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Local Naval Sea Cadets were one of the many participants in the annual Memorial Day Parade which marched from the Londonderry High School to the Glenwood Cemetery. Photo by Chris Paul

## Londonderry Pays Tribute with Annual Memorial Day Parade

ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As another Memorial Day comes and goes through Londonderry, residents use the day as an opportunity to remember those who have allowed us to have the freedoms we take for granted every day, from our freedom of speech, to our right to bear arms, and even the free press.

And there was no better way to

pay respects to the people and groups that protect these freedoms than during this year's annual Memorial Day Parade.

Taking place on Monday, May 29, the parade drew hundreds of residents from across town to honor both the living and dead who fought for this country. Although an overcast sky initially seemed to threaten the parade, nothing more than a sprinkling came of it when the event

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## Budget Committee Meeting Looks at Solid End to Fiscal Year

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With only a couple of months left in the fiscal year, it is once again time to take into account the gains and losses of the year and project just where Londonderry stands financially. By all accounts, the town appears to be in good shape.

This can be seen in the positive attitudes of attendees at the May 25 Budget Committee meeting at Town Hall, including Town Manager Kevin Smith and Financial Director Doug Smith. This was also the first official meeting for new members Kristen Hildonen and Alex Rego.

After explaining to the new members how these meetings are they typically run, Kevin and Doug began by going over town expenditures. The two were quick to point out that the current total amount of spending is at 81.20 percent of the budget, which is less than their prediction of 83.33 budget. As a result, the Town Council did not feel the need to pull back on certain expenditures.

Despite the high hopes, Chairman Tim Siekmann had some questions for the Smiths. He was curious about the lack of information on capital for vehicles, machinery, and equipment. Doug and Kevin explained

that the vehicles, such as fire trucks and police cruisers, are now being paid for via a lease system, as opposed to usually funding them through the capital reserve.

These payments were then simply added on to the operating budget in order to keep the budget more stabilized.

Other elements of the expenditure budget were also discussed, including going slightly over due to recent elections, and using only 60 percent of the solid waste budget due to heavy budgeting around the activities of the recycling market.

The committee still seemed very pleased with

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## Eversource Seeks Easement Within Musquash Conservation Area

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The town's Conservation Commission prides itself on its protection of Londonderry's more natural areas, including the Musquash Conservation Area. But members of the commission currently seem to be at odds over use of a nearby patch of land next to the Musquash.

Eversource Energy Services, a major provider of electricity to the town and to much of New Hampshire, appear to be having some issues with a path near Hickory Hill, which Eversource employees hope to use when accessing and maintain-

ing nearby transmission lines. These trails, which go through a patch of the Musquash, would need to be widened in order for the vehicles to pass through safely.

As this may have an impact on local wetlands, Patty Quinn, a representative from Cornerstone Energy Services, recently met with the Conservation Commission at their May 23 meeting at Town Hall to introduce and discuss the proposition.

Quinn noted that although Eversource has limited access to this particular area, they are currently seeking a permanent access easement in order to "memorialize"

the area, or maintain the land so that the path may be widened without affecting any transmission wires. Quinn stated that they do have the commission's interests in mind, hoping to also minimize impact on the wetlands by only making the path as wide as needed, that being 15 to 20 feet.

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# South Schoolers Create Outdoor Art with Resident Artist



Artist in Residence Mark Ragonese spent time recently with third, fourth and fifth grade students at South Elementary creating outdoor elements that were installed around the school. Fifth-graders created colorful wooden sculptures, the fourth graders made trellises and third graders, pictured, created and installed archways in the courtyard.

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## OBITUARY

### Carol J. Getson

Carol J. Getson, 81, of N. Andover, MA passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, Haverhill, MA surrounded by her family. She was born on March 10, 1936 in Chelsea, MA, a daughter of the late Robert H. and Ella (Vesce) Peterson. She is survived by her husband Donald Getson; daughters Robin Spagnuolo and her husband Gino, Lori DeGraw, and Pamela Watson and her husband Dan; her grandchildren Hillary, Victoria, Olivia, Zachary, Amanda, Abigail, Julia, Sarah, and Cameron; and her great-grandson, Connor. Carol was predeceased by her son Donnie Getson and her son-in-law Ken DeGraw.

A devoted wife, loving mother, and proud grandmother, Carol treasured her family above all else. She was a quiet presence, but an absolutely essential one; she was the glue that held the pieces of a tightknit family together, the center of gravity that kept everyone in orbit.

Her husband still remembers her as the beautiful young woman he spotted in a dance hall more than 60 years ago; to this day, he's surprised she agreed to that first dance. Her daughters remember her as a constant reassuring presence, always there to give advice, support, comfort and laughter - whatever was needed, their mother readily provided. Her grandchildren remember her as their most passionately devoted fan; their "Neena" never missed a birthday, recital, sports event, or graduation.

Carol was dearly cherished by all who knew and loved her. She leaves behind several lifetimes' worth of beautiful memories and a sense of unmeasurable loss.

