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## Battling Obstacles

Jackson Lewis Posted the Fastest time in the Obstacle Course challenge at the Londonderry Summer Recreation program last week. Dozens of campers competed for bragging rights during the annual event. More photos page 2.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Recreation Commission Discusses Summer Program, Plans For Future

LORI COSTA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Recreation Commission met on earlier this month to discuss how things are going for them in the summer months.

Equipment for the Commission is still in good shape heading into the end of the summer

season. The Commission also expects to be on the positive side of their budget with their water bill being lower than it has been in years past for this time of year. The only major hit to the Commission's budget would be the installation of new trails at LAFA fields, but no major decisions have

been made as of yet. "It is difficult to get around the backs to go to one field to the next." Recreation Director Art Psaledas said about the trails.

Although it has been discussed in meetings past, the idea for Londonderry having some type of waterpark was brought

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## School Board Reviews Capital Needs, FY2018 Budget Results

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the July 17 School Board meeting, Peter Curro, Business Manager for the school district, provided updates on the FY2018 budget and proposed requests for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Overall, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the district had a \$665,000 general fund budget surplus. Curro pointed out that this was an unaudited amount which would not be finalized until the district's outside auditing firm reviews and approves the numbers in Oct.

About half of the surplus came from lower than forecast spending overall. Costs for profes-

sional salaries and out-of-district SPED tuition came in a combined \$825K lower than budgeted. Some of the areas with higher than expected spending include pay for substitute teachers and retirement benefits.

On the revenue side, a significant contributor to the surplus was higher than expected Medicaid reimbursements related to special education, but several other line items contributed.

Curro noted that the surplus could have been higher, but once it became clear to the district that there would be a significant surplus, the decision was made to increase spending on IT, where the district opted to spend an

additional \$80,000 on upgrading systems and software. This restored some of the cuts to IT made during the budget planning cycle last year.

Outside of the general fund budget the dining program had a \$40,000 surplus generated by vending machines at LHS and LMS.

Turning to the CIP, Curro presented the proposal from the district leadership. The CIP process is used by the town to plan for major, future capital projects, mostly related to buildings and infrastructure. Curro was there to get feedback from the School Board prior to presenting the district's ideas to the Planning

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## School Staff Provide Discipline, Other Updates to School Board

MIKE BYERLY  
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Assistant Principals from Londonderry High School (LHS) and Londonderry Middle School (LMS) provided their update on student second semester discipline issues at the schools. Katie Sullivan covered LHS and David Sutherland covered LMS.

At the high school there were 346 incidents during the second semester, an increase of 33% compared to last year's second semester. The increase is almost entirely attributable to students in 9th and 10th grades.

Sullivan noted that 89.7% of students had no discipline incidents. What's more, 93 of the 346 incidents were from one-time offenders. In contrast, 31% of the incidents came from just 13 students who each had five or more incidents.

Compared to semester one, there was a significant decrease in incidents categorized as disruptive behavior, gross misconduct, misuse of electronic devices, abusive language and truancy. Conversely, there were substantial increases in cutting class, leaving school grounds, vaping and theft.

Referring to a previous

School Board meeting where parents talked about bullying at LHS, Vice Chair Nancy Hendricks asked Sullivan whether there is a culture of insensitivity to bullying with many incidents going unreported.

Sullivan felt that the

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# Recreation Summer Campers Battle Obstacles for Best Time



Participants of the Summer Recreation Program at South Elementary School enjoyed one of the summer favorites with the chance to get the best time at the annual Obstacle Course Run. Broken up by age, groups of kids dashed through the playground to best their buddies. Winners were Paige Fortier, Caleb Dupes, Lillian Cawthron, Bryce Rivard and Jackson Lewis. *Photos by Chris Paul*

## Discipline

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teachers and administration where very approachable to students and that most students would feel comfortable reporting issues. Hendricks highlighted that parents said at the earlier school meeting claimed there are hundreds of bul-

lying incidents that go unreported and wondered why a student wouldn't report issues. Sullivan reiterated that she thought that issues would be reported to teachers, parents and the administration.

Prior to the updates from Sullivan and Sutherland, School Superintendent Scott Laliberte provided an update on what the

district was doing to try to better capture data on bullying and harassment incidents. He shared that while bullying/harassment is a specific category on discipline reports, sometimes bullying may only be part of the issue and so they incident can end up in a different category.

The district is working on ways to capture data related to bullying. He plans to present plans at a future School Board meeting and have the new approach ready for the start of the school year.

Lisa McKenney, Financial Services Manager for the School District, in-

formed the board that the district will be rolling out a new online payment system that parents can use to pay for lunch and activities fees. The new software from Rycor Software will be accessed through the X2 parent portal system currently used by the district to show grades and another student information.

Rycor will replace the district's current payment system. Like the current system, there is a \$1.95 fee for each payment made. As is the case today, parents can still send in checks to make deposits without incurring a fee. The plan is to

roll out the new system for lunch payments in August and then add the ability to make activities payments in the fall.

An additional feature of the new system is that any payments made will automatically be applied to overdue balances on lunch and other payment accounts.

On the subject of overdue accounts, the district is continuing its efforts to collect lunch money from parents whose accounts are overdue. The overdue balance has been reduced from about \$32K to \$24K. Twenty-five families have been sent collection

notices. Those who do not reply by 7/20 with a plan to pay in full or establish a payment plan could eventually be taken to small claims court.

Curro also shared that he has had some exploratory discussions with Litchfield to see if it would make sense for the towns to combine bus transportation programs. With further discussion between the school districts he hopes to determine if cost savings or service enhancements could be had by combining operations. The School Board granted him permission to continue the discussions and report back his findings.

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# Resident Withdraws Waiver Request During ZBA Meeting

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A resident appeared at the July 18 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting seeking approval to construct a pool closer to her neighbor's property line than town zoning allows. Holly Boorda of 60 Hunter Mill

Way, was looking to locate the pool in an area that would encroach five feet into the required 15-foot buffer. Joining her at the hearing was Peter de Bernardo of Gibraltar Pools, the pool company she planned to use for the installation.

Boorda was looking to

locate the 20 ft. x 32 ft. pool and surrounding structure in this part of her property because other restrictions kept her from putting it directly in her backyard. The pool itself would be 16 ft. x 24 ft. with a two ft. ledge on three sides and a 6 ft. deck on one side.

A major part of her backyard falls within the 150-foot buffer for a conservation area holding a heron nesting site that she said she did not know about until planning to install a pool.

The applicant argued that they were meeting all other setback requirements and that the same pool they are looking to install can be found at a few other homes in the neighborhood. de Bernardo added that most towns are concerned with how close the pool water is to the property boundary because they worry about water flow in a collapse of the pool.

Boorda contended that the pool would not negatively impact surrounding property values, that it would be in an open backyard and would not block light or air flow to neighbors. Given the 150-foot conservation buffer, she felt a 5-foot encroachment was a reasonable request and that there was no

other place it would fit in her yard.

When ZBA Vice Chair Jacqueline Benard asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak in support or opposition to the variance, Mark Borgatti of 58 Hunter Mill Way rose to speak against granting it.

Borgatti is the property owner where the pool would extend in the buffer along his property line. If granted, the variance would allow the pool structure to be 10 feet from the property line.

Borgatti shared that in the area along the property line nearest the proposed pool location, his house is only 15 feet from the boundary. When the subdivision was fully built out in 2015, each of those houses had 1/2 acre lots. As a result, he felt the neighborhood was already overcrowded and to have a pool encroach the buffer would only make it worse. He worried that granting the variance would set a bad precedent.

He also relayed that when he moved in he knew from the deed that his backyard and those of the other houses on his side of the road abutted conservation land. For this reason, he paid a premium for the lot since he knew no houses could be

built behind him.

He expressed that he did not want his neighbor to not have a pool but felt that it should be a smaller one. He also said that the Homeowner's Association forbids any grading changes that would alter the drainage pattern between houses. He has had two washouts in the past and was concerned that construction for the pool might alter the flow.

ZBA member Suzanne Brunelle asked if the pool could be pushed back further so that more of it was behind the house. Boorda replied that it could not because of a propane tank in the backyard. Brunelle followed up asking if the decking around the pool was required to which de Bernardo said that decking was an integrated part of the support structure of the pool.

ZBA Member Jim Tirabassi asked de Bernardo if his company offered smaller pools and learned that 12 ft. x 24 ft. and 12 ft. by 20 ft. options are available. He asked if with a 12 ft. x 24 ft. pool it could be pushed back further so that more of it was behind the house and out of the buffer.

Boorda felt that the

propane tank would not allow that. Upon questioning from Tirabassi, it was learned that the propane tank was 16-18 ft. away from the originally proposed location for the pool. Tirabassi suggested that a smaller 12 ft. x 24 ft. pool could be moved five feet closer to the propane tank and thus out of the buffer.

Benard asked the applicant if they would consider the smaller pool. The homeowner stated that they chose the 16 ft. x 24 ft. pool because as a family of five they felt that would keep people from jumping on top of each other when entering the pool. Boorda asked if she would have to agree to a smaller pool to be granted a variance. Benard replied that with a smaller pool a variance would not be required, but that she could not comment on whether they were likely to be denied until the board deliberated.

After a private discussion between Boorda and de Bernardo, the applicant withdrew the request for a variance, deciding instead to forgo the 6-foot deck to make the larger pool fit without going into the buffer.

## OBITUARY

### Carol Ann Pincince



Carol Ann Pincince, 76, of Londonderry, NH, is finally at peace. She passed away Monday, July 16, 2018 in the Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH after her hard-fought battle with her health. She was born on February 11, 1942 in Lawrence, MA, a daughter of the late Hector and Beatrice (Proulx) Pincince. Carol loved life and her family, especially the joy and laughter of her daughter and two grandsons. Her most favorite times were spent going to church and Sunday breakfast followed by playing cards with her family, getting lost in stores shopping, and going to the beach with her sister, Marie. Carol was a communicant of St. Mark's Parish in Londonderry.

She is survived by her daughter, Lianne Gray and husband Rich, her two beloved grandsons, Cody and Owen who were the lights of her life, her siblings, the late Irene Croteau and husband Louis, Marie Silva and husband John, Kenneth Pincince and his late wife Judy, Mark Pincince and his wife Sheila, and Dawn Melvin and her husband Dan. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday in St. Mark's Parish, One South Road, Londonderry with cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community Hospice House, Home Health & Hospice Care, 7 Executive Park Drive, Merrimack, NH 03054. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



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# Editorial

## Celebrate Your Town

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

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

It starts with Hampstead's Summerfest, presented by St. Anne's Parish. Next up is Londonderry's Old Home Day celebration Aug. 15-19, followed by Sandown Old Home Day Sept. 7 & 8 also on Chester's Town Fair on Sept. 8 and Derryfest in Derry on Sept. 15.

