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Honoring the Fallen Michael Dormer, right, and Ayden Carnes place a wreath at fallen Vietnam War veteran Verne Greeley's grave during Monday's Memorial Day ceremonies, as Anthony Iovino looks on. See more photos page 18. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Parents Frustrated at Delayed Decision on Teaching Aides

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Parents and members of the community expressed frustration after the School Board again continued a vote on the expenditure of \$240,000 that was added to the budget at the District's Deliberative Session for primary teaching assistants.

Chairman Steve Young announced the Board would not take a vote past 11 p.m. and needed time to digest all the information Superintendent Nate Greenberg and members of the public presented during the nearly three-

hour deliberation.

The additional funding was added to the budget with the intention of restoring a proposed \$118,000 reduction in teaching assistant hours and increasing the number of hours aides spend in first and second grade classrooms to three hours per day, an increase of approximately 1.5 hours.

Greenberg recommended as part of his proposed budget eliminating four elementary teachers and teaching assistants that remain in first and second grades, as well as several aides in third grade classrooms, to "right-size" staff

as the District faces the challenges of declining enrollment.

Greenberg said he and school administrators looked at the instructional model, refined response to intervention, improved their ability to identify at-risk students and maintained a good student to teacher ratio - developing a plan that would deliver the same high quality educational services to students while reducing staff to address concerns related to long-term sustainability.

The new model is being piloted in classes at **continued on page 9**

Condo Agreement Reached with Wine Bistro Developer

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

After learning that the developer of a proposed wine bistro on Mohawk Drive has reached an agreement with abutting condominium owners, the Zoning Board of Adjustment approved variances to allow the bistro and parking lot to encroach into the required landscape buffer.

As part of its agreement with Kendallwood Condominium Association, Riverview, LLC agreed to request as a condition for approval of the variances a 6-foot solid fence along the rear of the property lines.

"The whole purpose of the (50-foot) landscape buffer is to create a buffer between commercial and

residential uses. That will be accomplished with enhanced landscaping, especially with the solid fencing," said Nashua attorney Andrew Prolman, who represented Riverview, LLC at the May 20 meeting.

In addition to constructing the 6-foot fence, developer Cornelius de Jong has proposed installing thick vegetation behind the solid fence to further buffer abutting condominiums.

Other conditions of the agreement between Riverview and Kendallwood for the variances to allow a 10-foot encroachment into the landscape buffer are that any buildings constructed utilizing the dimensions of the approved variances will

be no greater than 38 feet in height and the windows on the rear and side of the proposed bistro facing Kendallwood building 10 would be minimized, subject to building and fire codes, and otherwise, would be frosted or opaque.

In a revised site plan dated April 14, Project Engineer Earl Blatchford said the building footprint was shortened and widened. **continued on page 3**

Students' Production of 'This Old House in Londonderry' to Air June 1

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The first episode of "This Old House in Londonderry," a series featuring the renovation of the Naylor House in the Town Center, is nearly ready to hit the

air waves.

Starting June 1, the show, produced by high school students in teacher Karen Robinson's class, will air on Comcast Cable Channel 21, the School District's Educational Channel, at 1 and

9:30 p.m. daily. The episode will also be available on the high school's YouTube channel.

"The kids were just really professional, they acted like they were really in the business," said **continued on page 23**

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Crocetti, Nigro Named LHS Valedictorian, Salutatorian

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two seniors will throw their graduation caps toward their dream schools this June.

Londonderry High School announced Emily Crocetti as valedictorian and Nicholas Nigro as salutatorian of the class of 2015.

"It feels kind of unreal," Crocetti said. She was all set to go to Boston College in the fall until she was accepted to Dartmouth College after being wait-listed.

"All the chaos and energy paid off," she said. "It was worth it."

Nigro, who will be at-

tending Northeastern University, knew that school was his favorite from the beginning.

"I compared every school I visited to (Northeastern)," Nigro said. Although he doesn't consider himself to be a city person, he was drawn to the community feel of the Boston campus.

At LHS, both students stand out in their own way.

Crocetti played on the school's soccer team every year and is involved in a variety of student organizations, including Class Representative and the Student Activities Club. She is also a member

of the Mathematics Honor Society.

Throughout Nigro's high school experience, he enjoyed taking math and engineering classes.

He explained that engineering teacher Kevin Konieczny, often referred to as "Mr. K," inspired him with his passion for teaching.

"He loves his students, and he's happy to teach them," Nigro said. "He just enjoys what he does."

Nigro is also a member of the Student Activities Club, the Mathematics Honor Society, the mathematics team and National Honor Society.

Looking back on the



Emily Crocetti is valedictorian and Nicholas Nigro is salutatorian of the class of 2015 at Londonderry High School. Photo by Sierra Baldwin

last four years, both students found that they grew as students and people at LHS.

"I had a good time," Crocetti said. "I got to meet a lot of people and experience new things that I'm really grateful for."

Crocetti's family moved from Hooksett to Londonderry before her freshman year. "I didn't know anybody, which was really hard," she said. "But it made me grow as a person and come out of my shell."

As she already has the experience of reinventing her life in a new town, Crocetti feels more prepared to go to college, where she will encounter a similar situation.

"I'm excited to meet

new people and get to know myself better," she said.

In contrast to Crocetti, Nigro is a native of Londonderry. He expressed fear to leave his hometown, as it's the only place he's ever lived.

"I'm going to miss it," Nigro said. "It's going to be scary to go off and meet all new people, but I know it's important to go and move on."

With graduation quickly approaching, the students are preparing for their new lives out of town.

Next fall, Crocetti plans on playing soccer at Dartmouth. She is considering playing the sport at the Division I level, but she is

unsure if she wants to take on the responsibility of the strict schedule and a tough academic curriculum.

After college, she hopes to travel the world and join the Peace Corps.

"I want to help a lot of people," Crocetti said. "I just don't know exactly how I'm going to do that yet."

At Northeastern, Nigro will study engineering and hopes to participate in a few club sports teams.

Aside from that, he doesn't want to look too far ahead into the future.

"I just want to see what happens," he said.

Both students say they thank their families and teachers for their support.

Graduation will take place June 12 at 7 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Arena.

The following eight students will also graduate at the top of the class of 2015: Tonya Jiang, Michelle Kerns, Colby Joncas, Hanna Batchelor, Gabrielle Feig, Emily Radford, Rebecca Walker and Emma Breslow.

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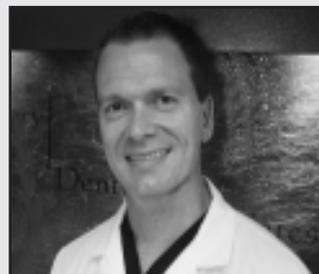
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Londonderry Motorcycle Crash Kills Father of Three

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A loving husband and father of three young children died after a collision involving a car and motorcycle in Londonderry.

An avid motorcyclist, CJ Kjellman, 34, was riding his motorcycle into work, wearing all his gear, including a helmet, when the collision occurred.

Londonderry Police received multiple 911 calls reporting the accident on May 22 at 7:56 a.m. Officers and the members of the Londonderry Fire Department responded to the scene on Commerce Avenue, in front of FedEx.

Kjellman was unresponsive, and a medical helicopter was called to the scene. When his condition worsened, Kjellman was rushed by ambulance to Elliot Hospital in Manchester. He succumbed to his injuries at 9:11 a.m., according to police.

"His helmet clasp malfunctioned when he hit - it fell off, and he was left powerless. He suffered

massive head and chest trauma, and, I'm told, went into cardiac arrest immediately. I am told he felt no pain and that he passed away almost immediately," CJ's wife, Misty Kjellman, wrote on the GoFundMe page she set up for her family in the wake of the accident. "The ambulance crew and the emergency room doctors worked so hard to try and get him back."

Neither speed nor impairment are believed to be factors in the accident. The operator of the 2007 Honda Accord that collided with Kjellman's motorcycle was not injured and is fully cooperating with the investigation, according to police.

"He was wearing his full gear and driving as safe as always," Misty Kjellman said.

Although she was uncomfortable setting up the GoFundMe page, which raised \$18,530 from 125 people in just one day, Kjellman said many friends and members of the community "have been pleading to help."

The family was to close on a new home in three weeks.

Kjellman, a stay-at-home-mom to the couple's three young children, set up the GoFundMe page for her children and their future.

"He was our rock and the best man I ever knew. He was the best father in

the world and his children will miss him dearly. I will never recover from losing him," she wrote.

To make a donation to the Kjellman family, visit "Handling Life After CJs Loss" at www.gofundme.com.

The Londonderry Tactical Accident Reconstruction Team is in

charge of the ongoing investigation of the accident, and police ask that any witnesses who have not already spoken with Det. Sgt. Adam Dyer or Officer Brian Allaire at 432-1118.

OBITUARY

Roger Cloutier



Roger R. Cloutier, 58, of Londonderry died unexpectedly on May 22, 2015 at his home.

He was born Sept. 7, 1956 in Nashua, a son of Roland and the late Irene (Plante) Cloutier.

He was a graduate of Alvirne High School, Hudson, Class of 1975.

He worked for numerous printing companies, retiring from W.B. Mason.

He loved to cook and enjoyed flying remote control airplanes and taking Sunday drives to the beach and lake.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife of 38 years, Debbie (Fraser) Cloutier; his three children, Melissa Donegan and her husband, Darren, Steven Cloutier and his wife, Barbara, and Angela Vaillancourt and her husband, Nicholas; five grandchildren to whom he was Pepere, Shea, Kali, John, Matthew and Corey; three sisters, Laura Pepin and her husband, Jack, Louise Lacroix and her husband, Michel and Catherine Garcia and her husband, David; and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Thursday, May 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Parish, 1 South Road, Londonderry. Burial will follow in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Road, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen St., second floor, Framingham, Mass. 01701 or the National Kidney Foundation, Finance Department, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Rosalie Aiello

Rosalie Ann Aiello, 73, of Londonderry died May 23, 2015 in the Merrimack Community Hospice House, Merrimack, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Jan. 24, 1942 in Brockton, Mass., a daughter of Rose Brunetti.

She was educated in Stoughton, Mass., and was a graduate of Stoughton High School.

She was a resident of Londonderry for seven years, previously living in Somerville, Mass., and Hollywood, Fla. She had a passion for cooking for her family, proclaiming that "the kitchen is always open." She also loved books and was an avid reader.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Joseph Aiello, of Londonderry; her daughter, Teresa Perron and her husband, Kenny, of Londonderry; her son, Michael Aiello of Somerville, Mass.; four grandchildren, Mathew and Jake Perron, Allie Kelly, and Adrian Aiello; her sister-in-law, Rachael Osburn of Hollywood, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were held Wednesday, May 27, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A Memorial Mass will be held Thursday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Church, 1 South Road, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, donations are asked to be made to the Merrimack Community Hospice House, 210 Naticook Road, Merrimack. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Bistro

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ened, with the building ridgeline to reach 35 feet.

Prolman told the Board that granting the variances would cause little to no harm to the neighbors, especially with the agreement with the condominium association in place.

"This will be well over a \$1 million project. I believe it will be a catalyst to improve the area, and there will be no negative impact on neighboring property values," he said.

Members of the Board agreed, noting setbacks, a wetland and a storm water system on the property make the parcel particularly difficult to develop.

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Editorial

A Hack Job

When residents are ejected from meetings, protesters number in the hundreds, television cameras come in, and police are called, we can say with assurance that Derry certainly has revised its budget procedure this year. And let no one mistake that there's any praise in that statement.

