gingrow logging meaningful innings," said coach Parent. "Kam is also our first baseman, Teige is our shortstop, Brody is our catcher/third baseman, Logan is a versatile utility player, Liam plays center field, and Will plays second base. Our six other players have also been a huge part of our success."

That skilled sextet includes Cam O'Donnell (2B/OF), Charlie Tharrington (2B/OF), Josh Bartholomew (C/P), Ben Sakellar (OF), Sam Iorio (OF), and Sam Schreniner (OF).

During the same busy span of time in which the



The Londonderry 8-U all-star baseball squad made history this summer, reaching the state finals. Courtesy photo

state tourney sat, the Londonderry bunch came out on the very top in the Salem tournament.

In that tough tourney, the locals defeated Hudson 11-8, Quintown 10-7, and Lamprey River 7-1 to win their pool with a perfect 3-0 record. They then defeated Quintown again

in the semi-finals 6-3 and finished up tremendously with a 10-5 success against Methuen (Mass.), which had previously been undefeated.

In its own Londonderry Summer Classic Tournament back at the Londonderry Athletic Field Association complex

soon thereafter, the 8-U crew beat Merrimack 9-4, Quintown 10-0, Litchfield 13-4, and then Quintown 5-0 on the way toward the tourney's championship contest.

Head coach Jay Parent got both the 8-U and 14-U teams to state title games, winning lots en route.

Trio With Local Ties Played in Annual New Hampshire Golf Open

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While the biggest news at the recent New Hampshire Open Golf Tournament was made by David Pastore of Cheshire, Connecticut, three men with tight local ties were also out there on the links at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford testing their mettle against the many other golfers.

Former Pinkerton Academy golf star and present Southern New Hampshire University head golf coach Matt Arvanitis and longtime Londonderry residents Eric Soderman

and Taylor Simpson all competed in the annual Granite State event with varying levels of success.

The Open championship was won by Connecticut resident Pastore in a two-hole playoff with Brett White of Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 28.

Soderman, who is currently the assistant golf pro at The Hoodcroft Country Club, and former Londonderry High multi-sport stalwart Simpson both missed out on making the cut in competing for that open title. But Simpson had an excellent second round, finishing among the top five, and

veteran NH stalwart and ex-PA Astro Arvanitis ended up tallying the best score among New Hampshire Professional Golf Association pros.

The SNHU assistant golf coach shot rounds of 67, 68, and 72 in finishing with an overall top score of 207 among the Granite State PGA professionals who competed. He finished two strokes ahead of Rico Riciputi of Portsmouth.

Soderman, a Londonderry native and PGA pro who is the co-owner of the course record of 62 at Hoodcroft, shot rounds of 80 and 74 to finish with a

154 overall.

Simpson failed to make the cut in the amateur division, which was won by Bedford resident Ryan Tombs, but the Lon-

donderry man had all kinds of reasons to be pleased with his second-round score of 71 which tied him for fourth among the top scorers in that

round. However, his 86 in round one helped to negate his chances of advancing in either open or amateur competition at the annual event.

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Former LHS Swimming Standout Joins Coaching Staff at Penn State

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Since enjoying a competitive swimming careers at Londonderry High School and Tufts University, Londonderry native Paulina Ziolk has put her wealth of experience and love for swimming to work by embarking on a coaching career.

The 2007 LHS grad recently joined the swimming and diving coaching staff of Penn State head coach Tim Murphy as an assistant, moving into that position after two years as a volunteer assistant at the University of Texas and as an assistant coach with Texas Long-

horn Aquatics.

"I want to thank coach Tim Murphy and the rest of the staff for the opportunity to join the Penn State team," said Ziolk. "I felt a sense of family from the moment I stepped onto campus and am excited to be a part of this community. Penn State has an accomplished history of top academics and athletics, and I'm grateful to work with this rising team."

At Texas, Ziolk worked primarily with the Longhorns' distance swimmers, highlighted by Joanna Evans who represented the Bahamas at the 2016 Rio Olympics and was a semifinalist in



Paulina Ziolk

the 400-meter freestyle before claiming five Big 12 titles and All-America honors in the mile earlier this year.