Following cremation, family and friends may gather on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, PO Box 321, Alton Bay, NH 03810 or [Info@altonbay.org](mailto:Info@altonbay.org). To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

# Town Manager Looks to Purchase Land to Avoid Traffic Problems

ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**raffic issues in town have been a persistent concern recently. And with an incoming build alongside Route 102, town officials appear to have an idea to avoid traffic complications.

Cross Farm Development LLC is in the process of establishing plans for a 200-unit elderly housing community on Adams Road. However, a concern lies around a 2.8 acre plot in the center of the building site separating the development and Route 102. As the property partially cuts off Cross Farm from 102, the added housing could potentially cause more congestion.

In response to such a possibility, Town Manager Kevin Smith is currently pushing forward a land sale agreement with Cross Farm, wherein the town will purchase the prop-

erty from the DOT for \$361,100, then immediately selling the property to Cross Farm for the same amount. Upon adding the property to their current site plan, Cross Farm will include additional entrances to the community and handle all additional fees pertaining to the purchase of the land, such as the cost of the survey plan for the plot.

Since the Conservation Commission is required by the state to be briefed on any land transaction in the town, Rich Welch and John Kalantzakos with Cross Farm met with the commission during their May 23 meeting at Town Hall, with Kevin Smith also present to further explain the situation.

Member Deborah Lievens expressed concerns over what impact the community may have on traffic, with Kalantzakos noting that concerns like hers

are exactly why Cross Farm has agreed to this deal, saying that they want to "make some improvements to help the traffic."

The alterations to the land were labeled as minor, but Smith was still adamant in getting the plan approved, stating that he is "trying to avoid another Stonehenge situation."

Despite traffic concerns, one of the commission's primary responsibilities in the town has always been wetland preservation. Cross Farm is not yet aware of what

impact the addition would have on wetlands, which promoted commission chair Marge Badois to recommend that Cross Farm return to them in the future with a more in-depth explanation of how it would affect wetlands.

Although there appears to be a major push for the land sale, the idea is still in its planning stages. Cross Farm must still go before the town Planning Board and two public hearings before the Town Council makes a decision.

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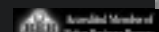
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# Editorial

## Saving History

We've just celebrated Memorial Day, a time when we recall those who have sacrificed their lives to keep future generations free. From the beaches of Normandy to the Civil War battlefields, museums and monuments and annual ceremonies commemorate the deeds and people who have gone before so that those who come after can learn from them.

The work of those preserving local history is far less dramatic, but remembering and preserving our town's stories carries importance as well. That's why it's sad to see the dearth of young and middle-aged people in most local historical societies. The diligence of those devoted to preserving an individual town's history is commendable, but in most cases, it falls to the older residents to take on that role, while younger people go on with their lives, often unaware of the striking historical facts that came together to make up their home town.

History offers a great lesson to us. To study the past is to know the future we all know the phrase "history repeats itself" and being involved in preserving a town's heritage offers us guidance about why things are the way they are today.

If you live in an antique house, you probably already have

researched previous owners. But in New England, we all live in historical communities and what better way to find out their stories than by volunteering at your local historical society or museum.

Volunteering for your community is one of the most important and potentially most satisfying things a person can do. And spending those volunteer hours with a local historical society enables residents to network with others who share similar interests, and brings a better understanding of a town's uniqueness that many people never get to know.

It's also a chance for different age groups to work together for a common and non-threatening goal: making sure that future generations of residents understand what has gone on before to create the town that we know today.

Did a now-long-gone train bring big-city residents to summer at the lake? Did industry play a role in settling specific areas of town? The answers can be found in town history.

What we do today will be history tomorrow. Helping out to preserve the past links us both to those who have gone before, and those who will come afterward. That's a reassuring thought in today's rapidly changing world.

# Letters

## European Immigrant Problems

To the Editor:

A truck assault in Berlin Germany is one of many problems Germany is experiencing with 1 million Middle East and North African immigrants, mostly young males, who are committing murders, robberies and assaults on German Christians and Jews, especially women; and Chancellor Merkel wants to take in another 1 million. The German interior minister said German citizens with dual nationalities who are terrorists

and/or a threat to national security should be deported.

These people come from a different culture, and their loyalty is not to Germany. They do not respect native Germans and consider them infidels to be converted or made to pay tribute or killed.

Germany is reaping the whirlwind of what it sowed in the 1930s and 1940s when it murdered about 25 million European Christians and Jews, especially Russians and Poles. Since then Germany has tried to make

up for its barbarism and guilt complex by opening its borders to lawless migrants.

The United States should pay attention to the immigrant problems in Germany, France, Great Britain, Denmark, Sweden, The Netherlands, Belgium and other European countries, and implement strict immigration policies to bolster our security and prevent potential terrorists of any background from entering our country.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry, NH

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## Budget

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what they saw, with Doug and Kevin projecting that by the end of the fiscal year, the expenditure budget should produce a \$500,000 surplus, most of which will go to roadway maintenance.

