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Staying Brown

Grass in Londonderry will not be getting any greener for the next few weeks as the Town Council voted 5-0 on Monday night to raise restrictions in town to a Level II of the lawn watering ordinance. See story on page 1.

Photo by Chris Paul

Senior Resources Committee Prepared for Old Home Day

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Senior Resources Committee came together for an early August meeting to discuss issues related to upcoming events like

Old Home Day and the Londonderry Senior Informational Expo.

Deputy Chief of Police and Committee member, Kim Bernard, found that the Expo has support from several groups, both public and

private. Wheelchair van company, Mobility Works, will hold a presentation. Wheelchair ramp provider, Ampramp, also promised to attend. The Londonderry Police Department
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Lawn Watering Restrictions Elevated to Level II by Council

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Because of the severe drought in the state, the Londonderry Town Council decided to elevate lawn watering restrictions to the next level during their Monday night, Aug. 15, meeting.

Members of the Town Council voted 5-0 to raise restrictions in town to Level II of the lawn watering ordinance that was adopted back in 2020 during another severe drought.

At the end of Monday night's meeting, Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, informed the Town

Council that Londonderry is currently in a severe drought and asked whether members wanted to move forward on raising watering restrictions.

"There are two different options the town can undertake," Malaguti said. One would be to do nothing, and the other would be to move to Level II or Level III if the council is concerned enough.

Level II Restrictions are as follows:

- Lawn watering by odd numbered addresses is allowed on Mondays and Thursdays
- Lawn watering by

even numbered addresses is allowed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

- Lawn Watering Shall not occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

If restrictions move to Level III, lawn watering is prohibited throughout town.

Council Chair, John Farrell, mentioned he had seen Windham had moved to a Level II recently and asked fellow members what they wanted to do.

He also noted even though many residents are on private wells, lawn watering still
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Pappas Hosts Clean Water Roundtable, at Town Hall

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

U.S. Congressman Chris Pappas met with town Officials last week in to discuss his efforts in Washington to stop PFAS contamination and to help ensure New Hampshire communities have the resources they need to clean up any of their contaminated water.

The meeting took place on Tuesday, Aug. 9, and was considered a clean water roundtable with local officials.

Also attending the meeting was Robert Scott, a commissioner with the N.H. Department of Environmental

Services, Londonderry Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, and Town Councilors John Farrell and Deb Paul.

Pappas started by saying he wanted to work collaboratively with the town to try and find a solution to the problem of PFAS contaminants in the ground water.

Adding that the problem is significant here in New Hampshire and all across the country saying he has been looking to get a major package through Congress that would help "turn off the spicket" and stop addi-

tional contaminants from getting into the ground.

He also mentioned that there is \$10 Billion dedicated nationally through infrastructure legislation that is earmarked to address PFAS and was interested in hearing from local governments on what steps
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School Board Approves Bringing Back Eighth Grade D.C. Fieldtrip

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Tuesday, Aug. 2, School Board meeting, Londonderry Middle School Principal, William Van Bennekum, requested for the restoration of the annual Washington, D.C. field trip for local eighth-graders. The original COVID-19 Reopening Plan minimized the number of field trips schools could take and indefinitely suspended the

D.C. trip. The last class to make the trip graduated after the 2018-2019 school year.

“On behalf of the eighth-grade students, I am asking that you consider, approve, and reignite the eighth-grade overnight trip to Washington D.C. for the 2022-23 school year,” Bennekum asked in his request to the School Board. The current plan will have students leave Londonderry on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, with

a four-day itinerary.

In Washington, students will have a set amount of money for each meal, and lodging is included in the cost with a federal building tour, travel to several war veteran’s memorials, the National Mall, and various Smithsonian museums. Students also have the opportunity to purchase a group photo in front of the U.S. Capitol. Students will return the following Friday evening, in time to

start the spring break.

Science teacher, Alicia Marques, volunteered to be the trip coordinator and is in contact with World Strides, the travel company the middle school used before the pandemic.

Marques stated that pandemic safety is a central concern and World Strides periodically updates its health screening process to limit potential exposure to all students while in Washington. Masks and vaccinations are no longer required, though both are recommended. However, World Strides still has testing requirements and any student testing positive ten days before departure will not be permitted to

attend, regardless of symptoms.

Bennekum expressed the importance of parental participation, encouraging eighth-grade parents to complete an anonymous preliminary survey. The target is for a participation rate of at least 187 students or 70 percent of the eighth-grade class for the 2022-23 school year. The trip will only happen with a certain level of participation.