The Longhorns won the Big 12 title and were top-15 finishers at the NCAA Championships in

both seasons with Ziolk on staff, including a fifth-place finish at NCAA's this past season.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Paulina to the Penn State swimming and diving coaching staff and family," said head coach Murphy.

"Paulina's experience will add an exciting dimension to our program."

Also during her noteworthy time in The Lone Star State, Ziolk coached elite age group swimmers at Longhorn Aquatics and was a counselor at the Longhorns' Swim Camp.

Her club coaching experience began here in her native New Hampshire during her summers

in college at the Executive Swim Club in Manchester, where she was the head assistant swim coach until July of 2015.

Ziolk led age group workouts while assisting with the senior group, helping guide the team's largest contingent in its history to New England seniors.

Following her fine competitive career at Londonderry High, Ziolk was a four-year varsity swimmer at Tufts in Medford, Massachusetts, from where she graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations.

The Londonderry native - who holds the Tufts

school record in the women's 200-yard freestyle relay - had other college highlights which included Collegiate Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Scholar All-America Team honorable mention recognition in 2012 as well as 2012 New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) All-Conference Team recognition a few months before she graduated from that Bay State school.

The Londonderry native's skills in the classroom are clearly exemplified by the fact that she was named to the Tufts Dean's List five times.

Londonderry Teen Helps His Team to Second at Tennis Sectionals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

To a Londonderry High School boys' tennis program which made strides toward greater success and development this past spring, the arrival of more talent to its roster is welcome.

Incoming LHS freshman Tanner Fortier showed at the 2017 United States Tennis Association New England Junior Team Tennis Sectionals at Harvard University last week that he has the kind of ability which could

make a difference for the Londonderry High Lancers over the next four years.

Fortier helped his Executive Fireballs' 14-U intermediate division team from Manchester to an excellent second place overall finish at that major event, which was held in Harvard's Beren and Murr Tennis Centers last Wednesday and Thursday, July 26 and 27.

That competition drew the top 17 teams from throughout the New England region which represent various clubs,

recreational departments, and organizations to Cambridge, Massachusetts and Harvard. Those talented contingents advanced to the sectionals by winning their respective state or district tournaments and then vied for a chance to represent USTA New England at the upcoming USTA Junior Team Tennis National Championships through top finishes at Harvard.

Local teen Fortier and his Fireball teammates finished just behind the championship crew from Madison, Connecticut, in 14-U competition at the

sectionals.

After being a member of the Fireballs' 14-U crew which didn't fare quite so well at the 2016 USTA sectionals last summer, both Fortier and his teammates were much more of a force this time around in tallying an overall team score of 129 for second place.

The Londonderry teenager was narrowly bested in a singles match, dropping seven-point tiebreakers in both sets which ended up 3-4, 3-4. But the future Lancer was also quite successful as a

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LHS-bound teen Tanner Fortier excelled at the USTA junior sectionals recently. Courtesy photo



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Miss New Hampshire to Make an Appearance on Lake Winnepesaukee

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the annual Miss America Competition, held this year from September 6 to 10, draws closer, Miss New Hampshire 2017, Lauren Percy, will be making a series of appearances throughout New Hampshire, including one out of Laconia on August 13.

Starting on Weirs Beach, Percy will be the main attraction of the annual Miss New Hampshire Cruise, a three-hour cruise held by Mount Washington Cruises that will serve to showcase what Percy will be bringing to the Miss America stage in September.

A trunk show will be held on the boat, which will highlight her competition attire, including her gown, talent outfit, inter-

view outfit, and swimsuit.

A skilled dancer and vocalist, Percy will also share her talent section performance by acting out a series of numbers from the hit movie "La La Land." Dancing has always been a passion of Percy's, who started taking lessons when she was a young girl. She performed a ballet en pointe to "America" from the musical "West Side Story" during the talent portion of the Miss New Hampshire competition. She has also used her singing in performances with the Boston Pops as well as to perform the national anthem at numerous events.