Whatever the date or the name of the event, you're treated to a back-to-basics festival with games of skill or chance, talent shows, hearty food, parades, many games and activities, entertainment, all kind of displays and demonstrations and the newest emergency vehicles, and often fireworks. What's new is often what's old too, as long-ago games of tug of war and sack races catch the attention of today's youngsters. Look in the

pages of the next issues of the papers to get all the details of what's happening when.

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

But celebrations don't come packaged and ready to go, they're the work of a multitude of volunteers and a variety of groups, all sharing a love of their real or adopted hometown, and a desire to make their town festival something everyone will want to schedule and come back to every year. That's the heart of what these old-fashioned summer gatherings are all about. And while our weekdays often require long hours in another community or state, summer encourages us to enjoy where we live.

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

# Letters

## One Win, But More To Go

Letter to editor:

The Peasants Win One!

It doesn't often happen but the residents of Londonderry won one before the Planning Board over a developer. The latest on occurred on July 11th, at a Planning Board Hearing. The developer who recently purchased 2 Litchfield Rd. (at the corner of Litchfield and Mammoth Rd.) asked for an additional use of a C-III zone. Due to the nature of the request, all properties zoned C-III would be affected, about 27 parcels.

The developer wanted to add a 3,000 Sq. Ft addition to the property with one drive up window. Currently not permitted use in a C-III zone.

Surprisingly no one commented about increased traffic at this corner. Given past decisions, traffic is of no concern to the Planning Board nor the Planning department. As evidenced by the multi-family housing going on in Londonderry. The developer was before the Planning Board due to the fact Zoning denied their appeal twice.

During the discussion, Ann Chiampa (Planning Board member) stepped down from the board to discuss issues with the property. The previous owner and the Town Council came to an agreement (over the objection of the Planning Board) to change the property from an AR-1 to a C-III. The agreement called for the preservation of the façade, no additional structures, the property continue as residential or "light" office use and finally no retail business allowed.

I recall the Town of Londonderry did a mini-master plan for North-west Londonderry. The

intent was for commercial usage be confined to the route 28 corridor (about one and half miles north of Litchfield.) and keep residential properties residential.

In a win for the residents, the Planning Board rejected the request because it would have violated the intent of a C-III zone. The original intent was for flexibility but to have a transition between commercial and residential. Giving property owners some relief but not at the expense of their neighbors.

You would think this would be the end of the story, but you would be wrong. The developer will go before the Town Council to request the additional use in a C-III zone, in August. So stay tune folks, its not over yet!

Martin Srugis  
Londonderry

*Editor Note: The Londonderry Times was notified this week by the Londonderry Planning Department that the developer has changed the amendment sought and it will now go before the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The new amendment will ask for a financial institution "without" a drive-thru.*

*The ZBA meeting is scheduled for August 15.*

*Therefore there will be no Public Hearing on the Zoning Request at the Town Council's August 13 meeting.*

## Voter Registration

To the editor,

I am writing to address the concerns of the reader from the July 12 issue about the last presidential election.

I am Chairperson of the Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of

Londonderry and responsible for our voter registrations.

In this position, I am honored to serve the town of Londonderry specifically and our Democracy more broadly. I believe that the integrity of our elections is critical to the health of our Republic. I can attest that your election officials work extremely hard to maintain the purity of our elections and their results.

As Supervisors of the Checklist, my colleagues and I register new voters, review all new applications, manage a physical and digital database of all voters in town, remove voters who have died or moved, keep up-to-date on the latest changes in election law, and train and support the Town Clerks as they take registrations during normal business hours. We hold after-hours sessions to offer Londonderry Voters the opportunity to change their voter record (change party, address, name) or register for the first time.

Our voter database is cross-referenced with every town in NH to make sure no one is registered in more than one town. We work with states across the country, sending notice when people register from other states and receiving notice when former Londonderry voters register elsewhere.

As Town Officials, we are bound by the laws of the State of New Hampshire in our registration process. Our registration forms and procedures are determined by law and it is the responsibility of the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the State Government to set and enforce those laws.

Last presidential election, we registered more than 1,000 new voters on

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## Recreation

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up again. Idea designs have the potential to be as complex or simple as the Commission and town would like to go. Some residents have expressed interest in Londonderry having a place to bring their kids to cool down in the hot summer months without having to go out of town. The Commission agreed that this may be worth looking into if residents have shown an interest in a waterpark

coming to Londonderry. A small scale waterpark would be more likely than a larger one for the town, but more research will need to be done going forward before any big decisions are made on the subject.

The Summer Playground Program is currently up and running for the summer months at South School with a little over 120 kids registered for the program, according to Psaledas. Psaledas is happy with the crew that they have and the

people at South School have made them feel very welcome. There have been some discussions on the issue of lunch, because children are not allowed to stay during that period of the day. The times for the program are 9am-noon and 1pm-3pm. Some parents want their kids to stay for the hour in-between, but the Commission does not have the funds to provide

services for that extra hour, according to Psaledas.

The idea was brought up to charge parents the extra hour if they wish their kids to stay during the lunch period, but Psaledas said that is not the issue. "The charge for the extra hour isn't a big deal. The charge would be for the extra people that I would have to hire," he said. The cost for the pro-

gram is \$40 per child, \$50 for two children in the same family, and \$60 for three in the same family. After they are registered, they may attend as much or as little as they would like. Kids are allowed to stay in the morning, afternoon, or both. It is only for that hour of lunch that supervision arrangements would need to be made by parents for their children. Having the kids

stay during lunch presents a new level of liability for the town and Recreation Commission. The price would also increase dramatically if lunch were to become an option. As of now, there are no plans to look into this being an option for the future. Overall, Psaledas is pleased that everything is going well with the Summer Playground Program.

## Letters

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Election Day, people who had lived in Londonderry for years and never chosen to vote, people who hadn't voted in decades, people new to town, and people who were just newly eligible to vote because of age or citizenship.

We ask all voters to prove four things when they vote: age, domicile, citizenship and identity. In the absence of those, a potential voter is eligible, by law, to fill out an affidavit swearing and affirming what they are claiming. The signing of either that affidavit or the voter registration form with fraudulent information is a crime, and is punishable by fine, the revocation of voting rights and/or imprisonment. We turn away non-residents and non-citizens before they register.

The enforcement of election law is the respon-

sibility of the Secretary of State and New Hampshire Attorney General. As Supervisors of the Checklist, we report to the State anyone who has registered to vote without photo ID, without proof of residency or without proof of citizenship. As a town government, we do not reach out to this small number of voters; the state does.

Voting is the most fundamental right of our democracy and as your elected official, I work hard to protect that right and the integrity of our elections.

Kristin Grages  
Supervisor of the  
Checklist, Chairman  
Town of Londonderry

### Trump is a Security Threat

To the Editor,  
Trump is a threat to our security because he continues to befriend Putin, who is an adversary

of the U.S. and the Western world; and Trump continues to condemn our intelligence agencies.

Trump refuses to condemn Russia for interfering in the 2016 election, and he demeans Special Counsel Mueller, while trying to weaken the investigation into possible Russian collusion with the Trump campaign. Trump fired FBI Director Comey and had Attorney General Sessions fire Deputy Director McCabe. They were heavily involved investigating the Russian interference in the election.

Trump refuses to condemn Putin for incursions into Ukraine and Georgia, and poisoning the former Russian intelligence official in England.

Against the advice of his advisers, Trump called Putin and congratulated him on the Russian election victory, which was a sham election.

It appears Trump trusts and admires Putin and he is willing to overlook Russian transgressions. Will this affect Trump's strategic decisions impacting Russia? Trump has control over the launch of retaliatory weapons against Russia if it attacks the U.S. Our national security is in jeopardy. As a former holder of a top secret cryptographic security clearance, I question whether Trump qualifies for a top secret security clearance.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry,

## OBITUARY

### Richard R. Cote



Richard R. Cote, 76, of Londonderry, died Thursday July 19, 2018 in Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH. He was born in Fall River, Mass. on Nov. 1, 1941, a son of the late Joseph and Albina (Lamarre)

Cote. He was a resident of Londonderry for the past two weeks, formerly living in Hudson, FL for 15 years, and Manchester, prior. Mr. Cote was a US Army and Air Force veteran, and was a member of the American Legion. He was the owner and operator of Dick Cote Enterprises. Mr. Cote was an avid woodworker and enjoyed carpentry, and was very proficient at "Cornhole".

He is survived by his wife, Jeannine (Comeau) Cote of Londonderry; one son, Jeffrey M. Cote and his wife Tammy of Hampton, N.H.; two daughters, Pamela Dunn and her husband Thomas of Quincy, MA, and Cheryl L. Bouchard and her husband James of Londonderry; three grandchildren, Trevor Bouchard of Manchester, Courtney Walker and her husband Johnny of Portsmouth, RI, and Benjamin Bouchard of Derry; one great granddaughter, Savannah Walker of Portsmouth, RI; his brother, Gerald Cote of Ft. Walton Beach, FL; his sister, Claudette Meriam and her husband Donald of N. Merrick, NY; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister, Janine Costa.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Saturday, July 28 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A memorial service will follow at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

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# Liberty Utilities Gives Presentation On Energy Infrastructure Project

LORI COSTA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the most recent Town Council meeting, on July 16, the Council welcomed a representative from Liberty Utilities to give a presentation on their new energy infrastructure project. The Liberty Utilities headquarters is located in Londonderry on Buttrick Road. The project was originally announced in December of 2017 and is referred to as "The Granite Bridge" project. The Granite Bridge is a \$340 million natural gas

pipeline and storage project that is designed to serve the residents and businesses across the state of New Hampshire.

According to the presentation, there will be two components to the project, one is a pipeline and the other is a storage facility. The pipeline would be 27 miles long between Stratham and Manchester and the storage facility would be located on 140 acres of land in Epping that is adjacent to Route 101.

The issue going forward for Liberty Utilities

is that the Concord Lateral pipeline, which provides natural gas to southern and central New Hampshire, is at capacity. For Liberty Utilities to be able to continue to provide natural gas services to residents of Londonderry, new infrastructure is needed. The project will also only take place in the state of New Hampshire and will not be necessary to travel across state lines, according to the presentation.