“I think this is the year that we need to kick off some form of fundraising for eighth-graders to go, there is a cost to it,” Bennekum said when bringing up the issue of cost, adding that making the trip happen “just takes a little

work.” He also hopes that involving students in the fundraising process will increase interest.

A shortage of bus drivers and oil prices mean higher costs of transportation. The cost of food and hotel rooms is also higher than before 2020. With ongoing COVID concerns, refund insurance is now mandatory for parents, with an estimated per student cost of \$1,472 for the entire trip. Parents are encouraged to present any fundraising ideas at an upcoming informational meeting.

The board unanimously approved the trip, and an itinerary is available online for public viewing. Bennekum stressed that the trip has not been finalized with Board approval.

The Middle School is holding a Parent Informational Night on Wednesday, Sept. 7 to discuss travel restrictions, terms, conditions, and fundraising ideas for the D.C. trip in person.

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Roundtable

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are being taken.

Malaguti responded that the town has been working on the problem for about eight years now and the town formed a PFAS Task Force recently to help find out how severe the problem is and to help disseminate information to the public.

He added that with the grant money coming on line soon, they are trying to plan for what the solution is; saying, "The frustration at the local level that we hear is that, 'We have this really urgent problem, we need to go now', but the wheels of government don't always work that quickly."

Many of Londonderry PFAS issues have been created by the

Merrimack based Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics company and a Consent Decree agreement was recently established to help those effected by the problem they created.

That area in Londonderry includes homes west of High Range Road.

Farrell, who lives in the Consent Decree area of Londonderry, added he thinks a solution to the problem needs to move a lot faster, also saying that the cost to deliver public water to the entire town will cost about \$2 million.

That effort would take about 10-years to accomplish.

Commissioner Scott told the group that there is a 64-square-mile area within the Consent Decree area. The short-term solution for prob-

lems with people in the Consent Decree, is point-of-entry upgrades such as a public water hook-up where available and private water filtering systems. There is currently a rebate program being offered of up to \$5,000 for private wells and \$10,000 for a public water line hook-up, for those outside the Consent Decree area.

He also mentioned the long-term solution would be a town-wide public water hook-up.

Scott also said although there is money out there to help with the cost off a public water hook-up, local taxpayers will also have to put money toward the problem.

Scott also said there is a large amount of money available to towns, but they need a plan to get to it.

To that, Farrell said, the grant money needs to come before they can "sell it to the community."

Scott responded, "Part of the sell to the community is that this money will be available for the next five years." Adding that prices are going up and there is a recession looming. The program he was referring to has a 49-percent

forgiveness.

Malaguti noted that even if we can't build a \$200 million water system in town, but we want to make sure it's sized correctly to support future development.

Malaguti also said the town is currently accessing whether they should be in control of the water being supplied to residents or if it

should remain with either Manchester Water Works or Pennichuck. The work on that would take about nine more months.

The group also discussed the problem of bottled water being supplied to residents in the Consent Decree area. Some people are four-weeks out on delivery, but no solution was given.

Restrictions

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draws water from a shared water supply.

Councilor, Deb Paul, suggested moving to Level II, with Chad Franz immediately agreeing.

Member, Joe Green, inquired about enforcement of the policy, saying he has noticed blatant disregard to the current level.

Malaguti responded that under the ordinance, the police department is responsible for enforcement.

According to the ordinance, there will be a warning issued for the first violation, a \$200 fine for the second violation and a \$1,000 fine for additional violations.

In the end, the consensus was to move to Level II, to which,

Malaguti told the council he would notify the community and it would take effect immediately following that.

Malaguti said after the meeting, "We can begin enforcing the new restrictions three days after notice runs in the newspaper."

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Editorial

Summer's Winding Down

Things that we just can't ignore; Kids will be back in school before this month is over, the leaves are beginning to turn, the shadows and light have a fall cast.

There's no escaping that while the temperature is still plenty warm and the air conditioners are still getting a workout, the change of seasons is in the air. Town summer recreation programs are over for another year, even town beaches are posting end-of-season closure dates, and sales of mums are picking up.

It seems like just a few short weeks ago that school let out for the summer. Well, a fine summer it has been. It's still too hot to think about winter clothing, but the time for scarves, hats, and boots will be here before we know it. Yet even as one season fades, the opening of the school year comes with it, a sense of everything new once again. Store displays of empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger set, untouched crayons carry with them an excitement about new things to come. For those of us long past worrying about the first day of school, we still have

our memories.