Education is also of great importance to Percy. She is a graduate of Columbia University's Teachers College in New

York City and has been described by Cindi Conley, the Miss New Hampshire public relations chair, as a "brilliant young lady" who serves as a "good role model."

To this end, Percy is using the cruise to also speak about her platform, "Reach Higher: Making Higher Education Possible." Reach Higher is a program which serves to make higher education more accessible to the public through community building, up-to-date news on education around New Hampshire, spreading information about education statistics, and advocating policies and practices that improve educational outcomes for all New Hampshire students.

Conley noted that Percy has "been anxious

to be Miss America since she was a young girl."

Percy will not be alone on the cruise, as she will also be appearing alongside other title holders across the state, including Miss Derry, Miss Rockingham, and Miss Manchester, who will all be signing autographs.

The event is open to the public and the ship will be departing by 12:30 p.m. Brunch will be provided. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$30 for children under 12 years old and can be purchased by calling the Miss New Hampshire office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 603-437-9027 or by emailing ExecAssist@MissNH.org. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Foundation.



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Tennis

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member of a doubles tandem which won sets by scores of 4-0 and 4-2.

"Tanner has shown tremendous growth over the past year," said Fortier's proud mom Robyn. "He has been working extremely hard on mastering his skills. He continues to be highly focused on honing his skills with the ultimate goal of being a top-six player for Londonderry High next spring."

The younger Fortier was first introduced to tennis at the tender age of five at the Nashua Country Club.

"He continued to enjoy lessons for several years and then took a few years off," said Robyn Fortier. "He went back to tennis three years ago and over the past year has really developed a love for the sport."

Juan Ortiz, the tennis pro at The Executive Health and Sports Center in Manchester who has worked with Tanner Fortier, said of the young athlete, "Tanner has a very strong mental game, keeping his cool and focus when faced with adversity. His focus on consistency pushes many (opposing) players to make mistakes, and as soon as he has a chance to put away

a shot he uses his strongest weapon, his very aggressive topspin forehand. Tanner shows a lot of potential, great physical endurance, and a lot of power on the first serve."

The sectional championships serve as the crown jewel of USTA Junior Team Tennis as the regions' top teams compete for the title. Each year the USTA crowns a section champion in two age divisions - 14-U and 18-U - in both the intermediate and advanced play divisions.

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Measles (also known as rubeola) is a childhood infection caused by a virus. Once quite common, measles can now almost always be prevented with a vaccine. Signs and symptoms of measles include cough, runny nose, inflamed eyes, sore throat, fever and a red, blotchy skin rash. As a result of high vaccination rates, measles has not been widespread in the United States for more than a decade. Today, the United States averages about 60 cases of measles a year, and most of them originate outside the country.

Measles signs and symptoms appear 10 to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Signs and symptoms of measles typically include fever, dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, inflamed eyes, tiny white spots or a skin rash made up of large flat blotches. The infection occurs in sequential stages over a period of two to three weeks.

The cause of measles is a virus that replicates in the nose and throat of an infected child or adult. When someone with measles coughs, sneezes or talks, infected droplets spray into the air, where other people can inhale them. The infected droplets may also land on a surface, where they remain active and contagious for several hours. You can contract the virus by putting your fingers in your mouth or nose or rubbing your eyes after touching the infected surface.

Risk factors for measles include: being unvaccinated - if you haven't received the vaccine for measles, you're much more likely to develop the disease; traveling internationally - if you travel to develop-

ing countries, where measles is more common, you're at higher risk of catching the disease or having a vitamin A deficiency - if you don't have enough vitamin A in your diet, you're more likely to contract measles and to have more-severe symptoms.

Call your doctor if you think you or your child may have been exposed to measles or if you or your child has a rash resembling measles. Review your family's immunization records with your doctor, especially before starting elementary school, before college and before international travel.