The Liberty Utilities company has also made a pledge for safety and the

Granite Bridge has been designed to accomplish the highest level of safety possible for residents in the area and the workers involved. This project is scheduled to run from now to 2022 with a two year construction of the pipeline and a three year construction for the storage facility. Although none of the construction will take place in the town of Londonderry, the company felt it appropriate to meet with the Town Council to get their approval on the project.

If anyone would like

further information on what the project is or have any general questions, they are encouraged to visit their official website: [www.granitebridgenh.com](http://www.granitebridgenh.com), send questions via email to [info@granitebridgenh.com](mailto:info@granitebridgenh.com) or call the number 603-216-3653 for additional information.

The Town Council had a few questions including the importing of liquefied natural gas from ships and how many jobs will be created for this project. According to the representative from Liberty

Utilities, there are no future plans to take deliveries of liquefied natural gas from ships from the New Hampshire Seacoast. Once the project is underway, Liberty Utilities is estimating about 330 full-time construction positions over the three-year period. No further action was needed to be taken by the Council after the presentation was complete and the representative was thanked for his presentation on providing more information on this project to the residents of Londonderry.

# Local Residents Cycle Toward \$52 Million Goal in Pan-Mass Challenge

NOELLE TARDIFF  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Each year, thousands of cyclists from around the world come together for the the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC): an annual bike-a-thon that has raised more money for charity than any other athletic fundraising event in the world. This year, on August 4 and 5, 11 riders from Londonderry will cycle up to 192 miles in the PMC.

Participants from Londonderry include Jim Antonellis, Brian Belanger,

Adam Daneau, Peter DelMastro, Dominic Galluzzo, Donna Galluzzo, John Galluzzo, Kim Galluzzo, Matt Galluzzo, Donald Grady, Jr., and Kerin O'Brien. This year's riders are hoping to top last year's record-breaking gift and raise \$52 million for critical cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Over 6,200 cyclists from more than 40 states and seven countries will gather in Massachusetts to participate in the PMC.

Riders include everyone from seasoned triathletes to weekend warriors and range in age from 15 to 84. Many ride to honor a family member or friend lost to or being treated for cancer, and more than 850 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients themselves; they are considered Living Proof of the PMC mission.

Designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fundraising ability, the PMC offers 12 different routes, varying in mileage

and difficulty, that pass through 46 towns across the Commonwealth, with starting lines in Sturbridge, Wellesley and Bourne. Cyclists are required to raise between \$600 and \$8,000, depending on the chosen route, though the average cyclist raises more than \$7,000

Volunteers, spectators, donors and sponsors are also part of the camaraderie on ride weekend, all working together in hopes of one day eradicating cancer.

"After surpassing our goal and raising \$51 million for Dana-Farber last year, we are excited to keep the momentum going as we approach our 39th PMC ride weekend," said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC.

"We are continuously humbled by the dedication and generosity of our riders, volunteers, donors, sponsors and community members," he explained. "It's thanks to them that the PMC is able

to make such an immense impact on the fight against cancer."

The PMC donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to Dana-Farber through the its fundraising arm, the Jimmy Fund, and is the institute's largest single contributor, raising more than 53 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. In 2017, the PMC gave a record gift of \$51 million to Dana-Farber, bringing it's 38-year contribution to a total of more than \$598 million for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research since its inception in 1980.

To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town or become a virtual rider, visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org) or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PanMass2018 on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PanMassChallenge](http://www.facebook.com/PanMassChallenge), on Twitter at [twitter.com/PanMass](http://twitter.com/PanMass), on Instagram at [instagram.com/panmass](http://instagram.com/panmass), on Pinterest at [www.pinterest.com/pmc1980/](http://www.pinterest.com/pmc1980/), and on LinkedIn at [www.linkedin.com/company/1546023](http://www.linkedin.com/company/1546023).

The PMC was founded in 1980 by Starr, who remains the event's executive director, an annual cyclist, and a fundraiser. The organization generates more than 55 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue and is Dana-Farber's single largest contributor.

The PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors. All are essential to the PMC's goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. The PMC's hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers.

For more information on the Pan-Mass Challenge, visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org).

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# LHS Eagle Scout Soars With His Eagle Project For Project Linus

LORI COSTA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It takes a special person to rise up and do what is right for others, whether it's donating your time, money, or skillset. Londonderry High School student Louis Turcotte is one of those people.

Turcotte held a yard sale last month at the Grange Hall in Londonderry to raise money for his Eagle Scout Project.

The money he raised from his yard sale he donated to Project Linus. According to their official website, Project Linus is a non-profit organization

that provides blankets with a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through gifts of new handmade blankets.

Turcotte chose this organization for his Eagle Project, because he wanted to help kids in need. "I feel there are always kids in need of this organization's help and teenagers aren't the first to come to mind when people think about kids that need blankets," Turcotte said.

Not only is he helping young children in need, but Turcotte is also learn-

ing valuable skills that will help him as goes through life. "My project has taught me (and reinforced) leadership skills. This project gives me the responsibility to be a leader to the scouts that are helping me with my project. For example, reaching out to my troop for those scouts to volunteer" he said. "I also have to delegate jobs to those scouts so that everyone has something to do. This active leading role reinforces the skill I already have and teaches me skills I will need later on." Turcotte is certainly making his community proud

by helping children and teenagers who are in need of a loving handmade blanket.

Turcotte is no stranger when it comes to working with others. Before the Eagle Scouts, he was a member of the Boy Scouts for five years and a member of the Cub Scouts for five years before that.

One of his favorite memories of his time in the Scouts was his trip to Yellowstone National Park. "My parents signed me up for Cub Scouts, but I stayed, because I enjoyed going on hiking and camping trips with my pack/troop," he said. "My

favorite was last summer when my troop went to Yellowstone National Park to see the solar eclipse. While we were there, we did a hike that required us to stop halfway and camp overnight before fishing the next day. Three of the other guys and I decided to sleep outside the tent and we rolled out a tarp and slept in our sleeping bags under the clear sky and stars."

Project Linus is always looking for help. You can visit their official website [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org) to learn more of the great work the men and women are doing for young chil-

dren and teenagers. Both mail-in and online donations are accepted and more information can be found on their website.

There is also the option to become a "blanketeer" where volunteers provide new, handmade, washable blankets to be given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children and teenagers, ages 0-18.

Free patterns for these blankets can also be found on their website and anyone and everyone is encouraged to donate their skill of creating handmade blankets.

# Sonshine Soup Seeks Support: Current Donation Needs

GABBY GUERARD  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While many families gather for dinner around their kitchen table, a separate group gathers within the community instead. They too create an atmosphere much like a big family dinner, where members of the community chat, reconnect, and share stories. Both groups are composed of ordinary people, yet, there is one main difference: the latter group would not be able to receive their meal, had it not been for hundreds of volunteers and donations.

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen (SSK) offers a place for individuals and families in need to eat a nourishing meal in an uplifting environment five nights per week. On average, the Kitchen serves between 30 to 50 meals each day, to between 20 to 40 people. However, the experience is about much

more than just food; it's about acceptance.

According to the website, the organization provides a, "free meal served in a loving, safe, uplifting atmosphere. We strive to provide healthy, balanced meals. There are no requirements for coming into our dining room and eating, except for sobriety and good behavior. We will serve a meal to anyone who enters, no questions asked." Doors open for meals at 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Though to do so, SSK depends on help from the community, which comes in the form of donations and volunteers. Because the organization is a soup kitchen, its needs differ from food pantries. For example, the organization accepts fresh produce, canned foods, and eggs, however is unable to accept expired or opened items of any kind, breads, frozen items, dessert items, or anything

that has not been prepared in a commercial kitchen.

Additionally, SSK asks that donations are dropped off during open office hours, in order to both thank the contributor, and most importantly, to ensure that the provided food is able to be of use. Open office hours are Monday through Friday from 1 - 6 p.m.

"Our guest safety is our No. 1 priority," said the organization. "We are unable to accept food that has been left outside while we are closed."

The organization also accepts donations for casual clothing and personal care items for those in emergent need, through its clothing closet. Donations of clothes that

are clean, gently worn, and ready to wear are always welcomed. While the small space only holds a limited amount of clothing, surplus items are given to the Marion Gerrish Thrift Store. The clothing closet is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 - 5 p.m.

To best help SSK, the organization asks the public to reference the "Needs List" on the website before gathering items to donate. This list indicates which items are needed the most at any given time, and is updated accordingly. The current needs for July are as follows: brown rice, tomato sauce, canned chicken, paper towels, napkins,

disposable salad bowls, copy paper, supermarket gift cards, Amazon gift cards, men's and women's socks, toothpaste, deodorant, and soap.

Although those items are specific to this month, SSK is always in need of those who are willing to donate their time by volunteering. The program is run almost entirely by volunteers, who help in a number of ways, from cooking and serving meals, to delivering and picking up various items. Anyone who is at least 12 years of age may volunteer, and is

encouraged to call SSK at 603-437-2833 during office hours to be scheduled.

Monetary donations of any amount are also always welcomed. Donations may be dropped off during office hours or mailed to the office at 6 Crystal Ave. in Derry, with checks made payable to the Sonshine Soup Kitchen. Online donations are also welcomed through the use of GuideStar, PayPal, or Amazon. Visit the website at [sonshine-soupkitchen.org](http://sonshine-soupkitchen.org) for more information on how to donate and volunteer.

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# Summertime Sadness: Knowing the Signs of Depression in Your Child

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The start of summer vacation is a joyous time for just about every student, as it heralds a good two and a half months off from homework, tests, quizzes, and all of the ups and downs that school brings. But what brings joy to many, may not be as much of a saving grace for others.

Now that school is out and families have more time to be together, parents may be better able to catch on to any changes in mood or behavior in their children and teens, and more importantly, be able to help them through any changes that could lead to dangerous consequences.

According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, about 5 percent of children and teenagers in the general population suffer from depression at any given time. According to the CDC, up to 3 percent of children ages 3-17 show signs of anxiety disorders. If left untreated, these conditions can negatively impact children's development into adulthood and can even lead to substance abuse, or thoughts of suicide.

As children approach

puberty, mood fluctuation is common amongst boys and girls alike, so it can be difficult to distinguish between what is par for the course and what are signs of bigger problems.