Transparency is nothing but a word to the fearless foursome as they crafted their budget. Where is the information on which the personnel cuts were based? How old is the ambulance that won't be replaced? None of your business is not the appropriate response, nor is saying it's the wrong time to ask. As most of the cuts hadn't come up before, when was the right time?

Meanwhile, the elimination of the human resources position was not discussed in a public meeting, and according to Councilors Phyllis Katsakiores and Joshua Bourdon, was never discussed in non-public session either. We apparently are expected to believe that the foursome just decided at the spur of the same exact moment on May 19 to propose that.

Good thing they didn't fund the economic developer post. Think about the advertisement that could be written: Come to Derry and open up shop where you can enjoy reduced police and fire protection; icy, unplowed roads; plenty of potholes; and still one of the highest tax

rates around.

Democracy in action? The May 19 Town Council meeting was about as far from that as you can get. What we saw was a group of four councilors ignoring their peers and the general public, refusing to justify their proposals, adding cuts that night that no one had previously had a chance to discuss or even contemplate, using the gavel as a metaphorical club to stifle dissent, and treating anyone who objected as the enemy. And for the final insult to the voting public, the meeting was adjourned instead of holding the public forum on the agenda.

Is this what Derry residents want? Bourdon put the situation in clear but eloquent terms: "These are cuts made out of thin air." Later he said, "The decisions we made tonight have gone way beyond fiscal responsibility. We are taking some drastic risks. This is out of hand."

The Derry budget is a hack job. Years ago, the governing officials were known, in the words of the time, as the town fathers. Being a councilor is more than cutting taxes. It's serving as a role model, just as a parent does. It's a tremendous responsibility, and requires the ability to listen to all sides, be honest and look at the big picture.

And the big picture of Derry right now is an embarrassment on the edge of disaster.

Letters

Fund Teacher Aides

To the editor:

Please, we do not want the 240K given back to the taxpayers at the end of the fiscal year that we the people of the town of Londonderry approved by ballot (within the approved budget as an accepted amendment) on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

The school board is

continuing to debate whether our children can have their much needed teacher aides. I do not believe the School Board is following the rules of its own charter.

If you care about this issue, watch for the School Board meeting agenda posted online under Londonderry.org. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7 at 7

p.m. at Town Hall.

We voted for each School Board member to represent us and make sure our children have what we want for them. Please "save the date." Show up for our elementary school children. We need to have their backs.

Thank you.
Cherylann Pierce
Londonderry

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Matthew Thornton Assistant Principal to Take on Massachusetts Post

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Matthew Thornton Elementary School's Assistant Principal Ace Thompson will move on to assume the position of Principal for Boylston Elementary School in Boylston, Mass., in the fall, the Londonderry School District announced last week.

"We're very sad to see him go, but happy for him. This is a great opportunity for him. He's ready for the position," Matthew Thornton Principal Sharon Putney said. "We will miss him a lot - the kids, the staff, and I'll miss the partner. It's bittersweet."

Thompson was selected as Boylston's top choice from 53 applicants. The District narrowed the pool down to eight applicants, seven of whom were interviewed.

The committee visited the schools of two finalists and ultimately chose Thompson to replace Paul Goodhind, who has served as the school's principal for five years.

"We were looking for

someone who demonstrated longevity, and Ace has been in the District for five years. Someone who has done a lot of work building school spirit and strength in family and community outreach," Boylston Superintendent Nadine Ekstrom said. "(Goodhind) had just started implementing the (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) programs in the school, and Ace has been running that very smoothly in Londonderry. Also his knowledge in curriculum at the elementary level as an instructional leader made him stand out."

Putnam said Thompson's personal touch with the kids is one of the first things she noticed about him.

"He has such a great connection with the kids. When the visiting team from Boylston interviewed staff and students here, one of the kids said, 'he's not just our assistant principal, he's our friend,'" she said. "That's how he feels about them. He has lunch with the kids, plays with them on the playground and

throws them bubble parties on their birthdays. His ability to connect with the kids, staff and parents will be a really important component for me as we start the search process for his replacement."

Thompson said leaving will be especially difficult because this year's fifth graders were his first class at Matthew Thornton.

"I'm so excited about the position and just dreading June," he said. "Their first day at the school was my first day. It will be really emotional. But it's such a great opportunity."

Thomson lives in Tyngsborough, Mass., with his wife, who also is a teacher in Massachusetts, and their son. He said it will be nice for them all to be on the same calendar.

Putnam said she has been accepting applications for the assistant principal position and will begin the process of selecting candidates for interviews soon.

Thompson is to assume his new position at Boylston Elementary on July 1.

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Middle School DI Team in Top 10 at Global Finals

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Middle School's Destination Imagination (DI) team placed in the top 10 at the Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn., finishing in ninth place overall.

"It was a lot of fun this year, but this has been the first year we buckled down for DI and it paid off," Lauren Mullen said.

It was the team's fourth time competing at the Global Finals, and their coach, Bill O'Connor, said they had hoped to finish in the top third of the 85 teams in their division for the "Creature Feature" Challenge.

"I was thinking, at first when I saw New Hampshire, Londonderry DI (listed in the top 10 on the jumbotron), 'that can't be us.' At first I was really confused. Then we were all jumping up and down, we were acting like we had won first place," said Sierra Sessa.

"I looked up and I was a little teary eyed - they

were tears of happiness. I was screaming and yelling and I called my mom," said Jillian Fitzgibbons, whose twin brother, Jimmy, is also on the team.

Jimmy Fitzgibbons said teamwork is the key skill that contributed to his team's success. He also thinks their ability to plan ahead helped them at Globals.

And a twin advantage? Fitzgibbons said because knowing one's teammates and working well together plays such a vital role in completing DI challenges, he does think competing with his twin sister helps their team.

"We've been together since birth and we know what each other is like and how each other works," he said. "It helps us get along together with the rest of the team, as well."

The team of eighth graders have been competing together since fourth grade and say their history and friendship

have made them a stronger team.

"We've learned each other's strengths and weaknesses," Fitzgibbons said.

"We've been together for so long, so were used to doing this and we know what each other is thinking," Ian Goodspeed agreed.

At the Global Finals, students presented their prepared, technical "Creature Feature" challenge and completed an "Instant Challenge."

The technical challenge looks for technical design and innovation and requires the team to create a creature that has three "creature features," and to exhibit those features. The team could define the type of feature they wanted to display technically, according to O'Connor, who has been serving as a DI coach for about 17 years.

For the Creature Feature challenge, the team built a rat that operates like a hovercraft. The

group had to make the rat an integral character in a prepared skit, which they accomplished by making the rat talk.

The team's skit, set in mythological times, tells a story about the god Demeter putting a famine on a community because she wasn't being adequately worshipped. The rat saves the day.

To make the rat move across the stage, the team used a pump from a blow-up air mattress as part of the lifting system and integrated propeller and model airplane elements found at craft stores for propulsion to move the rat across the floor.

In the Instant Challenge, students were tasked with building tools they could use to thread string through eyelets on either side of a structure.

O'Connor said yard sticks and string were the

only materials the students had to complete the challenge of threading the strings through the eyelets in five minutes.

"They got right on it. They discussed their strategy for 30 seconds, then started into it," he said. "They really know how to do a project as a team. They play off each other's ideas and solve the challenges. When something comes up, they just come together."

The team placed third for the Instant Challenge, which O'Connor said helped their overall score and boosted them into the top 10.

O'Connor said his team was energized by the results, and the students agreed they are all looking forward to competing with one another as a high school team next year.

"I was thinking of not

doing it next year, but we now have a goal to make it onstage and medal," Jillian Fitzgibbons said.

"Overall, it's a really cool experience," Sessa said of DI. "Everyone should give it a shot. You may think it's nerdy at first, but once you get involved with it, you'll realize it's not a nerdy thing at all. It's very cool."

For those who are interested in learning more about DI, contact Christina Baez at South School at mamabaez@live.com; Sarah Anderson at North School at andersonsk94@gmail.com; Stella Skoropowski at Matthew Thornton at sskoropowski@longonderry.org or Mary Coppinger at mcoppinger@londonderry.org; Kristin Mullen at Londonderry Middle School at kristin.mullen1@gmail.com; or Craig Plevinsky at Londonderry High School at craig.plevinsky@phillips.com.

Tax Bills in the Mail This Week

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town is gearing up to send out the spring tax bills this week.

Tax Collector Kathleen Donnelly said bills are expected to be in the mail by May 29.

The town's tax rate is \$21.09 per thousand, which is comprised of the Town rate, \$5.17; the local

school rate, \$12.82; the State education rate, \$2.17; and the County rate, 93 cents.

Because the Town doesn't know what the 2015 tax rate will be, the bills are based on the 2014 tax rate. If the tax rate goes up, residents will owe more on their December 2015 tax bill.

Conversely, if the tax rate goes down, residents

will owe a little less and be compensated for the additional amount they paid for the spring bill.

"Last year the rate went down a teeny bit and we overcharged in July, so the December bill was not only a little less due to the lower tax rate, but, we also had to give people back what they paid in July," Donnelly said.

Payment is due July 1.

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You may not even know you have it. The estimate is that half of over 4 million Americans who have glaucoma know that they have it. With blindness ranking high on the list of people's fears after cancer and heart disease, it is surprising that more people are not concerned enough to be checked.

The disease accounts for 9% to 12% of all cases of blindness in the U.S. according to the National Institutes of Health and is the second leading cause of blindness in the world as related by the World Health Organization. The estimated number of potential glaucoma cases is suspected to be 65 million worldwide.

Everyone is at risk for glaucoma. Older people (over 60) are at higher risk for glaucoma, but even babies are at risk (approximately 1 out of every 10,000 births). Others who are susceptible are family members of those who have been diagnosed, people who are diabetic and those who are severely near sighted. African Americans are 6 to 8 times more likely to have glaucoma versus Caucasians.

If left untreated, glaucoma can cause blindness. Even upon receiving treatment, an estimated 10% of glaucoma patients still experience loss of vision. It must be stressed that there are virtually no symptoms. No pain is associated with the increased eye pressure that is a detectable symptom. Loss of vision begins with peripheral or side vision. To compensate, people turn their head from side to side not noticing anything until lost vision is significant.

Treatment includes having your eyes examined at least every two years. Examination should occur more often on diagnosis. The best and most effective way to diagnose glaucoma is a dilated eye exam. Taking eye pressures is

another method to check for glaucoma as well as having a visual field test.

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South School Honors Military Families in Memorial Day Assembly



Senior Master Sgt. Larry Batherwich enjoys a moment with his daughters Talia and Kiera at Friday's Memorial Day ceremony at South School.



Eviennne Revelus, left, and Summer Graczyk lead the fifth grade in "My Country 'Tis of Thee" at Friday's Memorial Day ceremony at South School.



U.S. Marine Corps 1st Sgt. Shane Dillon tells the story of his fallen comrade at South School's Memorial Day event. Photos by Chris Paul

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

South School honored military families in a pre-Memorial Day assembly, which included musical performances and speeches recognizing those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

First Sgt. Shane Dillon of the U.S. Marine Corps, whose daughter, Larissa, is a student at South School, shared a photo of a young man with whom he served.

"About a year ago, Danny V. went to Afghanistan, and he ended up being one of those who paid the ultimate price," he said. "There's something I want you to do. Sometime tomorrow, while you're camping, or fishing, think of Danny V."