For parents, getting ready for the start of school brings feelings of nostalgia and the reality of the years that are passing. There's nothing like the opening of school to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring.

It's as reminder we should follow whatever the season.

So while we'll still enjoy plenty of days of wearing flip-flops and shorts, the time is running out for the year. In the heat of August, we're spending days and evenings at the beach or by the lake, making use of the backyard pool, and squeezing in a last summer camping trip. We're also filling canning jars and freezer bags, keeping ahead of the weeds in the garden as its bounty increases daily, and we prepare for winter meals.

All in all, it's a wonderful time of year, a time when nature's bounty and beauty are on display for everyone to enjoy. These August days call to us to make the most of the hours of sunshine and warmth, because as New Englanders, we know what lies ahead.

Letters

Londonderry's 300th History on the Common

To the editor,

This year's Old Home Day falls on the 300th Anniversary of the Charter of Londonderry.

On behalf of the Town of Londonderry, Ann Chiampa and myself, both researchers for the Londonderry Historical Society, will be manning the official Old Home Day "300th Anniversary of Londonderry" booth on the Town Common.

We'll have many interesting items on display, including copies of our early Town documents that reside in the NH State Archives and the New Hampshire Historical Society's collections.

The Charter of Londonderry, which established the Town, was granted on June 21st, 1722. You'll find attached to the document is a list of all the early settlers, including Mary Wilson, also known now as Ocean-Born Mary!

Before the Charter was granted, in 1718 a petition was made to Governor Samuel Shute requesting permission from 319 inhabitants of Northern Ireland to settle in New England. It included the names of the first 16 families of Scots-Irish descent who the following year would settle here. You might know the fairly large document as the Shute Petition, and our copy, courtesy of the NHHS, has been beautifully framed for display.

By studying these and other Town records we have created maps that show how the Town was developed by that

earliest group, where the settlers received their individual grants of land, and also where the earliest roads were established.

One of those roads was an old rum trail that, in its day, was a major trade and stage coach route. Come find out how the rum trade along that road and the Pinkerton brothers are related and why the name of the new I-93 Exit 4A Access Road ended up being called the "Old Rum Trail".

Ann and myself will be at the booth to show you these important early documents and maps, answer questions, and explain and discuss any of Londonderry's early history.

Hope to see you on Saturday!

David Ellis
Londonderry

Laura for Londonderry - My Two Cents

To the editor,

I have been out of local politics for some years now, but I try to keep myself informed in regard to those who desire to lead our community and our state. I look for people who can lead, debate, and find common ground, where possible, on issues that benefit us, without the need to simply throw money at problems or steep us in broad handouts that don't come close to solving problems. My good friend Laura El Azem fits the bill for me.

Laura is a woman of immense, often quiet passion, who believes in traditional conservative principles, adherence to the original dictates of the Constitution, family values, the right of the unborn to themselves be

treated as human beings, substantive education, and home rule. She is especially adept at listening to people first, before she explains her beliefs. She and her husband Patrick have raised a wonderful family here in Londonderry and that story is of itself an amazing, loving, and heart-tugging one.

Laura has been a solid member of our community, having organized and become involved with a number of issues concerning family values, her faith, education, the unborn, and now, yes, politics. She is tirelessly knocking on doors these hot days to tell you why she wants to represent us at the State House. If you see her, stop and chat for a bit. She'll make you proud. And vote for her as a State Representative in this upcoming election. We can always use rational, new faces in Concord, who practice what they preach and can help accomplish good things for our state.

Joe Paradis
Londonderry

Education is an Investment in the Future

To the editor,

First, full disclosure, you should know that I am a Democratic Candidate for the state legislature from Londonderry. I am also very concerned about what I feel is an ongoing assault on the public school system. So I want to encourage you to consider what our public schools mean to the future of our state, our communities, and our children. I think the developments in Artificial Intelligence and

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Band Camp Had Hot Temps and a Beatlemania Theme



Members of the Londonderry Lancers Marching Band and Color Guard completed their annual Band Camp last week as they readied the halftime show for another football season. This year's show is entitled "BEATLEMANIA!" and musical highlights include "Magical Mystery Tour", "Lady Madonna", "Eleanor Rigby", "Blackbird", "Yesterday", "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and "The End." This year's Drum Majors are seniors Heidi Ricker and Sarah Dygd, and junior Lauren Fountain. The Colorgaurd Captain is Megan Edwards and the Drumline Captains are Kevin Plakyda and Megan St. Germain. The Band is directed by Serge Beaulieu and Emily Dawson.