"Things parents should look for to distinguish depression from normal teenage moodiness is the severity of symptoms," said Sandra Norton, Clinical Director of the Children's Department at the Center of Life Management in Derry. "The more pronounced the symptoms, the more likely that the problem is depression (or anxiety)."

Norton further stated to watch for actions that seem "out of character" in children and teens, and to monitor for how long these behaviors last. According to Norton, any decline in mood and/or behavior that consistently lasts for two weeks or longer may indicate depression or anxiety, as well as a decline in functioning in several areas of their life, such as school, home, or friendships.

Norton also mentioned that the most common signs that a child or teenager may be suffering with depression are irritability, anger, and agitation, but symptoms can

also include appearing generally sad, expressing feelings of hopelessness, frequent crying, loss of interest in activities, withdrawal from friends and family, decline in academic or extracurricular performance, changes in sleeping and eating habits, lack of motivation, difficulty concentrating, and thoughts of death or suicide.

Norton went on to say that a child or teenager who is depressed may also develop anxiety, and that depression can lead to anxiety and vice-versa because of negative thoughts, damaged self-esteem, weakened self-confidence, and not feeling secure or safe. Separate signs to watch for that could indicate an anxiety disorder in a child or teenager include excessive worry, trouble sleeping or restlessness through the night, difficulty concentrating, irritability, and inability or refusal to engage in usual activities.

Older children more often exhibit the more apparent signs of depression and/or anxiety, such as sulking, speaking negatively, getting into trouble at school, etc, but Norton mentioned that some more subtle signs that

younger children may show include pretending to be sick, refusing to go to school, or clinging to a parent.

According to Norton, only in the past two decades has depression in children and teenagers been taken seriously, and diagnosis can be difficult as normal behaviors vary from one childhood stage to another. It can be hard to tell whether a child is just going through a temporary phase or if he or she is truly suffering from depression or anxiety. Norton urged parents to work closely with their children's teachers, guidance counselors, school nurses, or any other adults who may see them on a regular basis to help to make recommendations to be seen with your child's pediatrician or an outside agency to provide mental health support if need be.

It is still a common misconception that because children and teens do not typically have the same mental load that adults have to bear, it means they cannot be depressed or anxious. While there are many cases where the death of a loved one or a traumatic event such as abuse are what it takes to trigger these issues, there are a number of other factors that contribute to depression and anxiety in the younger generation.

"Issues such as peer pressure, academic expectations, and changing bodies can bring a lot of

ups and downs for teens," said Norton. "But for some, the lows are more than just temporary feelings - they're a symptom of depression."

Norton listed the following factors that may increase the development or triggering of depression: Having issues that negatively impact self-esteem, such as obesity, problems with peers, long-term bullying or academic difficulty, having been the victim or witness of violence, such as physical or sexual abuse, having other conditions, such as bipolar disorder, anxiety disorder, personality disorder, or eating disorder, having a learning disability or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), having ongoing pain or a chronic physical illness, having a physical disability, having certain personality traits such as low self-esteem, being overly dependent, self-critical, or pessimistic, abusing alcohol, nicotine, or other drugs, or living in an unsupportive environment.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Norton agreed that social media can be a contributing factor in the development of mood disorders in young people, as it can be a source of social comparison, cyber bullying, and isolation. Even though children are often communicating through the use of social media, it is often while they are physically alone in their room, which can still lead to feelings of

emptiness and loneliness. Furthermore, applications such as Snapchat and Instagram and the use of filters and photoshop, while often used for fun, can create unrealistic images of young people and their peers, which in Norton's words could create a false image of self, leading to poor body image. It could also indicate that the youngster is unhappy with his or her appearance and feels the need to alter it.

Knowing the signs and risk factors, parents who suspect that their child or children may be exhibiting symptoms of depression and/or anxiety can help by showing a genuine interest and desire to understand their children's feelings, says Norton. Parents who listen without judgment and who make an effort to put themselves in their children's shoes will have better luck getting through to their young ones than parents who overreact, Norton also said. If a child is unable to talk with a parent about his or her issues, even short-term counseling can be beneficial to a child going through life stress.

Parents who suspect their child/ren may be experiencing mental health distress can contact the Center for Life Management in Derry at (603) 434-1577, or at (603) 432-2253 after hours or on weekends. For more information on their services and providers, visit [www.centerforlifemanagement.org](http://www.centerforlifemanagement.org)

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# The Joy of Color - Leach Library's August Artist Named

GABBY GUERARD  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Summer is a season of vibrant flowers and beautiful sunsets. However, for the month of August, Londonderry residents will also be able to experience bright bold colors on dreary days of rain and thunder. This will all be made possible by artist Debbie Auclair.

Auclair has been selected by the Londonderry Arts Council (LAC) as the next Featured Artist of the summer. As such, the Nashua native

will display nine works of art at the Leach Library for the entire month of August.

Auclair will showcase abstract expressionism pieces for the exhibit, and describes her style and technique as "loosey-goosey." As an intuitive artist, Auclair uses a variety of tools to paint, which can even include her fingers. Rather than using a meticulous formula, she prefers to explore by adding to the layers of her work until she is satisfied.

"Even though most of my art is non-representational, it is mostly inspired by the beauty of nature, so people seem to see trees, flowers, clouds, and other forms of nature in them," Auclair said.

Due to the style, there are limitless possibilities as to how the public may perceive her works. For Auclair, it is this aspect that has been of particular excitement, and makes the art unique compared to more accurate, representational paintings.

"I enjoy hearing what

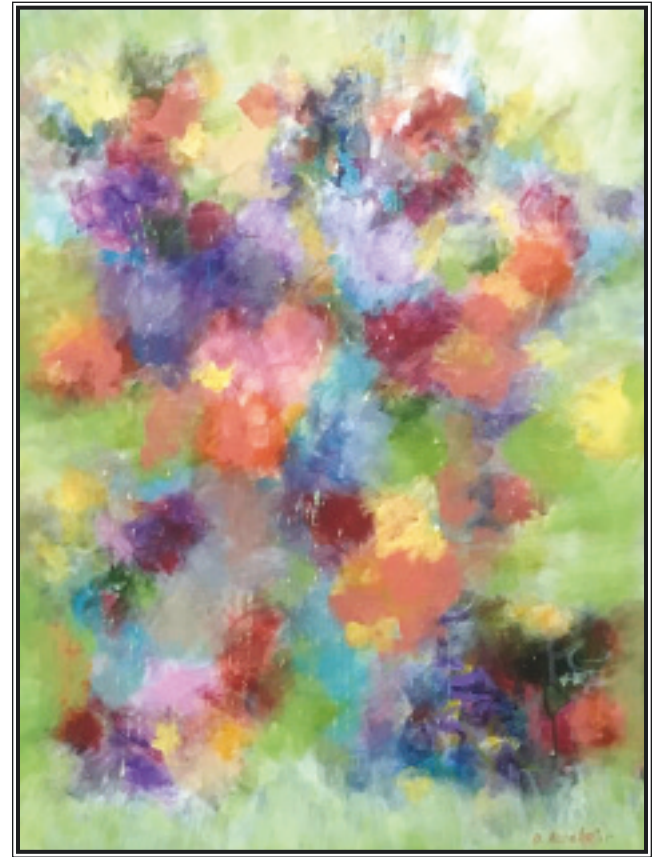
people see in my pieces and how they interpret my art," she said.

Although abstract art can be a more challenging style for some to appreciate, Auclair has been told that even from viewers who ordinarily dislike it, they enjoy her works. The key reason behind this is due to the fact that viewers often experience happiness while admiring her pieces, which is exactly what Auclair aims to accomplish.

"I want my art to be joyful and uplifting," she explained. "I am not an artist who makes social commentary with my work. I create vibrant and colorful pieces, and my hope is that the viewer feels a sense of peace after viewing them."

This goal has never been more apparent than it is for the Leach Library exhibit, titled, "The Joy of Color." The pieces that will be on display were originally created for another exhibit at a local hospital, so she wanted them to be joyful and healing, "since that is a place of anxiety for most of us." Judging by the bright yellows, blues, pinks, and greens, swirled among many other vibrant colors in pieces like "Floral Dreams," "My Promise," and "Joyous Beginnings," the artist has done just that.

While she has managed to bring happiness and peace to many, it was



*Floral Dreams by Debbie Auclair*

n't long ago that Auclair described herself as "unartistic." Though, after living 60 years before trying to paint, she has come to realize the power of art and how strong of an effect it can have on the public.

"No one is more shocked than I am to see that I am capable of creating art that many people seem to enjoy and even buy," Auclair said. "That's why I encourage everyone to give some form of artistic expression a try. I truly believe we all have creative gifts just waiting to be discovered."

Auclair's artwork will

be on display beginning August 1, and will remain in the library throughout the remainder of the month. At that time, another Featured Artist will be named by the LAC for September.

For more information about the art, contact Auclair via email at [debauc20@gmail.com](mailto:debauc20@gmail.com). To view more artwork, visit her website at [sunbluestudio.com](http://sunbluestudio.com) or follow her Facebook page, "SunBlue Studio." For more information about participating in the library exhibit program, contact the LAC via email at [Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org](mailto:Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org).

## Kids Coop Presents High School Musical



Kids Coop Theatre's production of High School Musical will be performed at the Derry Opera House on Friday, July 27 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 28, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The cast of 38 members ranging in age from 12 to 18, are from a total of 12 area towns. Tickets will be available online and at the door. For more information visit [kids-coop-theatre.org](http://kids-coop-theatre.org). To purchase tickets online, visit the website, then select "Buy Tickets Now."

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# Fourth-Annual Blues Festival to Benefit Disabled American Veterans

NOELLE TARDIFF  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Saturday, Aug. 25, blues-lovers, friends, and families are invited to the Londonderry Town Common from 12 - 4 p.m. to enjoy music, food, and more - and for a great cause.

The 4th annual Blues Festival, hosted and organized by Londonderry's own Dennis "Dr. Harp" Martin, will benefit the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and raise awareness for homelessness among veterans. In the past, proceeds have been donated to the Liberty House in Manchester and the Veterans Count program.

The idea for the event originated several years ago because Martin, who was once a homeless veteran himself around the time of the Gulf War, wanted

to give back to veterans as they were the ones who helped to get him back on his feet.

"I said, 'You know what? I think I'll give them a favor,'" Martin said.

The first year the event was held, only about 50 people made up the audience. However, in recent years, between 300 and 400 people have been in attendance to show their support for our local veterans.