"These military men and women gave up all their tomorrows so we could have one," said Maj. Christopher Hoffman of the U.S. Army National Guard, whose son, Tyler is

a student at the elementary school. "Far too often, our nation takes for granted the freedoms we Americans enjoy. If we put soldiers in harm's way, we must support them in every way."

Students at the Friday morning, May 22 assembly also had an opportunity to hear from a former student who has chosen to enlist in the New Hampshire National Guard.

Alex Ashman, a graduating senior, will leave on

June 8 for basic training in Georgia.

"Memorial Day is about honoring those who have come before me," he said. "I think it means so much for someone to stand up for something they believe in, in this world."

Ashman encouraged students to discover their passion and work hard to reach their dreams.

"If you know what you want, you have to go for it," he said.

In addition to honoring service men and women in the South School community, the school recognized the sacrifice that children of military families make for their country.

Students Isabella Tridenti, Talia Batherwich, Riley Maki and Nathan Ashman were presented

with Certificates of Appreciation honoring the young heroes "for outstanding support" of their parents.

"Your personal courage, service and sacrifice sustains our service members in brave defense of this great country. Military Children: Young Lives, Big Stories," the certificates read.

Following the award ceremony, the students had an opportunity to stand before the school and share thoughts with their parents in the military.

"Thank you for spending time with me," Kyle Hoffman told his father, Maj. Christopher Hoffman.

"Thank you for being honest with me," Mason Jackitis told his mother, Sgt. Barbara Jackitis of the U.S. Army Reserves.

Students also thanked their parents for "picking me up whenever you are free," for "talking to me about why you have to leave," and for "talking to me about how long you will be away,"

"Thank you for talking to me about how everything is being done to bring you home safely," Shane Audy told his father, Sgt. Jeffrey Audy of the Army National Guard.

Senior Master Sgt. Larry Batherwich, whose daughters Talia and Kiera attend South School, said the assembly is important to help all young people understand the significance of Memorial Day.

"This is a virtue we're instilling in our children," he said. "This is something I wish we were a part of when I was young."

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Firefighters Sharpen Aircraft Response Skills Close to Home



Londonderry firefighters joined with Manchester Boston Regional Airport fire crews in training exercises simulating a plane crash last week at Litchfield Sand & Gravel.



An airplane engine fire was one of the simulated exercises in which Londonderry Fire crews took part with firefighters from Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Photos by Chris Paul

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry firefighters tackled burning propane during an aircraft rescue training exercise, which included simulated rescues on a prop plane the Manchester Boston Regional Airport Fire Department brought in from Michigan.

The airport's fire department invited Londonderry firefighters to participate in the training, providing an opportunity for the officers to refresh their skills and improve teamwork between the two departments, according to Londonderry Fire Battalion Chief Jim Roger. Joining the airport's

fire department for the training, which Londonderry firefighters otherwise would generally travel to Concord to complete, resulted in significant cost savings.

Just bringing the prop airplane in for the training from Kellogg College in Battle Creek, Mich., cost the airport's fire department \$16,000, according to Roger. The exercises, conducted at Litchfield Sand and Gravel, cost the Londonderry Fire Department \$5,500 in overtime.

"The training budget is really tight. This was really an opportunity that couldn't be missed," he said.

The Department last

participated in the training through the State about six years ago, and the price to take the course has gone up dramatically since then, according to Roger.

"This was right in our backyard," he said.

Those who participated in the exercises learned how to handle flammable liquid fires, engine fires, interior

cabin fires, wheel brake fires and ways to shut down the aircraft safely.

"This training gives us the knowledge and skills to respond to the airport quickly and safely," said Roger, noting the training in handling flammable liquid fires will also serve firefighters who are called to the scene of a crash where flammable liquids have spilled into the road,

or a spill at an industrial site.

Additionally, the crews got to know each other better and Londonderry firefighters got acquainted with the equipment the airport's department uses in an aircraft response.

"If we didn't have this training and crews are responding to the airport without knowing what

they're doing, it can be a dangerous situation," Roger said, noting the airport's department relies on Londonderry crews to enter an aircraft and safely remove victims, as well as to assist with water supply. "This joint training session allowed everyone to get to know each other and form a more effective team."

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School Board Selects Photographers for School Pictures

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board voted 5-0 to approve contracts with two local photographers for school pictures after vetting a large pool of candidates.

After the School District put out a request for proposals, a group of administrators, yearbook advisors and representatives for the elementary schools, middle school and high school narrowed the field and interviewed four vendors.

Business Administrator Peter Curro said the group was looking for photographers with local ties, experience in taking school photos, flexibility with scheduling photo shoots, handling of the picture-taking process, the location of the photographer's studio, and experience with taking action photos.

After interviewing the four candidates, the group chose to hire Mark Lawrence Photographers of Londonderry to take photos for the middle and high school; and The Grondins Photography of Londonderry to take photos at the elementary schools.

In an effort to streamline the process of submitting senior photos to the high school yearbook staff, Mark Lawrence will take all senior photos - offering the option of a free senior photo to be included in the yearbook for students who wish to hire another pho-

tographer for a senior photo session.

"Last year, the seniors did not have to go to the selected vendor for their senior picture. Not many schools do this, and we found out why. The amount of work this process put on the yearbook advisors is more than we ever expected," Curro said. "The process of chasing down various photographers of seniors to get their photos in the right format for the yearbook, and the variety of poses - the yearbook advisors really asked us to come up with a mechanism where the vendor can take all senior pictures for the yearbook. Families that do not want to get their picture taken for their private senior pictures can have their portrait taken for the yearbook at no cost to the family."

Photographers this year will also offer more "a la carte" options for families who would like to order one, or a few prints, rather than an entire package, Curro said.

In other business at the May 19 meeting:

- The Board voted 5-0 to renew its contract with Mr. H's Driving School, which expires on June 30.

Although the State no longer provides financial incentive for students to take driver education classes within their attending high school, with the number of students participating in various after-school programs, it's a benefit to

families to contract with a qualified vendor "on campus" providing a flexible classroom that accommodates most students' schedules, according to Curro.

Mr. H's Driving School has been the District's approved vendor since 2006, and pricing has been competitive, Curro said.

The average class size is 20 students, where the State's permitted maximum size is 30 students.

"In the years Mr. H has been here, I haven't heard one complaint, whether it

be pricing, or submitting a rebate on time," Curro said. "I think he's sincere about providing quality training for students."

The approved contract is for five years, at no cost to the District.

- The Board voted 5-0 to approve an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hooksett School District related to the enrollment process for students living in Hooksett who will attend Londonderry High School.

According to the am-

endment, the District must provide the Hooksett School District with the number of spaces available for Hooksett students by Oct. 1 of the school year preceding the enrollment. Additionally,

Hooksett must provide Londonderry with a list of students seeking enrollment by Nov. 1 of the year preceding enrollment.

"This is just a clarification of due dates," Curro said.

OBITUARY

R. "Kevin" Hunt



R. "Kevin" Hunt, 66, a resident of Londonderry since 1983, passed away, Friday, May 22, 2015, surrounded by his loving family, following a period of failing health. Kevin was born in Framingham, MA, son of Fred E. Hunt and Lorraine V. Hunt. He and his wife,

Patricia, lived together in Londonderry for 18 years. He retired in 2005 as an advertising/sales executive, and remained an active member of his community, as a friend, mentor and coach. He will solely missed as a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and "grampy"

Kevin spent his youth and was schooled in Dalton, MA, where he was actively involved with football, baseball, basketball and track and field, graduating in 1966. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Dalton, MA in the 1950s and 60s. Kevin graduated from Doane College in Nebraska, 1971. Between 1970 and 1979, Kevin was an NFL offensive lineman, initially drafted by the Green Bay Packers, and playing most of his career for the Houston Oilers before his final year with the New Orleans Saints. He was twice drafted by the Minnesota Twins, first in his senior year of high school and later in his senior year of college.

He was predeceased by his father Fred "Ted" E. Hunt, who died January 11, 2014 and his mother Lorraine V. Hunt, March 30, 2015, both of Tilton; and by a brother, Fred "Teddy" E. Hunt Jr. of Berwick, ME October 22, 2007.

His surviving family includes his wife, Patricia D'Avella of Londonderry, NH, his brother Paul E. Hunt of West Grove, PA; daughters Kelley L. Hunt-Gay of Zionsville, IN, Amanda "Mandy" Jacobsen of East Hampton, CT, Hillary M. Hunt-Maxwell of Manchester, CT, and Gabriella D. Redmond of Londonderry, NH.; and seven grandchildren, plus numerous nieces, nephews and cousins across the country.

A gathering will be held for friends at the Peabody Funeral Home, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH, on Friday, June 5, 2015, from 5 to 8 p.m. A private memorial will be held 1 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the William F. Smart Sr. Funeral Home, Franklin-Tilton Road (584 West Main St.) in Tilton NH.

Those wishing, may make memorial contributions in Kevin's memory, are invited to contact The Wounded Warriors Project, or their local Salvation Army.

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Kevin L. Campagna



Kevin L. Campagna of Londonderry, NH died suddenly at the age of 62 on May 6, 2015. He grew up in Lawrence, MA where he graduated from Lawrence High School. Trained as a computer technician, he worked for Wang Laboratories, Digital and Clearpoint Research Corporation

until a serious back injury forced his early retirement.

A member of the Yankee Armor Guild and the Granite State Modelers Club of Nashua, NH, he was an avid modeler who enjoyed making models of all types, particularly the naval ships and military aircraft of World War II. His extensive knowledge and interest in history, along with his precision and scrupulous attention to detail, helped him create award winning masterpieces. He always enjoyed sharing his knowledge and skills especially with younger modelers new to the hobby. Kevin also enjoyed swimming and boating and was a skilled photographer and artist. His many watercolors can be found in the homes of his family and friends. Kevin's smile, laughter and quick wit will be missed by his family and close friends.

The son of the late Cecile LeVeille Campagna, he is survived by his sister Lynne (Campagna Ireson) Wilby of Kingston, NH; nephews Joshua Ireson of Burlington, VT; Nathan Ireson and his wife Tiffany (McCormick) of Seattle, WA; and niece Jen Wilby of Seattle, WA.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 3:00 pm at the Pilgrim United Church of Christ Brentwood-Kingston, 197 Middle Rd., Brentwood, NH 03833. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Homes for Our Troops @ www.hfotusa.org

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South Elementary School; however, the classes are still utilizing classroom assistants.

Member Leitha Reilly expressed concern for the student who may be struggling or having trouble listening, and said the decision "does weigh very heavily" on all members of the Board.

"I went to one of the schools and got a feel for what was going on there. We as a board are not educators, we're doing the best we can based on the information we are getting from your organization," member John Laferriere told Greenberg. "I need to know you feel comfortable with the plan you set forward and you feel comfortable not one kid will slip through the cracks. I understand dollars and mechanics are going on here, but we don't want to jeopardize a kid's future."

Greenberg said he is very confident the reorganization of staff at the elementary level, as well as enhanced special education programming, will allow the District to continue to offer its high level of service to students.

"Can I guarantee no one will fall between the cracks? I don't think anyone can guarantee that," he said.

Member Nancy Hendricks asked Greenberg if he consulted with teachers about eliminating elementary assistants, noting she has spoken with teachers who have said they don't know how they'll manage without the extra help in the classroom.

"We had the discussion at the administrative level," Greenberg said. "What we have been moving towards while enrollment drops is maintaining certified educators. What we have found is the number of kids classified as learning disabled has dropped. We think that has occurred because we maintained special education staffing, reading specialists and reading pro-

grams."