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Blues Festival Benefiting Veterans Returns to Town Common

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 8th Annual Blues Festival will be coming to the Londonderry Commons on Aug. 27 from noon - 4 p.m., featuring the soulful sounds of bands including the XBand Blues Band, The Blue Monkey Band, and Dr. Harp's Blues Revue Band.

Admission to the festival is free. There will be BBQ food and ice cream available to purchase from trucks on the festival grounds. A number of vendors will also be present offering opportunities for festival-goers to help support the festival's cause.

100% of proceeds from the event will benefit the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association chapters NH5-1 and NH5-2. The CVMA is an association of veterans from all branches of the military who ride motorcycles as a hobby, whose mission is "to support and defend those who have defended their country and their freedoms."

The event is organized by Londonderry resident Dennis "Dr. Harp" Martin, who in addition to putting on the event will also be providing vocals and "Harp (harmonica)" play-

ing in his Blues Revue Band.

Martin has played the harmonica since the age of 10 and has been playing the Blues since his high school days.

Martin also served in the United States Coast Guard from 1979 until 1983. Sadly, shortly after returning to his home in Cape Cod after a medical discharge, Martin would find his life turned upside down.

Martin suffered a serious injury during his deployment, the effects of which caused him to develop Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) after he returned to the States. His symptoms were so severe that it led to difficulty keeping a job, which eventually led to a period of homelessness for Martin.

For at least a year, this veteran would struggle to get by from "couch surfing," to staying in shelters, to even living in a tent in the woods for a time. This would change when a group of veterans of the Vietnam War happened upon him and helped him turn things around.

"My life got better then," said Martin. "And it was because other vets helped me."



Dennis Martin, a.k.a. Dr. Harp, will return to the Londonderry Town Common for the 8th Annual Blues Festival supporting area veterans.

Martin was back on his feet, and eventually moved to NH where he has resided for nearly 20 years.

Although things have changed for him over the years, Martin still struggles with an injury sustained from his time service. The average person might not notice it at first glance.

"It's an injury you don't see," said Martin about his PTSD. "And I live with that. I don't suffer with it, I live with it."

Martin said by attending group therapy with other veterans in situations similar to his, he is able to get through the hard times and manage his condition.

In gratitude to the

veterans who helped him get his life back, Martin found inspiration to begin his first Blues Festival nearly 10 years ago, with the mission to help prevent what happened to him happening to other veterans and their families.

Martin spoke of the importance of veterans helping each other, as despite claims of the effectiveness of various programs, veteran outreach on the Government's part doesn't always include reaching out.

"You have to go to the streets," Martin said in regards to Government programs' approach. "They know where they're at, they have to go and talk to them."

Martin stated when he comes upon veterans he can tell are struggling, he will reach out and inform them about programs like the ones who helped him get on his feet. He added getting help isn't as easy as people think.

"People will say, 'Well, have them go to the VA.' Well, they're homeless! They don't have money for the bus, how do they get there?"

Martin also stated many aging veterans were especially vulnerable, and most in need of assistance. However,

that assistance seems to be just out of reach for many of them.

"A lot of Vietnam and WWII vets don't have access to phones and the internet," said Martin. "That's what the VA wants to do, everything has to be done online. But what about people who don't know how to use the internet?"

Martin's career in and passion for Blues music spans decades, and he has perfected his harmonica or "Harp" playing by watching and listening to Blues artists from all over. One influence in particular that stood out in his memory was one "Big Joe Turner," a Blues vocalist who left him some words of wisdom. Words in that moment helped him to hone his craft, and words that perhaps had helped him through tough times to come.

"He said, 'Just sing the Blues...'" said Martin. "If you have the feeling, you'll be fine."

Those interested in participating may contact him at either drharp83@hotmail.com or by calling (603) 303-0352.

For more on the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association and Vets Helping Vets, visit www.combatvetsnh51.org and www.combatvets52.com

OBITUARY

Arline M. Fortin



Arline M. Fortin, 88, of Derry, NH died Wednesday August 3, 2022 at her home. Arline was born in Lawrence, MA on March 22, 1934, a daughter of the late James P. and Ann (Dobrinski) Quinn. She had resided in Derry for the past 58 years.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Gerard A. Fortin of Derry, two sons, Gerard Fortin and his wife Darline of Chester, NH, and John Fortin and his wife Jennifer of Londonderry, NH, four grandchildren, Crystal Fortin, Jessica Marrone, Erin Breen, and Kelly Lewis, seven great-grandchildren, her sister, Lorraine Desharnais, and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Sunday Aug. 7, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Funeral services were held on Monday Aug. 8, in the funeral home. Burial followed in Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry.