"I really enjoy the environment," Martin said of the festival. "We get so much support from the community. The community of Londonderry, and even towns outside of Londonderry like Derry, Salem, and Windham, is great."

Martin's band, Dr. Harp's All Veterans Blues Makers, will also be performing that day, along



Dennis Martin and his band, Dr. Harp's All Veterans Blues Makers, will perform Saturday, Aug. 25, on the Town Common for annual Blues Festival.

with several other blues bands that are donating their time to play. "No one's getting

paid," Martin explained, "Not even me. As a matter of fact, I usually dip into my own pocket to help pay for a few things."

A barbecue truck, an ice cream truck, and craft vendors will also be available for guests to enjoy. The VFW Women's Auxiliary will be selling baked goods throughout the day, with all proceeds being donated to the DAV.

A variety of raffles will be part of the day as well for items such as military blankets made by Martin's wife, Manchester Monarchs tickets, and a 50/50. The Long Blue Cat Brewery donated several gift cards for the event as well, which will also be raffled off throughout the day. Selling tickets for the raffles will be the DAV Women's Auxiliary.

"Veterans Affairs (VA) will have a table set up as

well," Martin said. "They'll be able to give information out."

Martin explained that in New Hampshire alone, there are several hundred homeless veterans. Nationwide, there are over 40,000.

"A lot of veterans aren't aware of the benefits they can get," Martin explained. "If they come to the festival, the DAV of Manchester will have a table set up so that people can ask questions about things like health care that they aren't aware that they get."

Martin also explained that he is looking for more volunteers for the day. For more information or to volunteer at the Blues Festival, contact Dennis "Dr. Harp" Martin at 603-303-0352 or drharp83@hotmail.com.

## School Board

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Board on August 11.

Items that are adopted in the formal CIP document by the town council generally must be approved by town voters because they require funding outside of the usual school and town budgets.

Prior to presenting specifics, Curro pointed out that it was a challenge to forecast space needs at this time because in parallel a school district committee was currently assessing space and program needs. That report is due in the fall and having it may alter the CIP requests, but in the meantime leadership estimated as best they could. He also added that cost associated with each item on the CIP were

estimated on the high-end to give a worst-case scenario for now.

The top capital priority for the district is expansion of Moose Hill kindergarten. In the draft plan, school district leadership slotted in \$10.8M for expansion in FY2020 along with the addition of two classrooms at South School. This worst-case scenario assumed continued growth in kindergarten enrollment and a move to full-day kindergarten. Curro stressed that there is no plan to move to full-day, but if town opted to go to full-day, then this would be the approximate cost.

Curro highlighted that the plan notes stated that if the town stayed at half-day kindergarten, then expansion would still be

required at an estimated maximum cost of \$3.5M for six additional classrooms at Moose Hill and the two classrooms at South School.

Board Member Steve Young did not feel that he had enough information to make a decision on the proposed Moose Hill expansion. He felt that the district should also consider alternatives including adding modular classrooms or moving kindergarten students to the elementary schools.

After discussion, the School Board agreed to

move the expansion line item out a year and to amend the wording to clearly indicate that the amount requested would vary depending on whether the town moved to full-day kindergarten or not.

Another element of the proposed CIP were a series of upgrades and renovations to other schools in the district. Curro shared that this line item covered upgrades to the aging elementary schools and renovations to what he called the "core" of Londonderry Middle School (LMS).

Beyond improvements to the LMS core, examples of upgrades include modernization of classrooms, updates to building mechanical and administrative office space.

LMS was updated in 1986, but these updates did not include areas such as the cafeteria, gym, library or multi-purpose room. The updates to LMS and the elementary schools are slotted in the CIP for 2022.

The third item on the proposed CIP was \$25M in FY2024 for a new elementary school. According to

the CIP proposal notes the potential need for this is based on higher enrollment predictions, already tight quarters and growing class sizes at the elementary schools.

The last item was an auditorium at the high school proposed at \$10M in FY2025 as a placeholder if the community votes approval of this at some point.

With the amendments to the Moose Hill portion of the CIP and no changes to other elements, the Board voted 4-0 to present the CIP to the CIP Committee.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## LAF 12-U Baseball Squad Wins Title, Rolls on to Cooperstown

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's hard to think of a way in which the Londonderry Athletic Field Association (LAF) 12-U All-Star baseball squad could have headed off on its annual trip to a huge tournament in Cooperstown, NY in a better state of mind.

Last Thursday night, July 19, the local hardball squad capped off an undefeated run at the Tyngsboro, Mass., tournament by narrowly besting a strong Lowell Highlands' team in the title game. And the next day they were on the road headed to the cradle of baseball and the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown as one of more than 100 baseball teams from the United States and Canada playing in the massive international tourney.

The huge Cooperstown event began on July 20 and runs through this Friday the 27th, with the Londonderry crew testing its considerable mettle against some of the finest competition

there is to find.

Mere hours after the win in the Massachusetts tourney, head coach Tim Dodge got and savored the chance to speak proudly of his talented charges.

"The team went 6-0 in the tournament and played great in every game," said Dodge. "We won the finals 2-1 over a very good Lowell Highlands team. I'm very proud and happy for this group of kids. Every one of them contributed during the tournament, and they ended their local all-star season on such a high note. They have been through a lot this year, and this was an outstanding finish."

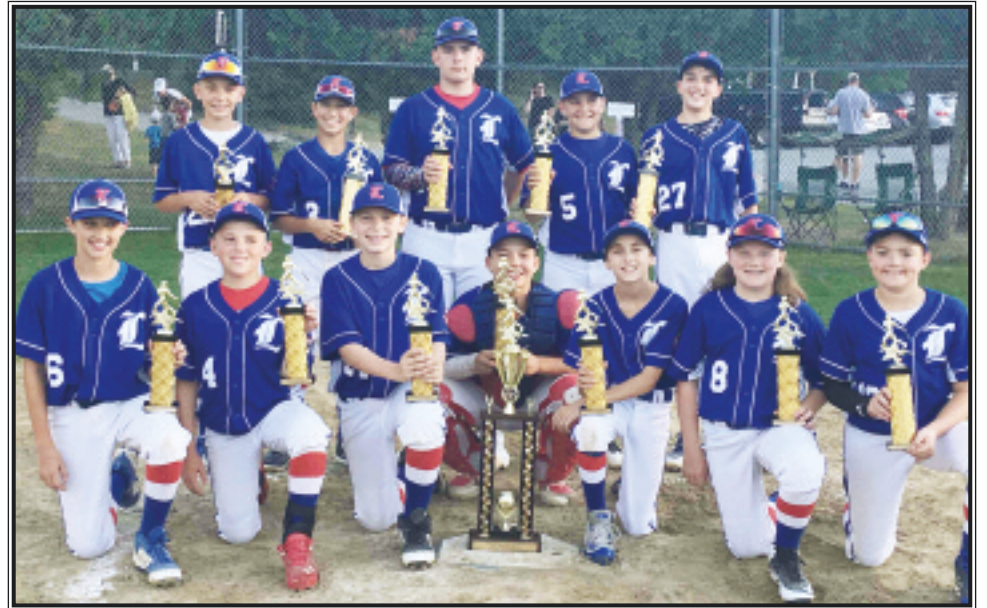
Looking ahead to the international tourney in Cooperstown, coach Dodge added, "This week should be a great experience for the team, coaches, and families."

Making the trip to the hallowed ground which holds the baseball hall of fame also took a lot of off-the-field work and fundraising for the locals. But it all paid off with the

opportunity to play in week eight action at the Cooperstown Dream Park once again.

The all-star squad's roster includes Taylor Dodge, Joey Cafaro, Michael Thistle, Michael Maloney, Colin Parent, Matthew Traynham, Sammy Bernardini, Liam Stott, Drew Heenan, Spencer Nelson, Mary Croteau, and Drew Fuller. The assistants to head coach Dodge are Greg Thistle, Chuck Fuller, Ray Croteau, and Pete Cafaro.

As that skilled crew works toward success in Cooperstown the already electric atmosphere there will reach a fever pitch as the hall of fame rolls straight into induction weekend 2018 with Detroit Tigers' legends Jack Morris and Alan Trammell, ex-California Angels' superstar Vlad Guerrero, Atlanta Braves' record-holder Chipper Jones, former Cleveland Indians' slugger Jim Thome, and ex-San Diego Padres relief ace Trevor Hoffman all set to be inducted, with past inductees in attendance.



The LAF 12-U baseball squad had every reason to be all grins in the moments after it snagged the championship hardware at the Tyngsboro (Mass.) tournament last week. In front from left are Matthew Traynham, Sammy Bernardini, Liam Stott, Drew Heenan, Spencer Nelson, Mary Croteau, and Drew Fuller. In back from left are Taylor Dodge, Joey Cafaro, Michael Thistle, Michael Maloney, and Colin Parent. The team is playing in a huge international tournament in Cooperstown, NY this week.



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# Preparing For Regional Tourney, Local 11-U Stars Went 3-1

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In the wake of its recent title-taking success at the New Hampshire Cal Ripken Baseball Tournament over in Rochester, the 2018 state champion Londonderry 11-U all-star hardball contingent prepared for the forthcoming regionals in Dover by playing in both the Hollis-Brookline and Salem tournaments recently.

The locals went a very strong, combined 3-1 in the four games they played at those events, but there were certainly bumps in the road for the normally wildly-successful Londonderry crew as it got ready for the regional tournament in Dover, which was going on as The Londonderry Times went to press early this week.

Coach A.J. Marsh's talented all-star troop advanced to the Cal Ripken regional championships as a 9-U entity during the summer of 2016 and then again as a 10-U crew last summer, falling just short of winning crowns both times. But now this summer that skilled squad headed back to the regionals once again as an 11-U contingent, and this time the locals hope to hoist the

biggest hardware overhead after getting to the semifinals and then the finals respectively during those previous two tries.

Coach Marsh's 2018 mob qualified as the top seed at the state tourney from the Eastern part of New Hampshire several weeks ago by taking the area title on its home field in dramatic fashion. And there was still more drama at the state championships more recently at the double-elimination New Hampshire championships at Roger Allen Park in Rochester.

Londonderry ended up taking the state crown - beating the tough Seacoast entry twice to do so - to advance to the regionals again. But the locals had to try to remain rust-free in the interim, and in that effort they played two games in the Hollis-Brookline tournament and two in the Salem tourney.