Greenberg explained that teaching assistants were greatly needed when enrollment was high. As enrollment has steadily declined, the District thinks teaching assistant hours should be reduced to maintain certified staff.

"As we move forward and continue to lower the ratio of students to certified staff, we felt that it was the best direction to go," Greenberg said. "I think when we designed the program, we wanted to maintain the quality of service we had, but we also have to be mindful of the costs and what costs down the road will be."

According to the most recent figures from the State, Londonderry's average cost per pupil at the elementary level is \$15,181 - that's \$2,755 higher than the cost per pupil for the middle school, and \$1,534 higher than for the high school. The average cost per pupil at the elementary level for the State is \$14,200.

"Enrollment will continue to drop and we know we have significant building costs as we go forward," Greenberg said. "We're going to be experiencing hikes in health insurance and a loss of adequacy (payments). We have to somehow manage the costs moving forward."

"With all due respect, \$240,000 is to me a tiny step, miniscule in managing personnel costs," Hendricks said.

But Greenberg argued they need to look at the entire picture when putting the budget together.

"I agree, \$240,000 is not a huge amount in a \$69 million budget. But

along the way we have to make decisions. If there's another way of delivering the service that's as effective or more effective, we have to make that decision," he said.

In addition to answering questions about the plan to reduce teaching assistant hours, Greenberg presented the Board with a variety of options for allocating the additional \$240,000 for teaching assistants, ranging from allocating 13 daily hours of instructional assistant time and freezing \$120,000 to offset the tax rate for FY17, to utilizing the \$240,000 to hire three additional elementary teachers, which Greenberg said the District does not recommend.

Regardless of the Board's decision, Greenberg said the administration remains committed to utilizing the instructional strategy proposed, integrating certified staff within each classroom, as they think the concept is in the best interest of the students. The assistants would work under the supervision of a team of the reading department, education support and

classroom teachers in approximately one- to two-hour increments to follow through and assist students in reading, writing and math groups, depending on identified needs.

Hendricks and member Dan Lekas said while they respect Greenberg's plan, they support adhering to the will of the people and allocating the \$240,000 to increase teaching assistant hours at the elementary level.

"We are always complaining that no one ever comes to our meetings. Then, something finally captures the attention of the public and they went to deliberative session, they come to the meetings, they get involved, they ask questions, they take action, they mobilized, they enacted change, and for me to not listen to the people would be a slap in the democratic process," Hendricks said. "For the last two meetings we've had discussing this, by and large, the numbers want us to reinstate assistants rather than not. These schools don't belong to us, the administration or faculty. Our schools belong to the

community, and I think our community is speaking to us and telling us the way they want education delivered."

"I have to go with what the people want, and the people who voted for me 10 to 1 want instructional assistants," Lekas agreed.

But Young expressed concern that "there's an extreme danger" with using the additional funds for teaching assistant hours to satisfy the intent of the majority who proposed the budget amendment.

"By that logic, if we must do this, we must do a \$10 million cut if it's approved through a budget amendment," he said.

"We have to watch out for the Town too. If we're not careful how this goes, all of a sudden \$11 million gets whacked out. Once that goes through, we're living with it and we have to live within those means," he said.

Members of the public disagreed, saying the community would never support a \$10 million cut as they supported the \$240,000 addition for primary teaching assistants.

"It's not about the money, it's about the kids who need the aid," said

Cherylann Pierce of 23 Mayflower Drive.

Tara Parisi of 3 Chestnut Hill Drive said she doesn't understand why the Board wouldn't use the additional funds to increase teaching assistant hours when the community has shown such overwhelming support for the expenditure.

Kathleen Sullivan of 52 Shasta Drive asked if funding the teaching assistants would be somehow detrimental to the program.

"No, but do I think we can provide a high quality level of services without the instructional assistant time, I would say yes," Greenberg responded.

"Are we swapping out budget for quality here?" Reilly asked.

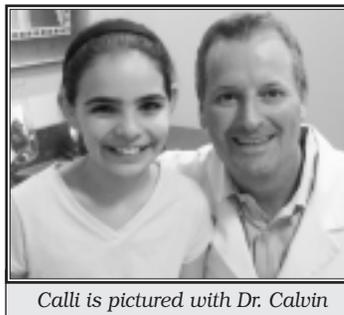
"I maintain that's not the case," Greenberg said.

Still, Parisi said members of the community "are willing to spend this money to have these additional hands in the classroom."

"At the end of the day, we all want the best for the kids," Reilly said. "I think what you have here, is, everyone agrees on the same goal. We just have a different strategy to get there."

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Elder Affairs Continues to Seek Subsidized Senior Housing

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Although Londonderry's population has remained fairly stagnant over the past five years, the elderly population is rapidly growing. Despite this increase, the town has a lack of affordable housing for low-income seniors.

The Elder Affairs Committee discussed this issue at its meeting Tuesday, May 19.

Chairman Bonnie Roberts explained that government-subsidized senior housing is necessary because many cannot afford to pay for expenses such as housing, food and medicine solely from their monthly Social Security checks.

"We would like a realistic, affordable number," Catherine Blash, the senior center director, said. The average rent for current, unsubsidized senior housing in Londonderry is \$900 to \$1,000 per month, she said.

In 2011, the Affordable Senior Housing Committee applied for a grant from the Housing and Urban Development's section 202 program (HUD 202) but was not funded.

HUD 202, also known as the Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program, aims to financially support the construction and preservation of housing for the very low-income elderly. The program allows participants to live independently, but it provides rent subsidies and support activities, such as transportation and cleaning, according to its website.

"(The committee) had a piece of land and a proposal, but unfortunately, there was not enough HUD money," Susan Haussler, vice chair of the committee, said.

Since then, there has been no HUD money appropriated for new buildings or new projects.

The closest subsidized senior housing is in Derry, but it has an extensive waiting list. Hudson, Nashua, Manchester, Pelham and Salem also offer similar facilities.

Haussler said many of her colleagues have moved due to the lack of senior housing.

Committee member Bonnie Ritvo said she also knows many people who were forced to move and are unhappy because they wanted to live in Londonderry.

"Londonderry needs affordable housing with access to supportive services to allow our very low-income seniors to age in place," Haussler said. "We've been waiting for the HUD money, and it just isn't there."

Pam Patenaude, who has experience working with HUD 202 and is currently making a documentary on senior housing issues, was present at the meeting. She said she was unaware that the program was only allocating funds for preservation and rental subsidies.

"I need to do a lot more research on Lon-

donderry, but I think (coming to the meeting) was a good start," Patenaude said.

She said she will keep the committee posted on her findings concerning affordable senior housing.

In other business at last week's meeting:

- The Londonderry Police and Fire Departments are working to create an active liaison to meet the needs of seniors in town.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien said there will be opportunities for seniors to take CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes, and the department will distribute a list of emergency contacts to elderly residents in town.

"Anything that we can do to help on (the seniors') behalf we would be more than willing to do," O'Brien said.

The police department is taking similar steps, though there are no designated services in place.

Detective Chris Olson explained the risk of scams targeted at seniors and urged residents to educate themselves to avoid such a danger.

The scams include

faulty Facebook "friend" requests from scammers claiming to be long lost relatives in need of money, as well as strangers posing as the Internal Revenue Service or Comcast Cable demanding money for a bill.

The Londonderry Police Department will be releasing more information and updates about these scams on its Twitter and Facebook accounts.

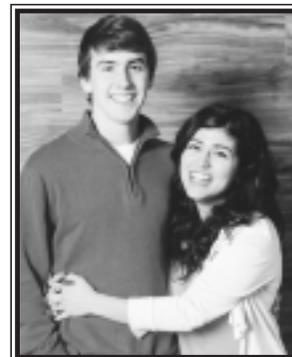
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Committee is planning on holding an Elder Abuse Education and a Summer Safety Education seminar later in the summer.

The Elder Abuse Education seminar will focus on the physical, mental and financial mistreatment of senior citizens. The Summer Safety Education workshop will inform elderly residents about summer dangers, including dehydration and potential break-ins.

ENGAGEMENT Announcement

Andreas Geiger and Yta Flores



Phil and Su Geiger of Londonderry announce the engagement of their son, Andreas Geiger, to Yta Flores, daughter of Izcalotl Flores and Marilyn Chavez.

The groom-to-be graduated from Londonderry High School in 2012. He is studying chemistry at Wheaton College in Illinois.

The bride-to-be graduated from Oswego High School in Illinois in 2012. She is studying Christian Formation and Ministry at Wheaton College.

The couple are members of the class of 2016 at Wheaton College, Ill., where they plan to complete their undergraduate schooling.

An August 2015 wedding is being planned in Wheaton, Ill., with a honeymoon trip to Mexico, the bride's birthplace.

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Middle School Student Council Collects 'Caring Kits' for Homeless Youth

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Offering comfort to homeless youth, student council members at Londonderry Middle School collected "Caring Kits" packed with toiletries and other necessities for Child and Family Services of New Hampshire.

The students collected more than 90 kits from students and staff, nearly reaching their goal of 100 bags in 2015.

"There are a number of organizations throughout the state that donate. Often it's adults that donate items - it's not often young people," said Erin Kelly of Child and

Family Services. "We serve youth ages 12 to 23 who are at-risk - young people who don't know where they will sleep at night or where their next meal will come from."

At a drop-in center in Manchester, homeless youth are provided necessities, like the ones students collected in the care packages, as well as a hot shower and the opportunity to speak with staff about obtaining services they may need.

Kelly said those who are interested in donating to Child and Family Services may drop items off at 99 Hanover St. in Manchester.

LMS Student Council



Student council members at LMS collected "Caring Kits" for Child and Family Services of New Hampshire.

President Alyssa Griffin described the project as "eye opening."

"We often think of a homeless person as older. You don't think it could be someone your own age, or younger," she said. "These kids are out there

alone and going through a hard time. It's terrible to think about."

"A homeless teen looks just like these kids," Kelly said. "If you lined them all up together, you couldn't pick them out."

Student Council mem-

ber Natalie Brooks said the project made her realize how fortunate they are, as well as the importance of donating unused items to those in need.

Brooks said she found many new items around her home that the shelter needed. And many students packed into their Caring Kits the toiletries left in their hotel rooms during the trip to Washington, DC.

Co-advisor Joanne Troy said she was moved by her students' reaction to the project and their commitment over the last year to serving their community, country and world through numerous projects.

Other projects the student council completed during the school year benefitted UNICEF, the Nature Conservancy, a local animal shelter, a Russian orphanage and a program in Sicily that teaches English to native children so they can compete globally.

"This is the first time we have done a project for a homeless shelter," Troy said. "This is a group of really sweet kids. They see this and they want to do more. Every year we have really great students, but this year's group really stands out with their giving and caring."

Car Stolen in Londonderry Involved in Multi-State Police Chase

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Police are investigating the theft of a vehicle from Auto Auction of New England that was involved in a multi-state car chase that lasted four days.

Det. Chris Olson said there are surveillance cameras at the business.

Police pursued Lisa Lundstrom, 37, of Concord from Epping to Methuen, Mass. She has been charged with failure to stop for police, resisting arrest, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving an uninsured vehicle, unlicensed operation and

a marked lanes violation.

Police in Epping spotted Lundstrom in the white 2004 Nissan Murano and pursued the vehicle to Exeter.