OBITUARY

Marilyn May Wood



Marilyn May Wood, 82, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Monday, August 8, 2022, in her home. She was born in Beverly, MA on April 21, 1940, a daughter of Dudley and Hazel (Christy) Woodberry. Marilyn worked as an RN in the Emergency Department at Parkland Medical Center in Derry for many years as well as Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic in Manchester.

She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Bruce Wood of Londonderry; daughter, Stephanie Wilkerson and husband Josh Wilkerson of Londonderry; three grandchildren, Billy Streight and spouse Adrienne Nester of Warrenton, VA, Emily Streight of Radford, VA, and Tristan Wilkerson of Londonderry; sister, Carol Diane Nye of Redding CA, and several nieces and nephews.

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Seniors

Continued from page 1 ment, Leach Library, and town staff will also be at the Expo. Officials from the NH Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services might also attend, although this is not yet confirmed.

Bernard reported he had emailed the district to coordinate logistical issues with the Londonderry High School to host the event including the "size of the table they need and any electric issues." The gymnasium has plenty of space, and members

believe there will be plenty of room, although the maximum limit to how many people can attend was not determined. Another idea was to print out a map of the school and the event space for Expo vendors.

Members also debated different ways to attract more people to the event through online advertising, physical print-outs, and text messaging. Committee members are still looking for more participants with a deadline of October 3

for anybody who wants to set up a booth.

The Committee intends to have its own booth at the Expo with literature for Londonderry Seniors. This will include pamphlets on fall prevention, lift assist services, and essential contacts.

"Non-profits before the profit people when notifying the population about this event," stated member, John Wilson, who wanted to make sure non-profits will not be excluded. Several for-

profit companies already promised to attend, although there has been no agreement on the ratio of non-profit to for-profit attendees.

The Expo is to be held at Londonderry High School on Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Preparations are underway for Committee preparations during Old Home Day events. They plan on bringing a sign-up sheet for potential Community Caregiver volunteers following the parade.

The Senior Resources Committee is ready for the parade on August 20 as they unveiled a new, completed banner. "I was able to get a really good deal" according to Bernard, who unveiled the blue banner for everyone to see. The only disappointment was the inability to add an apple to the Committee logo due to a lack of space.

The Committee will also have a booth for Old Home Day in the town common after the parade.

The Senior Resources booth will be similar to the one planned for October. Similar literature will be available, along with additional Expo information.

With several upcoming events, the Londonderry Senior Resources Committee will hold meetings every two weeks until November.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m.

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Webinar Covers PFAS Removal Rebate Program for Private Wells

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RON DUNN

The Waste Management Division of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) held a webinar on Wednesday, Aug. 3 for citizens on private wells that have been impacted by PFAS. The webinar was designed to explain to residents how to apply for the State's rebate program that began on July 25.

This program has \$20 million in funding and has the ability to help 3,500 residents that apply and submit all the correct documentation. This program is offering \$5,000 towards a POU (Point of Use) or POE (Point of Entry) system or \$10,000 to connect to an existing Public Water System. The money can only be used to install one system and is a one time rebate per address. This rebate will not

include any maintenance of the system. However, it will pay for your pre and post water testing.

The Vendor Registration part of the applications is mandatory. The applicant must log onto the website and complete the process to get a six digit vendor number. The preferred method to file the rebate is online. They will however accept the following: mail, email and hand delivered.

The requirements to qualify for a rebate are:

1. Application filled out completely
2. Analytical Results
3. Receipts/Invoice from work performed
4. Spec Sheet
5. Photos
6. Post Water Treatment Results

The applicant will need all six required items or their application will be returned. You have the ability to

check on the status of your application and this application can be saved at any time and be returned to at a later date. Even after submitting your application, you can add documents if you realize you forgot or missed any. All instructions are on the website NHDES.gov.

To get your water tested go to the NH PFAS Investigation website and fill out a Private Well-Testing Request Form. There are also listings of labs that are Accredited by NHDES for testing your water at www.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation

Who Can Apply:

1. Home Owners, Contractors, Renters
2. If your home is NOT within the Consent Decree
3. Only one rebate per household address
4. Your Water MUST exceed the legal levels

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1. If someone else is paying for you to receive bottled water, you don't qualify

2. The rebate does not cover any post installation expenses

3. The rebate is one time. It cannot be split

up. You cannot reapply for more money.