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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 londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

All-You-Can-Eat Ice Cream Social

Summer is a perfect time for ice cream! On Thursday, August 17, there will be Ice Cream Social fundraiser at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. The cost is \$5 per person and features all-you-can-eat ice cream and toppings. Grab a friend or pickup the grandkids and drop in from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. You can make reservations during regular hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Londonderry Senior Center. Tickets also can be purchased at the event. Everyone is welcome to attend! For more information about ice cream social or other activities for seniors, call 603-432-8554.

Londonderry Girls Lacrosse Club Elections

The Londonderry Quicksticks Girls Lacrosse Booster Club will be holding its annual Board of Directors Elections at our monthly meeting on September 12, 2017. The meeting will be held at Londonderry High School at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome.

Touch-A-Truck

Londonderry's North School PTA is organizing a Touch-A-Truck Event during Londonderry's Old Home Days this year. The event will take place directly after the parade at Moose Hill School on Saturday, August 19 from 12 - 2 p.m. You will have the opportunity to touch, interact with, and learn about lots of cool vehicles! Tickets are \$3, not to

exceed \$10 per family. Children under one are free with a paying adult. For more information, contact Kate Dahlgren at kate.dahlgren@gmail.com.

Supporting Women's Education

The Londonderry Women's Club is now accepting applications for an Adult Female Scholarship in the amount of \$500. The requirements are: must be a female at least 23 years of age and a current resident of Londonderry, must be currently enrolled at an accredited postsecondary institution, and must have completed a minimum of half of the time or credits toward the named degree, certificate or licensing program. The deadline for submitting applications is September 30. Applications are available at the Leach Library and online at www.londonderrywomenclub.com

Renew Opening At Calvary Bible Church

Renew opens August 12 from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road. Arrive by 10 a.m. Derry residence 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 asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email renewcalvary@gmail.com, or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Advanced Media Camp

This year's Advanced Media camp at The Londonderry Access Center will be held from August 7 - 11 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This camp is for students entering grades

6 - 9 in the fall of 2017. Students must have previously taken the beginner summer media camp or had complete training with the Londonderry Access Center. In the advanced camp, students will strengthen the skills they learned in the beginner camp. They will produce a TV show of their choosing in just a few short days. For more information or to sign up, please call Erin at 603-432-1100 x185.

Wild NH Photo Contest

Accepting photos now! Take a look at your snaps and submit your best photos to the 11th Wild NH photo contest! Submissions will be accepted from now - September 2, 2017. Photos will be judged by September 16, and winning photos will be exhibited in a Massabesic Center art show from October 7 to November 18, 2017. Details at www.nhaudubon.org.

Let's Talk Turtles

On August 18, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, Chris Bogard will share her knowledge on threatened and endangered turtle species in NH. She will discuss reasons for their decline and what is being done to preserve these ancient species. Come and gain knowledge on how to help baby turtles and more! Cost: \$5/Free for Massabesic Volunteers. Registration required, please call 668-2045.

Moose in the Changing World

Join NH Fish and Game Biologist Daniel Bergeron, on August 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, to discover the history of this beloved animal in the state. Learn their life history, current status, management, research updates, and how our changing climate is impacting moose. Registration required with a cost of \$5. Please call 668-2045.

Londonderry Sings Auditions

Londonderry Sings, the annual contest which will take place on August 19 during Old Home Day this year, is looking for contestants ages 11-111! Singers should send their information to mary@oldhomeday.com along with a link to a YouTube audition.

Concerts on the Common

Every Wednesday evening on the town common from 7 - 8:30 p.m. On August 9, Manchuka an exciting 10-piece dance band consisting of a full rhythm section, a full horn section and two lead singers.

Child Passenger Safety Program

The Londonderry Fire Rescue and Londonderry Police Department, along with volunteers, have collaborated to form the New Hampshire Child Passenger Safety Program. The program helps residents and those outside of Londonderry with child restraint concerns by answering questions, providing safety information, and making appointments to inspect car seat installations. They also host inspections during the month on a Saturday morning or week night at 103 High Range Road in Londonderry. Certified technicians are available. For more information, call (603) 432-1104 ext. 4623 or email cps@londonderrynh.org.