In the former, Londonderry absolutely pummeled the team from Kearsarge Valley on Saturday, July 14, and then edged Pelham by a single run the next morning.

In the 21-1 pounding of Kearsarge Valley, which only went five innings, Londonderry led 9-1 at the completion of four



*There has been plenty of drama for the Londonderry 11-U All-Star baseball squad in tournament play this summer, as the locals had to win two games in one day twice to advance to the regionals. Courtesy photo*

frames and then plated 12 more runs in the fifth.

Jayden Hamilton drove in five runs with two hits, and Zach Mantegari, Devin Boles, Ryan Williams, Cole Metivier, and Carter Browning all tallied ribbies for the victors as well, with Londonderry bashing out a total of 15 hits. Frankie Jarek, Browning, and Brett McKinnon handled the pitching duties beautifully.

The next morning the locals returned to the diamond against the Pelham All-Stars and squeaked out a 5-4 win which featured Londonderry busting a 3-3 tie by scoring twice in the fourth frame.

Ryan Perry made sig-

nificant contributions both at the plate and on the pitcher's mound, with Casey Marsh and Hamilton also contributing to the team's win on the hill. Mantegari added two hits to the Londonderry cause.

The local crew was slated to play a second game that evening, but that latter battle never came to pass.

"We won a couple of games in the Hollis-Brookline tournament, but scheduling confusion and us showing up at the wrong field to play forced us to forfeit one game and ultimately knocked us out of that tournament," said team media liaison Natalie Cook.

Undaunted, the baseball-hungry Londonderry squad members decided to use the time to play a scrimmage among themselves that night.

They then returned to

play at the multi-week Salem tournament on Wednesday, July 18 after being rained out of their opener the previous day.

Londonderry faced off with the Manchester All-Stars in their first game and walloped that opponent by a 13-3 tally in a contest which only went four frames.

The victors scored five times in the third inning thanks to the smacks of Jonathan Wilson, Hamilton, and Boden Belanger, who all knocked in runs. The winning side wound up bashing out a total of 11 hits in just four frames.

Hamilton got the pitching start for the locals and teamed up with Perry to hold the Manchester offense back.

However, the Londonderry side had the extremely rare experience of getting walloped by an opponent itself the next day, with the Quintown

contingent besting the local boys by a 12-1 tally in another game which only went four innings.

"I think you'd have to look back to when they were eight to find a time when they were ever mercied," said Natalie Cook. "The boys just didn't show up to play. We had a number of errors, and the Quintown bats were on fire. They had 14 hits to our two."

So when the regional tourney got started in Dover days later, coach Marsh and his charges hoped they'd gotten all of the negative energy out of their systems as they played for big stakes against the best 11-U competition in New England.

"Perhaps it was just the wake-up call that the boys needed to understand they need to show up to play every game," said Cook as the locals rolled into regionals.

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# Londonderry Junior Legion Crew Heads Into the State Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A shutout win at home followed by a shutout loss on the road last week completed the Londonderry Junior American Legion Post 27 baseball squad's regular season with that contingent managing a 12-6 final record as it heads into the New Hampshire tournament in Portsmouth this weekend.

The Londonderry side absolutely pummel the squad from Salem - mere days after being bested handily by that opponent on its home diamond - in a

10-0 shutout in Londonderry on the evening of Friday, July 20. But the next day the locals ended up on the down side of a 6-0 score to the weak host Raymond Junior Legion entry in Londonderry's regular season closer out on the road.

That 12-6 finish left the local hardball crew seeded third out of District B heading into the Junior tournament starting this Saturday, July 28, at Leary Field in Portsmouth. Londonderry will face off with the second seed from District A - Jutras Post of Manchester - at 12:30 p.m.

on that seacoast diamond in game two of the tourney.

The locals got an excellent pitching performance from Alex Peters in the win over Salem at Londonderry High on the night of July 20, with that skilled righty holding the opposition to just two hits while his offense drove hard to the 10-run rule which ended the contest in the bottom half of the fifth inning.

The hosts scored once in the bottom of the first - the only run they'd end up needing to win this one - and padded their

lead by scoring twice more in the third and fourth frames. And they ended the contest by putting up a five-spot in the latter half of the fifth inning.

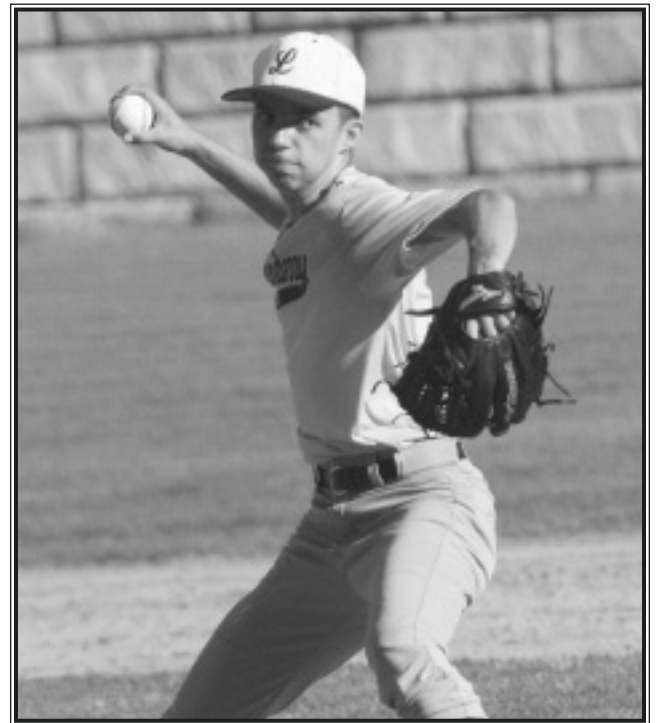
"Alex came in and threw strikes and the defense and offense supported him well, so this is a good win," said coach Jake Ratka.

Hurler Peters struck out four would-be hitters and walked just one in bagging the complete-game victory.

After Salem whacked the game's first hit but left two runners on base without scoring in the top of the first, the Londonderry side notched the only run it would require in the bottom of that frame when Braeden Griffin led off with a walk, stole second, reached third on the first of four Salem errors on the day, and scored on a sacrifice fly by Chris Tutt.

Londonderry bumped its lead up to 3-0 in the bottom of the third on a fielder's choice and an error, and it became a 5-0 game in the latter half of the fourth thanks to an error and a passed ball. Nolan Lincoln and Kenny Fantauzzi, who scored the two runs in that frame, both laced hits to reach base.

Londonderry ended the game via the 10-run rule in the bottom of the fifth even before the visitors could manage to collect the third out.



*Skilled right-handed pitcher Alex Peters put forth an excellent effort in his Londonderry Junior Legion team's final regular season home game against Salem last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis*

The hosts scored five times on four hits in that game-ending frame, with Lincoln, Ryan Killilea, and Tutt each smacking a run-scoring single to bring the contest to its close with only one man out.

Londonderry finished up with a total of eight hits, with Lincoln and Killilea each knocking two and leadoff batter Griffin reaching base three times in four trips to the dish. And he scored runs three times as well.

But where coach Ratka's roster ended its home campaign in excellent fashion, it closed out its regular season with the pretty significant 6-0 downer in Raymond

against a Post 90 contingent which had gone a dismal 1-15 in its first 16 contests. That Raymond side ended up at 2-15 and way out of the tournament scenario, while the Londonderry crew had a week to think about the shutout defeat it had been handed by a far weaker opponent.

Be that as it was, the local hardball crew was able to look ahead to this weekend's double-elimination state tourney in Portsmouth and a first-round battle with a District A Jutras squad which ended up with an 11-5 regular season mark but a pretty modest 4-3 record in its final seven contests.



## Annual Cleaning

The Londonderry High gymnastics team won't be starting its season until this winter, but fundraising efforts were in full swing during the squad's annual car wash held at the Londonderry BP Service Station on Nashua Road recently. The girls hope to remain competitive again this year despite losing a number of key athletes to graduation and area clubs.

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# Local Senior Legion Hardball Squad Finishes Tough Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Coaches Brian Meskell and Rich Salcito knew full well that their 2018 Londonderry Senior American Legion Post 27 baseball squad would have real challenges as it chased an elusive tournament berth in tough New Hampshire District B this summer.

When beginning a discussion with Meskell concerning his 2018 crew early on, one was likely to hear a phrase like "offensively challenged" during the first 30 seconds.

And as things turned out, when the locals completed their campaign at Phillips-Exeter Academy last Thursday night, July 19, the Post 27 contingent had managed to win just a trio of its 15 contests in posting a 3-12 record which left Londonderry tied up with Exeter for the bottom spot in the District B standings.

Post 27 and Exeter both had 3-12 final marks, and they split their two 2018 meetings. The sea-coast side won the second of those with a 3-0 shutout success at Phillips-Exeter in Londonderry's last game of the campaign on July 19.

The local crew had a suspended game with Dover from back on July 10 which was slated to be completed last Saturday the 21st, but as Londonderry and Dover were both out of the tournament picture there was no reason to finish that contest.

Rochester (13-2), Derry (12-4), Nashua (11-5), and Merrimack (10-5) ended up collecting the four District B tournament spots, with 7-7

Portsmouth being the only other one of the nine District B squads to play .500 ball or better.

Pitcher and recent Londonderry High graduate Travis Peabody, who held off on joining the Londonderry Legion squad until a handful of games had been played, wound up hurling his team to two of its three victories. Peabody - who will begin his freshman college year as a Northeastern University student studying in Dublin, Ireland in a matter of weeks - was superb in 3-1 wins over both Exeter and Derry. The other Londonderry win was a 4-2 success against Dover in the game before Peabody joined up.

The locals suffered humbling defeats to Portsmouth (10-2) and Rochester in a double-header (7-0 and 8-1) before finding the winning track with that defeat of Dover in game number four.

Then came Peabody's excellent performance against Exeter at LHS on June 22, and the locals were all of a sudden within a single win of the .500 mark.

However, the Post 27 coaches then saw their charges slip into a seven-game losing skid which basically evaporated any tournament hopes the

squad held.

Included in that tough slide was a blowout loss to Derry in Londonderry in which recently-graduated Pinkerton all-state pitching standout George Welch twirled a no-hitter.

But the next time tough Derry and scuffling Londonderry met, the Post 27 bunch managed to take advantage of some defensive troubles experienced by their rival. Combined with another strong mound-effort from Peabody, the final result was a surprising 3-1 Londonderry victory.