4. The rebate will cover only one of these options: POU system, POE system or connection to public water.

If you already put a system in, you are eligible for the program if

the installation was after Sept. 30, 2019. If the system was installed prior to that date, you will need to contact NHDES to see if you can get a waiver.

The presentation can be viewed on the official NHDES YouTube channel.

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Jake Naar Hoops 3v3 Tournament Continues for Second Year



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The second annual “Naar Classic” No Bad Days three

versus Three Basketball Tournament was held on Saturday, Aug. 6 for Jake Naar, a beloved Londonderry High School ath-

lete who lost his life in a tragic auto accident in March of 2021. Naar’s 19th birthday would have been on Aug

8, and in remembrance of his birthday, his friends held the annual Tournament to raise funds for his scholarship fund. The event was organized by Naar’s teammates and friends, Wil Reyes, Zach Fawcett,

and Brian Gould. There were 38 teams involved in the tournament this year and \$2,000 was raised for the Jake Naar Scholarship Fund. This year’s winning team was Will Sasso,

Nick Ruggeriero, and Robenson Baguidy of Goffstown. Second place went to Marek Michno, Nick Asadorian, and Mike Rositano from Londonderry. Photos by Christine O’Laughlin



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Running Camp Gets Kids In Shape for Fall Sports Season



Over the past eight years, Ken Lynch has offered a Summer Fun Run Camp for young Londonderry Middle School athletes preparing for fall sports or who just want to get in shape.

This year, the free program had about 36 local students sign up for running camp and many of which were getting ready for either cross-country or soccer. Helping Lynch recruit and train kids

this year was newcomer, Nicole Hand, who acted as an assistant during the five-week camp.

Despite the extremely hot summer conditions this year, runners would start their mornings with warm up exercises, run a warm up lap for about a mile and then run either sprints, hills, or a long distance run. Mornings ended with stretches, a freeze pop, and some running games.

Photos by Chris Paul



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold the following PUBLIC HEARING:

The Town's purchase of 274 Nashua Road in conservation.

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Letters

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robotics are already affecting today's jobs and will increasingly affect future jobs. If we reduce education to reading, writing and arithmetic, computers will do it better, faster, and cheaper.

Investopedia, the financial website provides these takeaways from its analysis of "How Education and Training Affect the Economy"

"The knowledge and skills of workers available in the labor supply are a key determinant

for both business and economic growth.

Industries with higher education and training requirements tend to pay workers higher wages.

Differences in training levels are a significant factor that separates developed and developing countries.

An economy's productivity rises as the number of educated workers increases since skilled workers can perform tasks more efficiently.

An economy is more valuable when equal education and labor opportunities are available

across gender, race, age, and ethnicities."

A Brookings Institution study "Big Ideas to redesign K-12 for the Automation Age" states it better than I can.

"Technology will undoubtedly transform work. Our educational system will have to evolve to prepare the next generation of workers for these changes. Students need skills that translate to technological adaptability: creativity, critical thinking, and technological competence. Teaching those skills will require a substantial in-

vestment in personalized learning plans, investment in talented teachers, and equitable access to education. Schools also ought to recognize the non-academic role they play, and communities ought to ensure that children have the capacity to succeed beyond school doors."

Simply put, if we don't have workers with the skills of the future, we will not entice and keep the employers of the future. Public schools are a community asset and the largest single investment we make in our children and in our future success as a community. All town residents in one form or another are stakeholders in our schools. That is why I think we need to see this as an investment. We want the most value/return for our investment. It is a long term investment with long term consequences. That is

why I oppose recent legislation that funds private education at the expense of public education. This not only increases our property taxes, but also weakens our Londonderry school system.

Jim Green
Londonderry

Laura El-Azem for State Representative

To the editor,

I want to publicly express my support and encourage other Londonderry residents to get behind Laura's candidacy. We are very fortunate to have this wonderful friend and neighbor step up to help preserve our rights, our liberties, our freedom. When so many of us complain and bemoan the rifts in our society, and the economic burdens that affect us all, Laura is willing and poised to actively make a positive difference in all our

lives as NH residents.

Laura and I first met as stay-home moms, and together we've shared many milestones. Laura then inspired all of us when she and her husband Patrick first fostered, then adopted four young siblings. Her capacity for giving is no surprise to those of us, lucky to have spent time with her and her family. Laura always looks for the positive, and she knows how to draw it out of everyone around her.

Laura's wish to make our community a better place only grew, and I honestly say that I don't know how she finds the time and energy to actively participate in so many school, church, town groups and activities. I'm so proud to call Laura my friend. I encourage you all to visit laura4londonderry.com to learn about her platform.