Old Home Day Kick-Off

On Wednesday, August 16, the Londonderry Old Home Day celebration will be kicked-off with the 118th Senior Barbecue. For this event, the committee considers seniors to be age 62 and older. The barbecue is free to all Londonderry seniors, but you must have a ticket. Tickets will be available at the Londonderry Senior Center starting July 5. The barbecue will take place in the Lion's Hall Pavilion. Prior to food being served from 5 - 6:30 p.m., bingo will start at 4 p.m. Following the meal, there will be a concert at the bandstand on the Town Common from 6:30 - 8 p.m. This year, we will feature the Windham Swing Band. The concert is open to all Londonderry residents. In event of inclement weather, the barbecue and concert will be moved to the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter, the group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

Lancer Golf Tournament

The Lancer Nation Boys' Basketball Association's 3rd Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown. The event will feature a four-person team scramble format with awards going to first and last place teams, and there will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. The cost to participate will be \$115 per person, which will include greens fees, golf carts, a Lancer Nation golf towel, a Corflex bag with giveaways, a backyard BBQ lunch, and opportunities to win raffle and silent auction items. Day of event registration will begin at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start slated for 9. More information can be obtained at lancerbasketballnation@gmail.com.

Free Dinners

Free, family-friendly meals will be served in a relaxed atmosphere at the following locations on the following dates. At the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 13. At Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, August 20. At the First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, spaghetti suppers will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 25, and September 29. At St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, and September 24. At St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, and September 16.

Derry Garden Club

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Friday, August 4 at Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury. It is a non-profit museum. There will be a brief business meeting starting at 10 a.m. and we will tour the homes and gardens immediately after the meeting. The fee is \$13 and pre-registration and payment is required. You may choose to eat in the Shaker Village Box Lunch Farm Stand or bring a lunch. Please bring a chair.

OBITUARY

Theresa G. Simoneau



Theresa G. Simoneau, 76 of Londonderry died Tuesday August 1, 2017 at the Community Hospice House, Merrimack.

She was born in Keene Valley, N.Y. on October 14, 1940, a daughter of the late Joseph and Beatrice (Garno) Gregory.

Theresa had resided in Londonderry for the past 44 years, formerly living in Enfield, Conn.

She was a Eucharistic Minister at St. Jude Parish in Londonderry where she was a member of the Woman's Guild and was active in their craft group.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Robert W. Simoneau of Londonderry, two sons, Andrew Simoneau of Londonderry, and Todd Simoneau of Mansfield, TX, one daughter, Kristin Heeter and her husband David of Merrimack, two grandchildren, Cameron Simoneau, and Meghan Simoneau both of Mansfield, TX, five siblings, Lucile Spanilo of Conn., Leonard Gregory of Conn., Louis Gregory of N.Y., Frances Placencia and her husband Ralph of VA, and Melissa Wells and her husband Kent of N.Y., and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Edward Gregory and by her sister, Elizabeth Higgins.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday August 5, 2017 at 11:00am in St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - July 24

7:03 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Auburn Road.

12:20 p.m. Assistance provided to Londonderry Fire Department at L-3 Warrior Systems - Insight Technology on Akira Way.

12:35 p.m. Four units responded to a motor vehicle stop and arrest made at Burger King on Nashua Road. Robin Martusis, 31, of Nashua charged with possession of controlled/narcotic drugs, possession of drugs in a motor vehicle, and driving under the influence of drugs or liquor.

4:01 p.m. Weapons offenses reported on Cherokee Court.

4:53 p.m. Fireworks complaint investigated on Cherokee Court.

6:46 p.m. Weapons offenses investigated on Boulder Drive at Granite Street.

8:34 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Hampstead Road in Derry. Jason Faulkner, 32, of Derry was charged with simple assault and criminal mischief: vandalism.

Tuesday - July 25

6:18 a.m. Medical emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:21 a.m. Motor vehicle accident reported and services rendered at Tedeschi Foods Rockingham Road.

9:43 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Burger King on Nashua Road.