Michael Meucci, 33, of Lowell, her passenger, was wanted on firearms charges.

Massachusetts state police followed the vehicle to Haverhill, Mass.

Lowell Police began their pursuit of Lundstrom on May 15.

Lowell Police Capt. Tim Crowley said there were warrants out of New Hampshire for Lundstrom and Meucci related to smash and grab burglaries.

Police attempted to pull them over, unaware of the previous pursuits of the duo in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Crowley said on the same day of the chase in Lowell, a search warrant was obtained and executed at Meucci's property, at which police discovered two firearms and quite a bit of jewelry.

The couple is wanted by several different agencies.

The pursuit ended on Kensington Avenue, a dead-end street in Methuen, according to a press release issued by Meth-

uen Capt. Randy Haggar.

When the car stopped at the end of that road, the suspects were ordered out of the car at gunpoint.

A cruiser struck the right side of the Murano, where Meucci was seated, when the couple tried to evade the stop.

Lundstrom attempted to flee on foot, but was

quickly apprehended by police.

Meucci was treated for superficial injuries at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence, Mass., before being transported to the Middleton jail, where Lundstrom was also held.

Crowley said police involved with the four separate chases stopped

their pursuits, keeping in mind public safety.

"They did the wise thing and discontinued, especially where we had a positive ID as to who was inside the vehicle," he said.

Lundstrom and Meucci could face additional charges out of Londonderry if they are linked to the theft of the Murano.

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Solemn Ceremony Marks Memorial Day Observance at North School

SIERRA BALDWIN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A light breeze sent a ripple of wind through the American flag placed in front of North Elementary School on Friday, May 22. All was silent except for the steady beat of two snare drums, marking the com-

mencement of the Memorial Day Observance.

With flowers in hand, students began to filter out of the building and into the upper parking lot to witness the ceremony.

"This is a ceremony to teach kids about Memorial Day and to reflect on the true meaning of it,"

Nancy LaPorte, a music teacher at the school, said. "It's about the fallen heroes that have died for our country."

The morning was spent listening to speeches, songs and poems that highlighted the holiday's significance. Behind a podium, students, staff

members and visitors spoke of patriotism and honor for their country's military services.

Fourth and fifth graders had the chance to submit Memorial Day poems, and a handful were chosen and read at the ceremony.

Fifth-grade student Talita Myrtooglou-Olbrys sang the National Anthem at the event. She said she was a little nervous before her performance but is confident with how it went.

Her favorite part about the ceremony was listening to a speech by Major Dan Chacon, a New Hampshire Air National Guard veteran.

In his speech, Chacon explained that while Memorial Day is a day of remembrance, it is also a day to recognize those

who continue to fight for the country.

"These are the brave soldiers, sailors and airmen who are serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and the Marines," Chacon, who was dressed in uniform, said. "Every minute of every day, there is (someone) somewhere far from home giving all he or she has to give to a much higher cause."

Upon the conclusion of the presentations, a trumpet called out from a distance; "Taps," a musical piece played during U.S. military ceremonies and funerals, silenced the crowd.

Principal Paul Dutton said it was a very powerful moment, especially because Jeffrey Cieslikowski, a Londonderry

Middle School student who attended North Elementary School, played the tune.

"Memorial Day is a day set aside each year to remember those who have laid down their lives for all citizens of America," Dutton said to the crowd of students and staff present at the ceremony. "It's a holiday honoring those who paid the ultimate price to protect the freedom that we, and all Americans, enjoy."

As the students made their way back into the building, they softly sang "God Bless the USA" and placed their flowers at the base of the flagpole. Although there was a collection of colors under the half-mast flag, the reds, whites and blues beamed the brightest.



North School Principal Paul Dutton joined students and military at the school flagpole Friday for a Memorial Day observance. Photo by Sierra Baldwin

String of Thefts from Vehicles During Night of May 19-20

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a string of thefts from 20 cars in south Londonderry, Police are urging residents to lock car doors and remove any valuable items from vehicles.

A resident filed the first report that items had been stolen from their car at 6 a.m. on May 21.

Police think the thefts occurred between the late evening hours of May 19 and the early morning

hours of May 20. The thefts were all within three-quarters of a mile from one another, and the vehicles were unlocked, according to Det. Chris Olson (see police log entries page 23).

Items that were stolen ranged from loose change, to a GPS (Global Positioning System) device, a tablet and credit cards.

Olson said it's unknown at this time if the credit cards were used.

A resident of White Plains Avenue, who not-

iced leaves and footprints on their kitchen floor, reported it appeared someone entered their kitchen after breaking into their car.

Neighbors reported seeing a silver four-door, General Motors-type vehicle in the neighborhood two days prior to the break-ins, according to Olson.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Tracksters Put Forth Fine Work at Invitational

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Home cooking did its work for the Londonderry High boys' and girls' track and field team members at their own Londonderry Invitational last Saturday, May 23.

The Lancer males and Lady Lancers tallied a bunch of top-three performances at the annual event - which focuses on individual and relay performances and not team scores - on their home track, with Starlin Ortiz coming up big for the LHS guys and his fellow senior Natalie Howes doing likewise for her Lady Lancers.

BOYS

Ortiz, who has been a scoring machine for Lon-

donderry High's boys' indoor and outdoor track and field squads for four years now, proved unbeatable in the 110-meter hurdles (time of 15.16 seconds), the high jump (6 feet, 2 inches), and the long jump (20'10 1/4").

Another Lancer win was collected by Trevor Guay in the 300-meter hurdles (39.51).

The host team also got second places from Derek Davies in the pole vault and Kyle Foden in the shot put, and thirds from Eric Fairweather in the 110 hurdles and the 4x800-meter relay quartet of Davies, Lukas Charbonneau, Keith Perry, and Jared Kane.

GIRLS

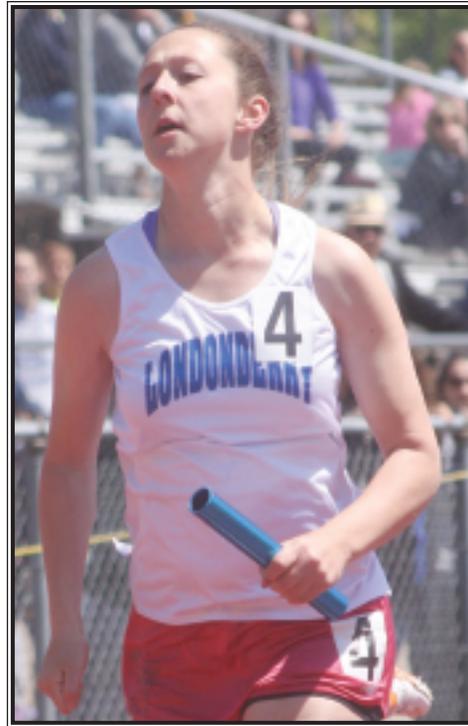
Like Starlin Ortiz, Natalie Howes was all over

the place in the final event results.

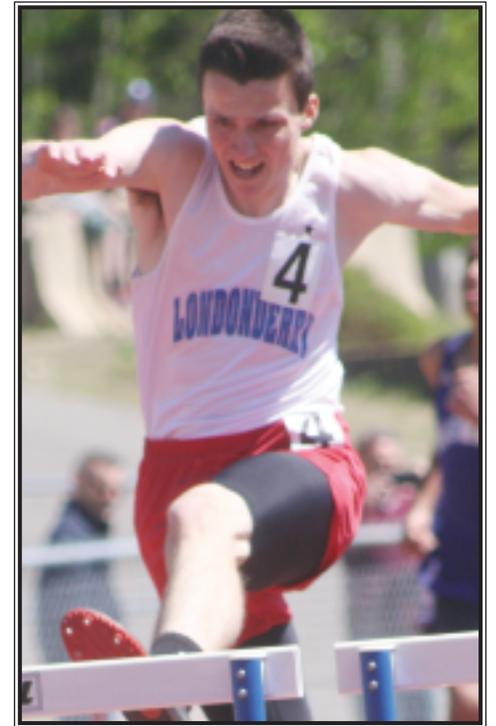
The skilled senior won the javelin (129'3"), tied teammate Jordan Dufresne for first in the pole vault (10'), and ran the third leg in the victorious 4x100 relay team's win (50.57). Her three relay teammates were Jessica Brien, Ellie Goodspeed, and Starlin Ortiz's younger sister Yorgelis.

Yorgelis Ortiz also snagged a first place of her own in the 100-meter dash (12.67).

Other top-three finishes for the Lady Lancers included a second from the 4x800 relay quartet and thirds from Lexy Freire in the 300-meter hurdles, the 4x400 relay team, and Rachel Larkin in the pole vault.



Ellie Goodspeed helped her LHS Lady Lancers to a relay victory during the Londonderry Invitational last weekend. Photos by Chris Pantazis



Trevor Guay tallied a first place in the hurdles for the Lancer guys during last Saturday's Londonderry Invitational.

Lady Lancers' Lax Crew Topped by Exeter, 10-7

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School's girls' lacrosse team had its 2015 record slip to 8-5 in Division I last week with a slim loss to the tough Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks at LHS.

The visiting Exeter crew netted five unanswered goals in the first

half, but the Lady Lancers made things a bit interesting in half number two before falling by a final 10-7 tally.

Sarah Bell scored four times and assisted once for the locals, and her fellow senior standout Noelle Lambert potted a goal and assisted on three of them. LHS goalie Michaela Kewley made

seven saves her contribution to the effort.

Slater's squad closes out its 2015 regular season this week with a home contest against Nashua North on Tuesday, May 26 after Londonderry Times press time, and then at home again against their rivals from Pinkerton Academy on Friday.

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Sizzling LHS Boys' Lax Squad Turfs Two More Teams

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

First-year coach Sean LeBlanc had his Londonderry High boys' lacrosse squad right where he wanted it to be coming into this, the final week of the 2015 regular season.

LeBlanc's Lancers roll-

ed into this week - looking at one more regular season match against Salem on Wednesday, May 27, after Londonderry Times press time - having won 10 of their last 11 contests and eight straight in compiling an excellent 12-4 record in tough Division I.

The locals moved to

11-4 with consecutive win number seven at Manchester Memorial High Wednesday, May 20.

Londonderry hammered its struggling host by a 24-1 score, with Dave Wiedenfeld tallying seven points on five goals and two assists; Max Hastings scoring three times and assisting twice; Casey Park potting four goals; Tommy Cranmer and

Shane Holland each scoring three times; Devin Brunet bagging two goals and two helpers; Pete Navarro tallying twice, and Andrew Mitchell and Lewis Carroll each tickling the twine once.

The LHS guys then claimed their eighth consecutive victory with a 16-9 trouncing of the Nashua South Purple Panthers in Londonderry the next

day.

LeBlanc's Lancers won every quarter but the fourth, tallying a 5-1 lead by the end of the first period, an 11-3 advantage by halftime, and a 14-5 lead rolling into the final period.

Wiedenfeld and Hastings both produced tremendously for the victors, with Wiedenfeld notching seven points on

five goals and two assists and Hastings bagging seven points on four goals and three helpers.

John Derhak and Brunet each potted three goals for the Lancers, and Navarro scored once. Lewis Carroll contributed two assists.

LHS goalie Chris Rowan made seven saves his contribution to the lopsided win.



Andrew Mitchell and his Lancer teammates have been as hot as a house afire lately, building up a head of steam for the forthcoming post-season.

Lancer Softball Squad Splits a Pair

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High softball squad headed into the final week of the 2015 regular season, contemplating its 12-5 record after splitting a pair of contests last week.