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Republicans' Election Talk

For friends, members, and affiliates, the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will have a gathering on Sept. 8, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at the Long Blue Cat Brewery, 298 Rockingham Rd. Join liked-minded people and hear from Republican Primary Candidates. Let's talk hopes and expectations while enjoying some of the Long Blue Cat's menu and beverage items that are always reasonably priced. For more information go to Londonderry-GOP.org, facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact Janet Huttula at 603-432-7368.

Oktoberfest

For friends, members, and affiliates, the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) is having its 3rd Annual Oktoberfest, Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5 - 7 p.m., at Londonderry's American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd. Along with the Oktoberfest bratwurst meal there will be music, special speakers, and introductions of available 2022 General Election Republican Candidates. This fun and celebratory event is only \$25 per person with children 12 and under free. Levels of sponsorships are available that include acknowledgements and event tickets. Walk-ins are welcome. Yet pre-registration

will assure accommodation. Pre-Register on line at Londonderry-GOP.org For more information contact Janet Huttula at 603-432-7368.

"Library After Dark"

A Movie Night will be held on Friday, Aug. 26 from 6 - 8:30 p.m., in the main reading room of the Leach Library. Showing a 2018 superhero film (rated PG-13) along with refresh-

ments and raffle prizes. PJs and costumes are welcome. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Aug. 19 at 9 a.m.

Tennis Camp

Londonderry Tennis Camp will be continuing lessons into the fall beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7 and running for 5 consecutive Wednesdays from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Participants, ages 7 and up, will be grouped by age and/or experience to fit their individual skill levels. The cost of the five-week program is \$150 with an early bird special pricing of \$135 if you register by Aug. 31. If you have any questions or want to register your child contact Londonderry-tenniscamp@gmail.com.

Republicans Meeting

On Thursday, Aug. 18, 7

p.m., the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at 78 Litchfield Rd. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome to come and share their perspectives on today's topics of concern. Learn about upcoming events to support the election of Republican candidates in the 2022 election cycle. For more information: <https://Londonderry-GOP.org>, or contact Chairwoman Janet Huttula at Huttula7@comcast.net.

Burbine Tennis Tourney

Come join the fun and excitement and compete in the 4th Annual Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament the weekend of Sept. 9 - 11. The tournament raises money, through entry fees, raffles and donations, and awards two

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Aug 8

9:20 a.m. Sudden Death on Pilgrim Road investigated by six officers.

10:49 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Bode Equipment on Londonderry Road.

11:34 a.m. Four officers conduct a Welfare Check on Sandstone Circle

2:10 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Domestic Disturbance on Main Street. Tommy Ventura, 37, of Derry, charged with two counts of Domestic

Violence (Simple Assault-Physical Contact). **4:07 p.m.** Four officers rendered services for a Burglary on Auburn Road.

4:51 p.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:54 p.m. Disturbance reported on Seasons Lane. **4:58 p.m.** Disturbance investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport

7:42 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for a Sudden Death on Winding Pond Road.

Tuesday - Aug 9

2:58 a.m. Services rendered by four officers for Suspicious Activity on Buckthorn Street.

4:11 a.m. Suspicious Activity results in transport to a hospital from Main Street.

8:54 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Rockingham County House of Correction. Daniel Rapisarda, 24, of Atkinson charged with Op-

erating after being certified as a Habitual Offender.

4:11 p.m. Services Rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Park and Ride North on Symmes Drive.

10:52 p.m. Four officers conduct a Field Interrogation for Juvenile Offenses on Yellowstone Drive.

Wednesday - Aug 10

9:41 a.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance at On Site Medical on Nashua Road.

10:29 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport

10:36 a.m. Missing Person transported to a Hospital from the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road. Susan Dowe, 71, of Winter Haven, Florida, charged with Involuntary Emergency Admission.

11:46 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Webb Drive.

6:35 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:32 p.m. Welfare Check by three officers results in transportation to a hospital from Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

Thursday - Aug 11

2:32 p.m. Medical Emergency Services Rendered on Airport Road at Manchester Boston Regional Airport/terminal

5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Mammoth Road at

Southwood Drive. Vincent Dorriety, 18, of Manchester, charged with; Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License; and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

6:31 p.m. Stolen motor vehicle recovered on Grenier Field Road.

8:35 p.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on Mammoth Road at Windsor Blvd.

10:30 p.m. Report of a Prowler investigated on Buckthorn Street.