Along with the aforementioned Peabody, the Post 27 roster included Londonderry High graduates or current LHS Lancers Dakota Johnson (pitcher/infielder), Nate Sullivan (shortstop/pitch-

er), Xander LaPlante (catcher/first baseman), Jake Bolduc (infielder), Marc Brickley (1B/P), Sean Cavanaugh (infield), Jack Dingman (catcher/infield), Tyler Kayo (infield/catcher), Matt Minton (versatile), Andy Ross (OF/P), and Ethan Sullivan (versatile).

Players from Alvirne High of Hudson - recently graduated or still attending - included pitcher/outfielder Pat Rauseo, versatile Justin Broussard, outfielder/pitcher Hayden Callery, and pitcher/outfielder Nathan Walker. Filling out the roster were recent Pinkerton Academy graduate Kyle Gillen (OF) and recent Hollis-Brookline High graduate and outfielder Tyler MacDormand.



Londonderry Senior Legion pitcher Travis Peabody bagged two of his team's three wins this summer.

## Local Youngsters Excel in Week Four of the Annual GDTC Fun Runs

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Speedy, and spirited young runners from Londonderry and Derry managed some top finishes during week four action of the 43rd season of the Greater Derry Track Club's summer fun runs at Londonderry High School on the evening of Monday, July 16.

The very solid crowd of youthful athletes competing that evening brought to 499 the number of race registrants

who had participated through the first four weeks, with the July 16 kids' registration offerings of non-perishable food providing an impressive tally of some 280 more pounds of food being divided and donated to the St. Jude Food Pantry of Londonderry and the Saint Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry in Derry.

"For very hot Monday evenings, the turnout has been great," said GDTC race director Colleen Falardeau.

Collecting top-three finishes in the nine-year-old divisions that Mon-

day night were Londonderry boys Josiah DelSignore (second) and Nathan Smith (third) and young Londonderry ladies Addison Doyle and Annabelle Ackerson (second and third respectively).

In 10-year-olds' competition, Eve Klok of Derry was one unbeatable girl, with Londonderry lasses Leah Griffin and Jaya Kelly taking second and third respectively. Among the males, Derry's Sebastian Herr bagged the second spot.

In 11-year-olds' action, Derry boys Bryson Hooke and Jacob Hall finished 1-

2, and on the girls' side of the ledger Londonderry ladies Lilianna Cawthorn and Jaielynne Kelly were first and third respectively.

In races among the 12-year-olds, Bailey Yager of Derry snagged second place in boys' action and Michaela Horan from Londonderry placed second among the girls.

And among the 13's, Amelia Hernandez of Derry was tops in girls' competition.

The GDTC Summer Fun Runs are being held every Monday through Aug. 6 at Londonderry

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# GDTC Squad Faces Uphill Climb in Defense of Grand Prix Crown

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It has been stated countless times that the only thing tougher than becoming a champion is remaining a champion. And the members of the Greater Derry Track Club's running team which is taking part in the annual New Hampshire Grand Prix Race Series this year can certainly attest to that.

The local club had its 2017 squad win the Grand Prix crown after engaging in a truly spectacular team battle with the Nashua-based Gate City Striders throughout the year of races.

The locals notched a tally of 1,313 points in the 2017 series to take the

title, with Gate City second with 1,285 and the Upper Valley Running Club of Lebanon third with a tally of 941. All in all, some 12 teams took part in the 2017 series. The spirited series began back in 1994, and GDTC teams have won a handful of titles since then.

The Striders appear to be serious about winning the 2018 title, and through the first four Grand Prix races the Nashua-area side was faring extremely well.

Gate City had amassed an impressive total of 766 points through the first four races of the 2018 Grand Prix campaign, overcoming the early lead which the Upper Valley crew

had taken by winning series race number one on its home turf in Lebanon back in early March.

And with those first four races completed, Upper Valley sat in second place with 543 points, some 40 better than the 503 which the GDTC crew had notched.

In the series-starting, Lebanon Shamrock Shuffle 5K on March 10, the host Upper Valley squad finished first quite handily thanks to its team point tally of 227. Gate City was second with 163, and Greater Derry was third out of eight competing club teams with 135.

The locals had some 29 runners take part in that first 2018 race, with

Derry resident Rich DiSalvo pacing the charge by scoring 10 points himself. Other significant contributions were made to the GDTC effort by Mike Dufour from Londonderry and Nick Gregory, Carolyn Morgenstern, and Caryn Pepin of Derry.

The Greater Derry club had 25 runners take part in the second Grand Prix race - The Nashua Soup Kitchen 10K - on April 8, with a total of 10 teams taking part in that event on the Gate City Striders' home turf.

And the Nashuans overtook first place in the Grand Prix series by scoring 225 points to Upper Valley's 138 and Greater Derry's 122.

The Greater Derry side's performance featured nine-point efforts from DiSalvo and Morgenstern, eight important points from Dufour, seven from talented Derry teenager Luke Brennan, and six from Gregory. Their fellow Derry resident Pat Crothers was also good for a handful of points.

The series events then moved to Windham on June 10 for the Windham Rail Trail Alliance Fast 'n Flat 5K, in which the Greater Derry squad boasted some 31 com-

petitors.

However, Gate City's Striders once again bagged the most points with a tally of 202. The locals were second (157), with Upper Valley a distant third (88) out of six total running clubs which competed.

DiSalvo and former Pinkerton Academy running stalwart Amy Bernard - who teaches and coaches girls' cross-country at that Derry school - both bagged nine important points for the GDTC side. Teen Brennan finished seventh overall in 17 minutes and 14 seconds to notch eight important points for his crew.

Other significant contributions were in turned in to the local contingent by Londonderry residents Breanne Piazik, Colum Creed, and Mike Jean, and Derry residents Gregory, Andrew Fongemie, Jon Schmitz, Matt Lynch, and Marie Checket.

The June Grand Prix race was held on the 23rd in the state capital in the form of The Capital City Classic 10K, with Greater Derry's competing squad

consisting of some 17 runners.

Gate City ended up winning its third event in a row with a tally of 176 points, with Upper Valley (90) and Greater Derry (89) battling it out for runner-up honors among some 11 competing squads.

DiSalvo and Brennan combined for 16 points between them, with additional contributions coming from Jim Peters of Derry and 71-year-old Charles Morganson of Derry, as well as their fellow Derry resident Priscilla Camarda.

The rest of the 2018 Grand Prix events include the Bill Luti Memorial Race in Concord, the Epsom Old Home Days Race, the Half-Way to Saint Patrick's Day 5K in Manchester, and the CHaD Hero Half-Marathon in Hanover between the end of July and mid-October. And the GDTC squad has its work cut out for it if it intends to successfully defend its 2017 title.

Watch this space in next week's Londonderry Times sports section for results of the annual Luti race.

## Fun Runs

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High, with that one aforementioned item of non-perishable food serving as each runner's registration fee.

As the GDTC puts it, "all children ages two to 92 are welcome to come and run, and everyone is a winner."

Registration begins at 6 p.m. each race night, with the runs commencing at 6:30.

Members of the Greater Derry Track Club lead stretching exercises and offer running tips prior to races, and each age group runs a different

distance.

Two and three-year-olds run approximately 50 yards, four to six-year-olds run 200 meters, seven and eights run 300 meters, 9-10-year-olds cover 600 meters, 11-13-year-olds run a cross-country mile, and 14's and older run the open mile.

Everyone gets a participation ribbon compliments of the Derry Recreation Department and a commemorative T-shirt at the end of the program courtesy of the Greater Derry Track Club. Water, Gatorade, and watermelons are supplied each week. At the end of the

series prizes and medals are given for participation in this healthy event.

While they are co-sponsored by the Derry Recreation Department, the races are open to children from any town or city. In week one, youngsters from Hudson, Litchfield, Salem, Windham, and numerous other towns took part.

This past Monday's races ended up being cancelled by weather.

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## Old Home Day Senior Barbecue

The Old Home Day Senior Night will take place on Aug. 15, at Lions Hall Pavilion, starting at 4 p.m. This annual barbecue is for Londonderry residents only and is free of charge. However, you must have a ticket to be admitted. Tickets are available at the Londonderry Senior Center or at the Town Manager's Office, see Kirby Brown. At 4 p.m. there will be free bingo with prizes, then at 5 p.m. food ordering will start. Following the barbecue, there will be a Concert on the Town Common featuring the Windham Swing Band. The band will start playing at 6:30 p.m. and is free to all. In the event of inclement weather, all activities will be

moved to the Londonderry High School Cafeteria.

## Old Home Day Baby Contest

The Baby Contest will be held on Saturday August 18, at 9 a.m., in the Matthew Thornton Gym. All pre-registered babies born between Aug. 10, 2017-Aug. 10, 2018 are welcome! Please contact [ohdbabycontest@outlook.com](mailto:ohdbabycontest@outlook.com) for details or to register. \$10 registration fee will be collected at the door. Come take part in this fun annual event for the youngest residents of Londonderry!

## Londonderry Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: August 10, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register

to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers) Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship. More than 30 days before an election, applicants without proof of domicile will be asked to retrieve proof and return to register. Within 30 days of an election and on Election Day, applicants without proof of domicile with them may register to vote if they sign an affidavit attesting to

their domicile and either agreeing to bring or send in proof or attesting that they are not aware of possessing proof of domicile.

## Library Hours

The Leach Library's hours for the month of August will be Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Saturday, August 18, for Old Home Day.

## Adult Summer Reading Program

This fun program for adults is running now till Friday, August 31. If you have not yet registered, please stop by the Reference Desk to sign up. All adult library card-holders in good standing are eligible to join the program. For more information, please call 432-1132.

## "Escape the Tide Pool"

The lower-level meeting room will be transformed into a seaside lair during sessions on Monday, August 20, Tuesday, August 21, Thursday, August 23, and Saturday, August 25. Solve all riddles and puzzles within the 60-minute timeframe to escape the tide pool or be swept out to sea! Groups of 4-8 adult participants (ages 18 and older) will follow clues to investigate the tide pool, conquer the kelp for

est, hunt for treasure, battle the surf, and more. All participants will win a prize from the treasure chest. This special event is free and open to adult library cardholders. Adults without a library card can also participate by providing a valid driver's license. Advance registration is required.

## YA Meetings

All meetings are held in the downstairs meeting room from 6 - 7 p.m. and are open to all participants entering grades 6 - 12. Snacks and drinks are served at all meetings. You might win one of the door prizes which will be raffled off to lucky participants. Keep turning in your raffle tickets until 8 p.m. on Monday, August 6, for a chance to win one of the large raffle prizes.