Despite the fact that senior pitcher Melissa Sprague put forth another masterful performance, the Lady Lancers had their six-game winning streak end with a slim loss to the defending Division I champions from Dover High. But the team then returned to the winning path by clouting the Keene High Lady

Blackbirds.

In the loss to the defending state champs - who are coached by Londonderry High graduate Tim Dudley - on the seacoast Wednesday, May 20, star hurler Sprague was overpowering in tallying a two-hitter with 14 strikeouts. But the Green Wave scored twice in the bottom half of the first inning and made its 2-0 lead stand up for a win.

Dover pitcher Molly St. Germaine was also superb

for her 12-3 crew, holding the Lady Lancers to just three hits and striking out 13 batters in collecting the hurling victory.

Katrina Rivard smacked two of the Londonderry hits, and Summer Vose knocked the other one.

The Lady Lancers' next road trip was successful, with the locals rolling all the way to Keene last Friday and motoring home with a 10-1 victory in hand.

Sprague was superb in the pitching circle again,

striking out 15 batters on the way to the lopsided win.

The locals plated three runs in the top half of the first inning, one more in the second, and then after Keene had tallied one run in the bottom of the third the Lady Lancers scored six more times to make it a 10-1 game.

The Londonderry crew rapped out 16 hits, with Vose and Justine McElman each raking three of them and Lizzie Niven, Lauren Misiaszek, Andi Nelson, and Rachel Sinkevich each stroking two.

Simkevich drove in three runs and Nelson and Niven each drove in two.

The Lancer squad is winding up its regular season this week with a contest with Manchester Memorial's Lady Crusaders on Tuesday, May 26, after Londonderry Times press time, followed by a meeting with Nashua North's Lady Titans this Friday.

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Lady Lancer Tennis Team Splits its Final Two Matches

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' tennis team pointed itself toward the Division I tournament by splitting its last two regular season matches last week, finishing up with a modest 6-8 record.

The Lady Lancers suf-

fered a humbling, 8-1 defeat at the hands of the rival Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros in Derry Wednesday, May 20, but rebounded nicely to bag a 7-2 win they were expected to collect over the winless Spaulding High Lady Red Raiders in Rochester two afternoons later.

In the loss to PA, the

Lady Lancers received their only victory of the day from Sarah DePasquale at second singles.

But there were far more successes to be celebrated on the road last Friday, May 22, when the locals snagged a 7-2 victory from struggling Spaulding.

Singles wins came from

DePasquale (8-2), Maggie Phillips (8-2), Liz Mak (8-0), Kathryn Dwyer (8-1), and Sarah Court (8-1).

The Lancer crew put the final touches on its sixth match victory of the spring with doubles successes from the tandems of DePasquale and Court (8-2) and Phillips and Dwyer (8-2).



Sarah DePasquale finished the season with consecutive wins against PA and Spaulding.

Boys' Tennis Team Ends Winless Drought

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Coach Janice Norwesh's Londonderry High boys' tennis team had all of the hard work it put in before and during the 2015 season pay off late last week with a season-ending victory that assured the local squad that it wouldn't go winless.

After suffering an 8-1 humbling at the hands of the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros in Londonderry Wednesday, May 20, the Lancers bested the visiting Spaulding High Red Raiders from Rochester by a 6-3 tally two days later in the final regular season match for both contingents. And both teams finished up with 1-15 marks.

In the blowout at the hands of the Pinkerton troop, Londonderry's biggest high points came from top singles and dou-



Veteran Dan Pleva and his LHS boys' tennis team kept from going winless by taking their final match.

bles player Cam Letalien.

Letalien thumped his PA opponent by an 8-1 score in the first singles contest of the day, and he and his doubles partner Dan Pleva were narrowly bested (8-6) in the first doubles match of the afternoon.

"My number one Cam Letalien can no longer say he's not a tennis player, he's an athlete. Because his approach shots and smashing overheads and his 8-1 victory made it very clear that he is indeed a tennis player," said Norwesh of Letalien.

And the Londonderry bunch got the positive reinforcement it sought all spring in the season-ending meeting with Spaulding, defeating that struggling opponent in a 6-3 decision that featured singles successes from Letalien (8-0 win), Ryan Leo (8-2), and Kevin Letalien (forfeit victory).

The locals' match-deciding doubles victories included ones from the teams of Cam Letalien and Pleva (8-3) and Sean Enright and Luc Velie (8-5).

"We did it! There will be no bagels served in Londonderry tonight," said Norwesh proudly of the fact that her team didn't go winless. "Cam Letalien finished the second half of his season 4-3, handing out his first shutout."

Athletes of the Week

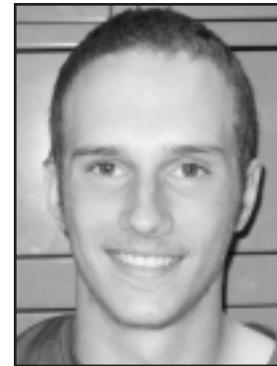
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**Jimmy Zimolka,
Junior, Baseball**



This speedy veteran went 5-for-9 at the plate during the timespan in question, contributing four stolen bases and seven runs scored as he and his fellow Lancers attempt to repeat as Division I champions.



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Split of Decisions Leaves LHS Baseball at 11-7 for Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A resounding victory over Dover followed by a frustrating loss to Keene left veteran coach Brent Demas and his Londonderry High baseball squad thinking about the 11-7 season record they had

compiled by the end of last week.

Demas and his Lancers entered this, the final week of the 2015 regular season, with two games remaining and at four games over the .500 mark in tough Division I, which they won last spring.

The Lancer bunch scored early and often in its 11-4 drubbing of Dover at LHS Wednesday, May 20.

The hosts scored three runs in the first inning, single markers in the second and fifth frames, and then busted the game wide open with a six-run sixth inning in making it an 11-4 blowout.

The victorious locals bashed out 12 hits in the win, with Mike Ryan and Brody Dupuis each tallying three and Colby Joncas contributing two safeties. Ryan drove in

three runs and Joncas drove in two, and Geoff Kayo snagged the pitching win.

"Perhaps the biggest hit on the day was Mike Ryan's two-run double to score the first runs of the (sixth) inning," said Demas. "It was nice to see the boys consistently fighting."

But it was quite a different story for the Lancers two days later when they played host to a Keene club that remains close to Londonderry in the congested D-I standings.

The Blackbirds head-

ed home with a 7-1 victory, and that win made the visitors 11-6 on the campaign.

"We didn't put forth our best effort in a loss to Keene," lamented Demas. "We only gave up two earned runs on the day, and you can't do that with a good team. But the issues can be fixed with hard work and confidence. Let's hope the boys can realize it sooner rather than later."

The Keene crew scored three times in the top of the second inning, but the Lancers got one of those runs back in the lat-

ter half of the third.

The Blackbirds made it a 4-1 contest in the top of the fourth, and then plated three more runs in the top of the fifth to make the score 7-1.

Londonderry smacked out seven hits in the defeat, with Jimmy Zimolka and Joncas each whacking two.

The Lancers' final two regular season games this week are slated for Tuesday, May 26, at Memorial, after Londonderry Times press time, and then Friday at home vs. Nashua North.



Cam Fennell and the LHS baseball team have their work cut out for them if they're to defend their program's 2014 Division I title.

Lancer Boy Spikers Hold 5-9 Mark With Just Two Matches Remaining

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A hard-fought win over the Coe-Brown Northwood crew followed by a shutout loss to Hollis-Brookline left the Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad with a 5-9 record with two regular season matches remain-

ing. The LHS males battled their way to a 3-2 edging of the Coe-Brown contingent on the road Wednesday, May 20. But the Lancers' results weren't nearly as good in Hollis two days later.

The Lancers showed their skills and mental toughness in rebounding from a 2-0 deficit in the

besting of Coe-Brown.

The host team won games one and two by tallies of 25-22 and 25-21, but Londonderry roared back to take games three (25-11), four (25-22), and five (15-11) to snare the match.

The victorious locals got 15 kills and two blocks from Marc Corey, and 17

kills from Aidan McCaffrey.

The Lancer court warriors will close out their regular season with matches at Souhegan High in Amherst Wednesday, May 27, after Londonderry Times press time, and at home against the Windham contingent on June 1.

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Feds Turn Down Governor's Appeal for Extended Snow Reimbursement

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town has learned that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) denied Gov. Maggie Hassan's appeal for an extension of the eligible time period for reimbursement of snow removal expenses incurred following the January blizzard.

While the Londonderry School District will still be reimbursed for 75 percent of the \$97,000 cost for crews to move with cranes more than 1,500 pounds of snow from the roofs of South, Matthew Thornton, Londonderry Middle and Londonderry High schools, FEMA will not grant the additional reimbursement at 75 percent of the \$102,000 expended to remove snow from banks in the school parking lots.

"We didn't have anyone get hurt, not a date cancelled from school for the

removal and no roof structure issues," Business Administrator Peter Curro said, explaining the work was well worth the expense.

The school buildings are constructed to bear the weight of 44 pounds per square foot, and some of the buildings, like South School, have uneven surfaces where snow accumulated.

While conducting frequent checks during the January storm, Facilities Director Chuck Zappala found snow accumulation in some places was approaching 35 to 37 pounds per square foot when the District decided to initiate snow removal from the school roofs.

Zappala said in his 27 years with the District, he remembers only one other time, about three to four years ago, when they had to hire a company to remove snow from roofs of

the schools.

In March, the federal government granted a major disaster declaration for Rockingham, Hillsborough, and Strafford counties for storm-related activities between Jan. 26 and 28; as well as the Governor's request to extend the time period for removing snow from roofs. But FEMA denied the Governor's request for an extended timeframe to support snow removal activities.

On May 11, Hassan appealed FEMA's decision not to extend the period of the disaster declaration that the State received for the storm between Jan. 26 and Jan. 28.

"The additional weather patterns occurring through Feb. 22 required an unprecedented response by state and local jurisdictions," Hassan wrote in a press release. "The overall snow fall levels, coupled

with the continued storms, forced local communities to drastically change how they provided snow response. Typically, communities plow the roads and then immediately remove any snow that creates a safety concern. Under normal circumstances, this would have been completed within the approved 48-hour period. In this case, jurisdictions had not yet completed the removal of snow from the Jan. 26-28 storm prior to the additional snowfall brought in by the later storms."

The original disaster declaration covers the Preliminary Damage Assessment conducted by FEMA and state and local emergency management officials that found the statewide costs for this event's response efforts exceeded \$3,293,000, including \$1,226,158.15 in Rockingham County, ac-

ording to the press release. In addition, the federal government clarified in April that it also covered expenses pursuant to snow removal from public building roofs as an emergency protective action.

"Because the snow from the original storm could not be removed until outside the 48-hour disaster period, we ask that all of the snow removal costs required to make our communities safe be reimbursed for a period extending from the approved date of Jan. 26 through Feb. 22," Hassan wrote.

The Town applied for but was denied about \$84,400 to cover the costs incurred by the Public Works Department, Fire Department and Police Department to staff additional personnel for snow removal efforts following the storm, as well as during emergency events where additional support was

needed to clear the way for responders and equipment.

William Hinkle, communications director for the Governor's office, confirmed that FEMA denied Hassan's appeal in a letter dated May 14.

FEMA clarified with the State the extended request for snow removal from roofs was approved, but extended removal from streets was not, he said.