Friday - Aug 12

9:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest made on Memorial Drive. Manuel Jones, 25, of Manchester charged on Bench Warrants.

6:56 p.m. Shooting Complaint reported on Tamarack Place.

10:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road. Torrin Radcliffe, 34, of Hooksett, arrested on a Warrant.

11:48 p.m. Drug Offenses reported on Capitol Hill Drive.

Saturday - Aug 13

9:20 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Janie's Uncommon Café on Nashua Road

11:35 a.m. Pedestrian Check made by three officers on Nashua Road at Buttrick Road.

11:55 a.m. Services rendered by Animal Control for report of a Dog Bite on Hall Road.

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Open Board and Committee Positions

These Londonderry boards and committee currently have open positions: Conservation Com-

mission - Two Alternate Positions. Heritage Commission - Two Alternate Positions. Senior Resources Committee - Two Alternate Positions. Recreation Commission - One Full-Time Position and one alternate position. To find more career opportunities in Londonderry go to: www.londonderrynh.org/human-resources/pages/employment-opportunities, www.londonderrynh.org/fire-department and www.londonderrynhpd.gov

Women's Scholarship

The Londonderry Women's Club offers an annu-

al scholarship to any woman seeking to improve her education. The scholarship is open to all women in Londonderry and surrounding towns. The scholarship value is \$1,000. To be eligible, the female applicant must meet the following requirements: Be at least 23 years of age or older, Be a current resident of Londonderry or an adjacent community, Be currently enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution, Have completed a minimum of half the time or credits required for your degree, certification or licensing

program, To apply the applicant will need to submit: A college or institute transcript, Cover letter with statement about your reasons for returning to school, One personal recommendation, Activities, work experience and essay mentioned on application form. Applications must be received by Sept. 30. No late applications will be considered. All finalists might be notified for a personal interview. Recipient will be announced before Dec. 1. The award will be made payable to the recipient. Applications are available at the Leach Library, the Derry Public Library and can be found and downloaded from our website at londonderrywomensclub.org.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Aug. 31, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID, Applicants for registration who pos-

sess 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, domicile and citizenship.

Spartans Summer League

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be hosting their Annual Summer League Session at the Derry Sports Center. Games will be played Tuesday through Thursday evenings from Mid-June to Mid-August. All practices are held on Friday nights. For more information visit www.nhs-partans.com website, contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@hotmail.com, or call 603-926-2276.

Saturday Drop-In Activities

Stop in the Leach Library Children's Room for something fun going on each Saturday through Aug. 6. Every week there will be a different activity to complete at your own pace while the library is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. In

July, look forward to scavenger hunts, movies, craft projects, and a special Shark Week celebration. Registration is not required for drop-in activities.

Derry Homegrown

The Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market is now open every Wednesday, Rain or Shine at 1 West Broadway, Derry. Close of Season is Sept. 28. For more info, contact Derry Homegrown at: info@derryhomegrown.org, 603-479-5918, derryhomegrown.org, facebook.com/derryhomegrown or instagram.com/derryhomegrown

Women's Club

Looking to join a club? The Londonderry Women's Club brings diverse women together, creating an environment that nurtures friendships while encouraging community involvement through volunteerism. If you would like more information about the Londonderry Women's Club or are thinking about joining this wonderful group, check them out on Facebook, visit our website at www.londonderrywomensclub.org or email info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

Police Log

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3:36 p.m. Weapons Offenses investigated by five officers on Josephine Drive.
5:32 p.m. Arrest(s) Made during a Motor Vehicle Accident on Liberty Drive at Rockingham Road. Jeffrey Marquis, 50, of Goffstown, charged with: Conduct After Accident; Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Falsify Physical Evidence (Alter, Destroy or Hide); and Possession of a Controlled

Drug: Schedule 1-4.

7:41 p.m. Disturbance investigated at the U.S. Post Office on Winding Pond Road.

7:48 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Sunset Drive.

9:47 p.m. Services rendered by six officers for Suspicious Activity on Planeview Drive.

Sunday - Aug 14

10:38 a.m. Weapons Offenses on Mammoth Road investigated by three officers.

10:59 a.m. Services ren-

dered for Suspicious Activity on Vista Ridge Drive.
2:35 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Park and Ride North on Symmes Drive.

7:03 p.m. Welfare Check on Conifer Place leads to an arrest made by three officers. Joshua Rochette, 28, of Merrimack charged with Bench Warrants.

10:39 p.m. Four officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation at an Abandoned Warehouse on Independence Drive.

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