## Proceed with Caution

On Thu. August 2 work as a team to discover new worlds at the Leach Library. Together you will make a map and create clues to find your own lost world.

## Pizza Party & Raffle Draw

Time to celebrate reading achievements on Thursday, Aug. 9 at the Leach Library! Remember to keep track of the total books read this summer, follow the guide-

lines, and hand in your reading log by closing time on Sept. 8, to be eligible for the Janice Anagnos Memorial Summer Reading Certificate, as well as the special Grand Prize for the participant who reads the most books from June 1 - Sept. 8.

## Family Fun Magicpalooza

On Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. join us at the Leach Library for a magic show. Join magician Lon Cerel as he performs incredible feats of magic. Filled with lots of audience participation and the appearance of a live bunny, participants will leave with a smile. Those participants who wish to will have a chance to go home with a balloon sculpture (live animal). Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program.

## Craft Time

Design your own songbird mobile on Thursday, Aug. 2 from 10 - 10:45 a.m., or 1 - 1:45 p.m., at the Leach Library. Patrons will be able to create their own mobile using a variety of materials, including feathers and markers. Each session is open to 70 participants. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program.

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### Hide and Seek

On Monday, Aug. 6, play Hide and Seek at the Leach Library from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Participants will hear stories of animals that blend in with their surroundings, as well as stories of hide and seek games that took a silly turn. All participants will leave with a camouflage bucket hat to help commemorate the day. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the

program. To register, stop by the Children's Room.

### Hawaiian Fun

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, relax and enjoy an Island Breeze from 11 a.m. to noon at the Leach Library. Hear stories of sun and sand, surf and sea. Participants can learn some Hawaiian words and even get to do a fun tropical dance. Each participant will leave with a watermelon beach ball. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. To register, stop by the Children's Room.

### Animal Adventures

On Wednesday, Aug. 8, the Leach Library presents Animal Adventures for an Avian Adventure from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Participants will encounter fascinating birds and other animals, and learn about their characteristics, habitats, and other interesting facts. There will be a chance to interact with some of our animal visitors, and those participants who wish to, may even have a chance to touch some of the animals. Animal visitors may include a Sunday Conure, Cockatoo,

and Eurasian eagle owl (live animals). Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. To register, stop by the Children's Room.

### Yo-yo fun

On Thursday, Aug. 9, see Brett "Ooch" Outchunis from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Leach Library. Brett combines his three favorite things, yo-yos, music and dance. During the first part of the program, audience members will be amazed by Brett's awe-inspiring tricks. Thereafter, it's time to dance! Brett will lead partic-

ipants through a range of different types of dancing. From line dances and follow along, to the freeze dance, this energetic program. Registration is required and begins

### Garden Club Meeting

The Derry Garden Club will hold its Aug. 3 meeting at The Robert Frost Farm, at 122 Rockingham Road, in Derry, from 10 to 12 p.m. The meeting will include a tour of the gardens on the grounds once occupied by one of America's beloved poets, Robert Frost. There will be a house tour as well

as a brief presentation on New Hampshire Historic Sites. Members are encouraged to bring some perennials for swapping. Bag lunches will be provided. New members and guests are welcome.

### Children's Summer Reading Program

The summer is here and it's time to rock out with this year's Summer Reading Program! The theme for the program is "Libraries Rock!". The Leach Library is pleased to be able to offer some great programs and

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### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - July 16**  
**1:11 p.m.** Criminal mischief investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.  
**2:31 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident Investigated on Rockingham Rd at Auburn Road  
**2:33 p.m.** Response to Disturbance results an arrest on Victoria Drive. Four officers arrest Johnathan Paulenka, 19, of Londonderry and Charge him with Criminal Threatening (use Of Deadly Weapon).  
**3:09 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Jason Drive.  
**3:33 p.m.** Criminal mischief investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.  
**3:44 p.m.** Criminal mischief investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.  
**5:16 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Mcalister Drive.  
**6:34 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Cambridge Street. Justin Michaeels, 27, of Worcester,

Mass. charged with three counts of theft.  
**Tuesday - July 17**  
**9:10 a.m.** Warrant Served by three officers and arrest made on Stage Coach Circle. Jacqueline Ann Mcquarrie, 52, of Londonderry charged with Theft and Forgery.  
**12:21 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Chase Road.  
**2:48 p.m.** Peace restored after neighborhood disputes on Granite Street.  
**3:48 p.m.** Domestic disturbance investigated on King Charles Drive.  
**6:31 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Ridgemont Drive.  
**11:56 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Constitution Drive.  
**Wednesday - July 18**  
**2:02 a.m.** Missing person investigated on Oakridge Drive.  
**11:15 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Rockingham Road at Liberty Drive. Five officers

arrest Nildariz Bracero, 30, of Manchester on a warrant.  
**4:41 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Winterwood Drive.  
**9:19 p.m.** Motor vehicle check investigated at LAFA Complex Nelson Road.  
**Thursday - July 19**  
**8:59 a.m.** Four officers serve warrant on Laurel Hill Drive.  
**9:29 a.m.** Unlawful activities investigated on Mill Road.  
**9:57 a.m.** Attempted suicide investigated by six officers on Winding Pond Road.  
**10:37 a.m.** Drug offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.  
**11:19 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Baker Street in Manchester. Donald Glidden, 25, of Manchester charged with Theft; Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories.  
**12:28 p.m.** Juvenile offenses investigated at Lon-

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The Budweiser team from Bellavance Beverage brought Frankie, a Clydesdale horse, to the Londonderry Market Basket last week. People lined up outside the store front for a chance to pose with the horse. One lucky customer to win the chance to ride on the Clydesdale hitch when they march in the parade at the Anheuser-Busch brewery for the Backyard event on Aug. 11. It is a family event featuring live music, brewery tours, samples and food trucks.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Around Town

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activities this summer, including craft days, trivia contests and guessing games, just to name a few. There will also be special programs and performers throughout the summer. Have an enjoyable summer of fun during this summer's reading program! All reading program participants will work as one team to try to read enough books to double the world record for the longest marathon reading aloud by a team, with a total of 43,800 minutes! Each book read will equal one minute of reading completed. Follow our bookworm as he makes his way around the clock. Be sure to visit

our website for our monthly Calendar of Events and all activities information. Check out the Leach Library Children's Services page at: [londonderrynh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH\\_LeachLibrary/CS/children](http://londonderrynh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_LeachLibrary/CS/children)

### Summer Fun Book Bingo

Join us Monday, July 30 from 11 a.m. - noon at the Leach Library to play a fun picture version of the popular game. Every participant will win and be able to choose books from our special selection table. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

### Book Discussion

On Thu. July 26 as part of

the Leach Libraries Young Adult Summer Reading Program for grades 6-12 come and discuss "Call of the Wild" by Jack London. Join Buck in a journey of survival as he learns what it means to be leader of the pack. The first sixty participants to sign-up will receive a paperback copy of the book to keep. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

### Craft Time

Paint your own wind chimes on Thursday, July 26 from 10 - 10:45 a.m., or 1 - 1:45 p.m., to paint your own hot air balloon inspired wind chimes at the Leach Library. During this program, patrons will be able to decorate their wind chimes with special paint. Each session is open to 70 partici-

pants. Registration is required and begins the Thursday prior to the program. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

### Win Tickets to Red Sox vs. Yankees

Etz Hayim Synagogue is raffling off two front-row seat tickets to the Red Sox v. Yankee game that will take place on Friday, August 3, at 7:10 p.m. at Fenway Park. The cost of the raffle is \$10 for one raffle ticket; \$50 for six raffle tickets. Tickets include admission to the Royal Rooters Club, a private club for Red Sox season ticket holders and home to original memorabilia. The drawing will take place on Sunday, July 22, (your presence is not required for the drawing). To purchase raf-

file tickets, please contact the Red Sox raffle organizer at [redsox@etzhayim.org](mailto:redsox@etzhayim.org), or Dina Michael Chaitowitz at [d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org](mailto:d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org). Proceeds from the raffle will benefit Etz Hayim Synagogue and will in turn help to support the synagogue's many programs that are available for free to the surrounding communities.

### Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this 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](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)

### Lions Club Meeting

General Lions Club Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m., at Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. We are always welcoming new members to help support our community, so stop in to learn more.

## Police Log

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**3:02 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Hemlock Street.

**5:36 p.m.** Assist Londonderry Fire Dept. with Transport to Hospital from Midridge Circle.

### Friday - July 20

**12:32 a.m.** Services rendered for Bicycle Safety Violations on Gilcreast Road at Ford of Londonderry.

**1:37 a.m.** Vehicle towed after motor vehicle check at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**8:38 a.m.** Criminal mischief investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

**11:04 a.m.** Sex offenses investigated on High

Range Road.

**4:07 p.m.** Peace restored after disturbance on Rockingham Road.

**4:46 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Valley Street, Manchester. Raelle Marquis, 31, of Manchester charged with Theft and Forgery.

**5:57 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Mercury Drive at Constitution Drive.

**7:29 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Terracewood Road.

**9:57 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Copperfield Lane by six officers.

### Saturday - July 21

**12:57 a.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

**9:53 a.m.** Services ren-

dered for criminal activity on Lawson Farm Road.

**11:06 a.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital from Hardy Road at West Parish Drive.

**2:48 p.m.** Weapons offenses investigated on Norwich Place.

**4:23 p.m.** Weapons offenses reported on High Range Road at Pillsbury Road.

**5:14 p.m.** Services rendered for weapons offenses on High Range Road at Pillsbury Road.

**5:39 p.m.** Trespassing investigated on Litchfield Road.

**7:46 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Stonehenge Road.

**11:42 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Olde

Country Village Road.

### Sunday - July 22

**9:13 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated at Rite-Aid on Nashua Road.

**9:28 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**12:29 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident reported on Adams Road.

**1:22 p.m.** Attempted suicide transported to hospital from Judy Drive.

**2:11 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Sheridan Drive.

**2:59 p.m.** Drug Offenses investigated on Judy Drive.

**10:38 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Woodhenge Circle at Rockingham Road.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

- A. Application for formal review of a proposed 83 lot conservation subdivision, Lorden Commons Phases 2, 3 and 4 - 17 Old Derry Road, Map 16, Lot 38, Zoned AR-1, Lorden Commons, LLC (Owner) and Chinburg Properties, Inc. (Applicant)



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