Fire officials said they received the letter May 18.

School board member Leitha Reilly said it's "a great relief" the initial reimbursement for removing snow from the school roofs has been confirmed. The reimbursement is anticipated to come in July.

Zappala said this is the fifth time he has submitted a request for the District for reimbursement from FEMA in the seven to eight years he has worked in Londonderry.

Sea Cadet Selected for International Exchange Program

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's Daniel Browne is one of seven U.S. Naval Sea Cadets selected from a national pool of about 50 applicants to participate in an international exchange program.

Browne, who recently traveled to Quantico, Va., to participate in marksmanship training with Navy personnel, will accompany Lt. Commander Rodel Agpaoa to British Columbia, Canada to train with Canadian Sea Cadets.

"I knew the program was competitive and was

not expecting to actually be selected. It was a very pleasant surprise when my escort officer called me to give me the good news," said the 17-year-old, who is homeschooled and a member of FIRST Robotics Team 3467, the Windham Windup.

Browne, who achieved the rank of Petty Officer First Class and was named Northeast Regional Cadet of the Year, joined Harlan R. Dickson Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps when he was 15 and trains with the division monthly, primarily at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in

town.

He has also attended boot camp, national rifle matches, field operations in Connecticut and the Petty Officer Leadership Academy (POLA) in Rhode Island. He has staffed boot camp at Fort Devens, Mass., field operations in New Hampshire, and POLA in Rhode Island.

Browne has been accepted to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass., and plans to study mechanical engineering this fall, with hopes of becoming an officer in the

Navy.

The experience and training Browne will gain from the exchange program will serve him well in his pursuit of a career with the Navy, according to Agpaoa.

"As someone who wants to go into the Navy, just getting the international experience now will be valuable," he said. "In the Navy, you're doing a lot of traveling. This experience helps the cadets get versed on what it's like outside our borders and how to interact in a more meaning-

ful, respectful way."

The international exchange training, which is held from July 17 to Aug. 3, is held at the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Training Center in Comox, British Columbia, situated on the Canadian Department of National Defense property at Comox Harbor. Cadets will complete training in small boat operations, sailing, firearms safety, shipboard and military drills. They will also travel throughout British Columbia to experience a variety of social and cultural activities.

Agpaoa said cadets gain

from the exposure and form lifelong relationships, in addition to learning valuable skills and various leadership styles.

Nearly all expenses for the program are paid through the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Agpaoa said he volunteers his time because he "firmly believes this program benefits the youth of today and shapes them into tomorrow's leaders."

"I look forward to a great training evolution and making friends across borders. I cannot express how excited I am to get started," Browne said.

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Londonderry Remembers



Londonderry held a Memorial Day ceremony and parade Monday, with bands from local schools participating. The service included a stop at the Town Common, where scouts lowered the flag to half mast; a service at the grave of Vietnam War veteran Verne Greeley, where veterans fired off a 21-gun salute; and a march back to the Common for speeches. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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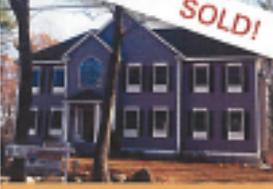
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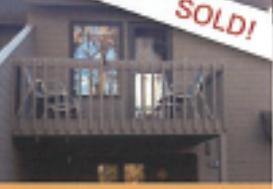


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Consultants for Public Utilities Commission Question Demand Shown by Pipeline Proposal

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Expert consultants for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) have raised concerns in testimony over approving the shipping agreement between Kinder Morgan and Liberty Utilities.

Kinder Morgan has cited the contract as evidence the company's proposed pipeline is needed in Southern New Hampshire, but Melissa Whitten, a consultant for La Capra Associates, recommended the PUC deny the

Precedent Agreement (PA) with Kinder Morgan, as the company's filing "fails to support the premise that on-system demand growth will offset excess capacity under this PA in the time frame and magnitude" presented in the preceding.

"Thus, approval of this PA would create substantial risk for firm ratepayers, who would be obligated to pay for this capacity through rates, regardless of whether the Company's growth projection actually materializes as present-

ed," she said.

Whitten further testified the filing is not accompanied by sufficient evidence to allow the Commission to determine that the company requires the full 115,000 Dth/day of firm capacity to meet a reasonable estimate of design-day demand going forward; and the Filing is notably lacking in an adequately-developed cost-benefit analysis of the PA to support its claim that the PA is the "best cost" or least-cost option for ratepayers.

Experts have asked the PUC to complete more extensive analysis of the agreement before it's approved.

And in order to obtain approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the pipeline project, Kinder Morgan needs to show there is sufficient demand in the region by contracting with natural gas utilities or power plants.

"Kinder Morgan has been touting their agreement with Liberty Utilities in New Hampshire, 'an anchor shipper,' for 115,000 dkth/day of natural gas to be delivered via the NED pipeline. Before Kinder Morgan can apply to FERC for their permit, the New Hampshire PUC must review the Kinder Morgan-Liberty Utilities agreement, approve it, and allow the parties to make a binding contract," Homer Shannon of 15 Autumn St. in Windham wrote to Gov. Maggie Has-

san's Office, as well as to state representatives in Londonderry and neighboring communities.

Dr. Pradip Chattopadhyay, Assistant Consumer Advocate/Rate and Market Policy Director, testified he does not agree with Liberty Utilities that it has demonstrated that the 115,000 Dth per 20 day capacity contract with Northeast Energy Direct is appropriate.

Shannon notes Kinder Morgan has at least three other clients with situations similar to Liberty Utilities.

"Assuming that Kinder Morgan has double booked those clients in a similar manner, it is likely that Kinder Morgan's stated commitments for the pipeline capacity is not 60 percent of a 30-inch pipeline, but something more in the order of 45 to 50 percent of a 30-inch pipeline capacity. This is well below Kinder Morgan's goals and should

not be permitted," he said. "The New Hampshire PUC ruling on the validity of a Kinder Morgan-Liberty Utilities contract will be released on June 30. I urge you to read the expert testimony from the May 8 PUC hearing and understand how contrived the claimed benefits to the citizens of New Hampshire are and how poorly Liberty Utilities has made their case for needing incremental gas supplies."

The testimony is available on the PUC'S website at www.puc.state.nh.us in the "Virtual File Room" under Docketbook 2014, docket number docket number DG 14-380.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said the Town has yet to confirm a date for a public forum with Kinder Morgan representatives, which will serve as an opportunity for members of the Town to ask questions about the pipeline project.



Cub Scout Clean-up Cub Scout Pack 605 recently cleaned up the grounds at St. Mark's Church in Londonderry. *Courtesy photo*

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Family Promise Open House

Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County's holds an Open House and BBQ Saturday, June 6, from noon to 3 p.m. at its Day Center, Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. The carnival-themed event features hot dogs, popcorn, games with prizes, face painting, clowns, and a scavenger hunt. Family Promise is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to help local homeless families. It operates an Interfaith Hospitality Network, with families housed overnight and fed in participating congregations on a rotating basis, and serves 16 towns. For details, visit www.familypromisegrc.org, or contact Network Director Margaret Martin at 432-0400 or info@familypromisegrc.org.

Social Security

Three sessions of a workshop on rules and strategies to help maximize Social Security benefits are coming up at Financial Planning Adult Education Conference Center in Londonderry: June 2 at 6:15 p.m., June 11 at 6:15 p.m. and June 13 at 9:45 a.m. Cost is \$9.95. Visit www.AdultFinancialEducation.org.

Firewood Quarantine

The New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands reminds residents and visitors that it is illegal

to import untreated firewood into the state without a commercial or home heating compliance agreement from the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food or Division of Forests and Lands. It is also illegal to transport hardwood firewood outside of Rockingham, Merrimack, and Hillsborough counties due to the Emerald Ash Borer quarantine. Firewood is a major source of damaging insects and diseases in New Hampshire forests.

Adult Summer Reading

The sixth annual Adult Summer Reading Program at the Leach Library runs June 1 through Aug. 31, with the theme "Escape the Ordinary." Participants may register at any time at the Reference Desk and will receive an information sheet and Tic-Tac-Toe card to be completed in summer. The first participants to register will also receive a sign-up incentive. For every book read after registering, participants will receive a ticket for a weekly raffle. Complete the game sheet and return it to the Reference Desk by June 30 for entry into a prize drawing. For details, call the library at 432-1132.

Young Adult Summer Reading

The Leach Library Young Adult Summer Reading Program theme is "Unmask." Participants entering grades 6-12 next September may sign up from June 1 through Aug. 10 at the

library's main desk. The program concludes Aug. 13, with a Pizza Party and raffle. Those who sign up by June 15 and have read the most books by that date in accordance with the guidelines are eligible to win a gift basket. Raffles will be held as well. Read 12 books by Sept. 5 and earn a certificate for extra credit or a homework pass for those entering Grades 6 and 7 at Londonderry Middle School.

17th Century Life

On Thursday, June 11, at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host the free illustrated presentation "A House on the Bay: Life on 17th Century New Hampshire's Coastal Frontier," presented by Neill De Paoli in the lower-level meeting room. He has more than 25 years' experience studying the history and historical archaeology of early New England. Recently archaeologists discovered the home of Thomas Wiggin Jr. on Great Bay. With pictures of the archaeological site and artifacts, De Paoli will discuss how bay residents were far less isolated from the comforts of the more "civilized" world than traditionally thought.

Writers Group

The Rockingham Writers Group is seeking additional members. Persons with an interest in writing a novel, short story, memoir, magazine articles or a self-help book are invited to contact brianstales@comcast.net. This is not a writing course,

and writers should have a rudimentary grasp of writing fundamentals. The group's objective is to assist one another to improve writing skills and to become published writers. Three members are published writers and one is a published novelist. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kelly Library in Salem, NH.

Outdoor Service

Londonderry United Methodist Church holds its annual outdoor service on the Town Common across from the church at 258 Mammoth Road on Sunday, June 7, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share for the church-wide picnic following the service. A limited number of folding chairs will be available; bring a chair or blanket if you can. Handicapped parking will be available on the Common. For questions,

call 432-7083 or email: office@londonderryumc.org.

Call for Art

The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire seeks entries for a juried exhibition, open to all New Hampshire artists. Submissions are due at the museum, 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 3-8, and will be juried by painter Bruce McColl, director of the Currier Museum Art Center. The exhibit theme is "Celebrating Flight." Paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, mixed media, photography, and digital media will be accepted. Entry forms will be on the museum's website and at the museum during delivery. A \$10 fee is charged per entry. For details, call 669-4820 or visit avmuseum@nhahs.org.

Book Bingo

Children are invited to play a fun picture version of

Ocean Friends Book Bingo at the Leach Library on Monday, June 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. All participants will win and have a chance to select books from the library's special selection tables. Advance registration is required and begins Monday, June 8, at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

Birdhouse Building

Children are invited to come to the Leach Library on Thursday, June 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. to create a birdhouse. Using markers, participants will decorate the sides and roof, then assemble the house. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, June 8. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

Lions Program

The Londonderry Lions Club presents an evening of live entertainment featuring

LHS Senior Releases Debut Album

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After years of hard work and dedication, Londonderry vocal artist Monica Maney said it was "a dream come true" to release her debut album, "Monica gold trax."

A collection of modern songs she covered with her own twist, Maney's album is intended to appeal to a wide range of audiences and complement her skill set.

Maney's teacher, Rosemary Colonna, licensed all the music featured on the album, which will be available for purchase in local shops and on iTunes. She also performed the background music for the tracks.