10:17 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Burger King on Nashua Road.

10:35 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on North Road. Christopher Stevens, 30, of Londonderry was charged with conspiracy to commit false report to law enforcement and receiving stolen property.

3:07 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Broadway, Methuen, Mass. Matthew Miller, 27, of Methuen, Mass. was charged with receiving stolen property.

3:43 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Col-

umbus Street. Trent Lortie, 18, of Hooksett was charged with theft/shoplifting, unlawful possession, and intoxication.

4:24 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Wiley Hill Road at Anthony Drive.

5:20 p.m. Four units responded to and investigated a burglary on Griffin Road.

6:32 p.m. Violation of protective order investigated on Constitution Drive.

8:50 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Tedeschi Foods on Rockingham Road.

Wednesday - July 26

9:33 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road.

2:50 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported and services rendered on Perimeter Road at Newbury Street.

3:03 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Industrial Drive.

4:36 p.m. Assault reported and arrests made at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Cynthia Usher, 39, of Goshen, KY was charged with domestic violence, simple assault. William Usher, 62, also of Goshen, KY was charged with two counts of domestic violence, simple assault.

5:19 p.m. Criminal threatening investigated on Jack's Bridge Road at Harvey Industries.

6:20 p.m. Neighborhood disputes reported and services rendered on Capitol Hill Drive.

7:15 p.m. Drug offenses reported and services rendered on Mammoth Road at Weymouth Road.

8:17 p.m. Attempted suicide investigated at Brook Hollow Pit on Auburn Road.

8:18 p.m. Neighborhood disputes reported and services rendered on Sunset Drive.

Thursday - July 27

1:10 p.m. Sex offenses reported and services rendered on Pleasant Drive.

1:19 p.m. Sex offenses reported and services rendered on Hall Road.

2:23 p.m. Five units responded to and investigated criminal mischief on Bancroft Road.

2:51 p.m. Attempted suicide results in individual being transported to the hospital at Park and Ride North on Symmes Drive.

3:42 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes reported and services rendered on Sunset Drive.

4:48 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Capitol Hill Drive. Stefanie Theriault, 33, of Londonderry was charged with theft of lost or mislaid property and criminal trespassing.

8:06 p.m. Disturbance reported and peace restored Capitol Hill Drive.

9:53 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Hudson Police Department. Morgan Kownack, 32, of Londonderry was charged with receiving stolen property.

10:44 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at The Stumble Inn.

Friday - March 28

9:54 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Winding Pond Road at the post office.

12:35 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Walgreens Mammoth Road.

3:40 p.m. Three units responded, served a warrant and made an arrest on Rockingham Road.

3:47 p.m. Jeffrey Jones, 35, of Londonderry was charged with simple assault.

3:51 p.m. Four units responded to and investigated a motor vehicle accident on Madden Road.

4:15 p.m. Disturbance investigated Crestview Circle.

9:45 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Harvey Road.

11:08 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated at McDonalds on Nashua Road.

Saturday - July 29

1:04 p.m. Domestic disturbance reported and peace restored on Tanager Way.

3:46 p.m. Drug offenses investigated at McDonalds on Nashua Road.

8:10 p.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Rockingham Road at Sea-

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sons Lane. Francisco Javier Quinones De Jesus, 27, of Methuen, Mass. was charged with operating without a valid license.
9:27 p.m. Fireworks complaint made on Red Deer Road at Shasta Drive.
9:45 p.m. Four units responded to and investigated weapons offenses

at Brook Hollow Pit on Auburn Road.

11:02 p.m. Fireworks complaint made on Chestnut Hill Drive.

11:31 p.m. Assistance requested by Londonderry Fire Department for transport to hospital at Fieldstone Drive.

Sunday July 30

1:06 p.m. Three units responded to a distur-

bance reported on Harmony Drive. Peace was restored.

11:42 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Hardy Road at the power lines.

5:04 p.m. Neighborhood disputes investigated on Pendleton Lane.

9:07 p.m. Fireworks complaint reported on Meetinghouse Drive.

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