Colonna said Maney's performances on the album exceeded her expectations, and that the music was well received at a May 16 release party.

Maney said her friends have been excited for and supportive of her music, sending her video recordings of themselves listening to her album in the car. She added that her parents are very proud.

"My mom cried the first time she listened to it," Maney said of her album. "Now, it's all she and my dad will listen to."

The 17-year-old, who was honored with an invitation to sing at her high school Baccalaureate cele-



Londonderry High School senior Monica Maney displays her debut album, "Monica gold trax."

bration, said she loves to share her music with others.

"It's such a big part of my life," she said.

Maney, who will study business and music at Plymouth State University in the fall, has been performing in front of audiences for many years - the Governor invited her to Concord twice to sing at events honoring military personnel, she performed at the high school's "Coffeehouse" events and she performed at Kids Night on the Town Common, part of the Old Home Day festivities.

"I have been fortunate to hear her at every lesson," said Colonna, who has been coaching Maney since she was 8 years old. "She has improved so much."

Colonna also instructed Maney's sister, Maureen, a junior at Plymouth State

University, whom Maney credits with nurturing her passion for performing at a young age.

Maney said she hopes to pursue a career in the music industry - if not performing, in music management.

This summer, she and Colonna plan to tour along the East Coast, starting with performances in Massachusetts and stopping along the way in New York, before concluding in Florida.

Those who are interested in purchasing Maney's album, which costs \$8.95, may email Colonna at monicamaneysgoldtrax@comcast.net or goldtraxcard@comcast.net. Ring tones created from songs on the album will be available for purchase on iTunes. And Maney has a Facebook page at [monicagoldtrax](https://www.facebook.com/monicagoldtrax).

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Around Town

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 Ronnie J. and Step by Step as they perform "A Johnny Maestro Tribute," followed by Mixabeat, a musical troupe performing live music and open mike Karaoke, from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the Lions Hall on Mammoth Road (Route 128). For tickets, call Barry at 432-8780. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 per couple.

Parents' Night Out

Parents Night Out, a free, three-hour monthly respite program for parents of children with special needs, takes place the second Friday of every month at Londonderry United Methodist Church from 6 to 9 p.m. The children and their siblings are welcomed for a pizza dinner, crafts, games, and activities. Parents are encouraged to enjoy a few

hours away, but are welcome to stay. For more information, contact Pauline and Patrick McKivergan at 437-5114 or mckive9870@comcast.net.

Hyla Brook Poets

The Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. For further infor-

mation, email Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com, or visit www.frostfarmpoetry.org/readingseries or facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets or twitter.com/HylaBrookPoets.

Senior Center Art

Art classes are scheduled at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Pre-registration is required, with payment at sign-up.

Classes include: ceramics Mondays, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; jewelry making Thursdays, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.; nature crafts Thursday, May 28, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; and "Build Your Own Plant Press" Friday, May 29, 12:30 to 2 p.m. For most classes, no experience is required. For details, call 432-8554 or visit www.londonderrynh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_Senior/index.

Swan Trivia

The Leach Library Children's Room will host a swan trivia contest throughout the month of May. Participants are welcome to stop by and try their hand at answering a question about swans. All the correct answers will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a hand-painted stone featuring a mother swan and her

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Around Town

Continued from page 21 babies, created by local artist Tom Abruzese.

50-Plus Men's Softball

A Men's 50-plus Softball League will start this summer for Londonderry residents or those who are grandfathered in from the current Londonderry Men's Recreational Softball League. The league will start with pick-up games at the Londonderry Nelson Road softball field June 2 and 9. If there is enough interest, teams will be established and an eight- to 10-game regular season will be held Tuesday nights, with a play-off ending July 28. If interested, attend June 2 or 9, or contact Jim Edwards at

jimedwards48@comcast.net or 432-5720.

Synagogue Film

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry provides the community with a series of presentations on contemporary Jewish issues. As the final session of the Key Issues in Contemporary Judaism Series, the documentary film "Body and Soul The State of the Jewish Nation" will be shown Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m. Following the viewing, Gloria Z. Greenfield, the film's producer and director, will lead a discussion on the film, which examines the connections between the Jewish people and Israel. For more information, email Steve Soreff at soreffs15@aol.com or visit www.etzhayim.org.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, May 18

2:17 p.m. Caller reports mail belonging to caller, as well as to several other people, strewn on path in the woods off Raintree Drive.

Tuesday, May 19

9:48 a.m. Nancy M. Brown, 63, East Broadway, Derry arrested on warrant for Conduct After an Accident. Bail set at \$250 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of June 30.

10:08 a.m. Moise Theosmy, 22, Lisbon Street, Malden, Mass., arrested at Derry District Court on warrant for Receiving Stolen Property and two counts of Conspiracy to Commit. He was arraigned and released on personal recognizance bail.

1:58 p.m. Sometime between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

this date, something drove into granite mailbox post on Adams Road and damaged it.

Wednesday, May 20

6 a.m. Subject reporting vehicles gone through in driveway of Loop Road during the night.

6:25 a.m. Truck gone through during the night and backpack taken on Victoria Drive.

6:37 a.m. Three vehicles in driveway on Victoria Drive gone through overnight. Cars left a mess.

6:41 a.m. Vehicle gone through at night on Windsor Boulevard.

7:06 a.m. Vehicles gone through at night on White Plains Avenue. Person also entered the house.

7:09 a.m. Truck broken into during night on Windsor Boulevard.

7:18 a.m. Unlocked vehi-

cles entered last night, nothing taken, on Windsor Boulevard.

7:49 a.m. Unlocked vehicle entered last night and loose change and bills taken on Pine Street.

8:09 a.m. Unlocked vehicles gone through during night on Victoria Drive.

8:19 a.m. Unlocked vehicle gone through last night on Cheshire Court and tablet taken.

8:22 a.m. Two vehicles, both unlocked, entered last night on Windsor Boulevard, with damage to dashboard and stereo.

9:32 a.m. Unlocked vehicle broken into overnight on Cheshire Court; iPod missing, credit cards may be missing.

11:27 a.m. GPS stolen from vehicle last night on Victoria Drive.

11:39 a.m. Unlocked vehi-

cle broken into last night and cash taken on Windsor Boulevard.

12:21 p.m. Wallet taken while at Déjà Vu Furniture, Hillside Avenue.

3:50 p.m. Change taken from vehicle overnight on Pine Street.

5:42 p.m. Vehicles gone through last night on Pine Street.

7:02 p.m. Vehicle gone through last night on Pine Street.

7:31 p.m. Vehicle gone through and change taken last night on Pine Street. Another vehicle gone through and GPS taken.

8:54 p.m. Caller reports male subject in grey sweatshirt walking around Home Depot parking lot on Nashua Road and yelling at and swearing at people, telling them to kill themselves. He keeps walking back to a white pickup.

Thursday, May 21

8:59 a.m. Caller reported car stolen at Auto Auction

construction site.

"I learned weather is a really important factor in construction work," said Cindy Miller, a junior Robinson said served as lead producer in the show and who hopes to study video production in college. "It was really cool working on location. We had to take everything into account."

Miller said she likes the idea of the Naylor House being rented out.

"That way the whole town can enjoy it, it's there for everyone," she said.

tor's home and his daughter was my best friend. I learned to play piano in the front parlor. Thank you for saving this house!" Cathy Graveline of 197 Pillsbury Road wrote.

Flier, who is also in the process of developing a new home for his family, has expressed interest in renovating other old homes in Londonderry in the coming year.

Students said they hope to continue the relationship with Flier and learned a lot from shooting on location at a real

This Old House

Continued from page 1

Richard Flier, who completely renovated the home for future rental opportunities. "They took good shots and asked a lot of good questions."

Flier invited the students to turn his construction site into a set to raise awareness for the historic homes that exist in town and generate pride in the center of town.

Students started shooting in November and just recently wrapped up the first episode, with plans to produce a second

episode featuring the conclusion of construction at the site.

Flier said his hope is the series will generate interest in the community for the preservation of old homes in Londonderry, noting the loss of such structures is a major loss to the Town.

In a visitors' book Flier left in the Naylor House, a local resident thanked him for preserving the home in a note describing her connection to the property.

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following items:

- 1.) Ordinance #2015-04 – An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to Rezone Map 10 Lot 92 at 105 Hillside Avenue from Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) to Multi-Family Residential (R-III)
- 2.) Ordinance #2015-05 – An Amendment to Municipal Code, Title IV, Chapter XIII, Health/Safety/Welfare, Regarding Individual Sewage Disposal Systems

The Public Hearings are scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. A copy of the proposed amendments may be viewed at the Town Manager's office during regular business hours and online at www.londonderrynh.org.

of New England, Inc., Action Boulevard. Stolen vehicle was involved in chase from Epping to Methuen, Mass., where suspects were taken into custody (see story page 11).

9:58 a.m. Sick fox reported in Pillsbury Road yard.

10:18 a.m. Caller reported sick fox on Wilshire Drive.

2:36 p.m. Caller on Merlin Place reports car gone through and change taken.

4:27 p.m. Caller on Pillsbury Road reports limping fox in neighbor's yard.

5:37 p.m. Kyle Jeffrey Keegan, 17, Jewel Court, Londonderry turned himself in on warrant for two counts of Forgery and two counts of Theft: All Other. Bail set at \$5,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of July 7.

Friday, May 22

7 a.m. Fatal motorcycle accident on Commerce Avenue (see story page 3).

Saturday, May 23

10:38 a.m. Londonderry Fire responding to Eglin Boulevard on car fire with exposure. It was an extin-

guished mulch fire.

Sunday, May 24

12:55 a.m. Londonderry Fire responding to Charleston Avenue on report of illegal burn. Bonfire at Boston Avenue.

10:55 a.m. Noise complaint from apartment on Charleston Avenue.

5:04 p.m. Thomas Wendall Scammon, 49, Kendall Pond Road, Derry arrested in motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road for Disobeying an Officer and Driving After Revocation or Suspension. Bail set at \$2,500 personal recognizance with July 7 Derry Circuit Court date.

5:31 p.m. Neighborhood noise complaint on Charleston Avenue.

8:02 p.m. Stolen motor vehicle from Hertz at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Monday, May 25

12:30 a.m. Gulsen Alparslan, 26, Lancelot Drive, Derry served with warrant for Rubbish (Illegal Deposit). Bail set at \$250 personal recognizance, with July 7 Derry Circuit Court date.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

A. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Public Hearing: The Town of Londonderry seeks to amend the zoning ordinance to more fully comply with NH RSA 674:58-61, Workforce Housing; provide for enhanced housing opportunities throughout Town; amend Conditional Use Permit criteria to promote project feasibility; and to carry out other associated administrative changes consistent with the 2013 Master Plan goals, as updated by the Planning Board on May 13, 2015. The following sections (inclusive of subsections) are proposed to be amended:

- Table of Contents
- 1.3.3 Phasing of Developments
- 2.2 Use Table
- 2.3.1 Agricultural-Residential District
- 2.3.3 Inclusionary Housing
- 2.3.4 Retention of Housing Affordability
- 2.4.5 General Standards for MUC Sub-district
- 3.4.1 Backlot Development
- 3.6 Elderly Housing
- 3.6.5 Conditional Use Permits
- 3.7 Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes
- 3.10.10 Minimum Parking and Loading Required

(The full text of the proposed can be found on the Town's web page, and is available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, Planning and Economic Development Department, and Leach Library during regular business hours.)

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