Kevin and Doug then went on to discuss the revenue budget. The budget also seemed to be heading in a positive direction, with motor vehicle permits already netting \$6,180,000, but Kevin and Doug noted that they were not as far ahead as last year due to this year's increased rev-

enue goal. The two project that the revenue budget will produce a surplus of somewhere between \$500,000 and \$750,000.

What struck Siekmann was the sheer amount of growth Londonderry has been experiencing as of late. Kevin had noted earlier that a recent census had labeled Londonderry as the fastest growing city in New Hampshire. That, combined with the building permits revenue at almost 120 percent of its initial goal, led Siekmann to ask whether or not Londonderry was in danger of running out of room for more develop-

ment, which would adversely affect the town. Although Kevin did confirm Siekmann's suspicions about a depletion of such property, stating "There's not a whole lot left on the table," he told Siekmann that he should not be too concerned over it and should be more concerned with the future state of the economy.

Kevin and Doug ended their portion of the meeting by telling the committee what to expect for the upcoming fiscal year, including a temporary halt on personal requests, and a new central fire station and communications warrant article.

## Eversource

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Because the plan is only in its introductory stages, there was some initial confusion over what exactly the project would entail if it were to be undertaken. Several members, including Deborah Lievens, did not fully understand what exactly would be happening to the portion of the

Musquash. Lievens' concerns included "a cranberry bog that's been [nearby] for decades."

Although Quinn did manage to explain the overall goal of the project, other questions were raised by member Michael Speltz, who was curious about what the grant Eversource currently has in the area says about matters such as this and whether or not they can seek compensa-

tion for the project.

But by the end of Quinn's presentation, the commission was still in agreement that the project seems sound. With Lievens approving of Eversource's activities in the past, commission chair Marge Badois said, "Generally speaking, it sounds like a good plan."

The plan still requires more research and surveys before official action can be taken.

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# South School Honors Veterans Within Families of Its Students

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As we look back at the honor and respect Londonderry residents showed those who served in the U.S. military last weekend, we are reminded of how important it is to show our children just how monumental the work of our veterans is.

In order to help them understand, South School Elementary held a Memorial Day ceremony on Friday, May 26. In attendance were students and staff of the school, as well as families and friends from Londonderry and surrounding towns.

Numerous service members were in attendance that day, showcasing to students men and women from all branches of the military that defended our country's freedom.

Amongst them were Steve Bryant, an Army Supply Sergeant for eight years, and and uncle to a student. Also, Roland Cayer, who spend four years in the Air Force as a Sergeant and crew chief on a C130 aircraft. Cayer, who was invited to the event by his grandchildren, explained that Memorial Day is a "day that we honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice."

Principal Linda Boyd noted that the ceremony has been held annually for over a decade, but following the death of Londonderry resident Peter Sohm, a member of the Air Force, in 2011, Boyd felt the need to ramp up the ceremony. To do so, she began allowing the children to invite veterans in their family and giving these soldiers the chance to connect with students, helping them "understand what it means to serve."

Veterans, staff, and other

attendees were seated along the outer area of the gym, while most students were seated in the middle, surrounding a circular area where several guest speakers would explain what Memorial Day meant to them.

The students were not simply there to observe, as many of them sang and performed a number of patriotic songs to honor the veterans in attendance. The ceremony began with the school's marching band marching into and around the gym while carrying the school banner and playing "When The Saints Come Marching In." The school chorus sang the anthems of all five branches, with veterans of the each branch standing as their branch's anthem played. Members of all five grades sang more songs throughout the ceremony, with the first graders singing "Grand Old Flag" and the fourth graders singing "America the Beautiful."

Guest speakers spoke throughout the event, starting with Steve Costa, a regular at the ceremony, who served the Army in 1970 and 1971, earned the Purple Heart and Silver Star medals, and currently works for the Londonderry Middle School as a custodian. Dressed in his military uniform, Costa noted that he was proud of how much effort Principal Boyd was putting in to teach her students about how much we owe to veterans. He also emphasized that not only should we be respecting those who "gave up all their tomorrows so that we can have ours," but that "we should take the time to honor our living soldiers" as well.

Air Force Staff Sergeant Benjamin Williams also spoke to the students. Joining the Air Force when he was eight-



Each grade took their turn at the microphone for a patriotic song during the annual Memorial Day ceremony at South School. Steve Costa, right, was one of the guest speakers at the event. Photos by Chris Paul

teen, he was in New York City attempting to sign up for the branch when the Twin Towers were attacked on September 11, 2001. This changed his perspective on the world, and drove him to serve in Kuwait, calling in air strikes during various operations. Williams walked away from the Air Force after several years of service, wanting to be with his family. He noted that "you can only take so many risks."

Sergeant John Webster was the last of the guest speakers. Webster serves as the Veterans Commissioner in Marlborough, Massachusetts. He recited a poem titled "Pork Chop Hill" in honor of his Uncle. The poem refers to The Battle of Pork Chop Hill during the Korean War, questioning whether or not fighting for one muddy hill was worth the cost of human life.

Once the ceremony had finished, the students were asked to return to their classes silently out of respect for veterans, both living and dead.



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# Selfless Resident Ken Hamel Seeking Financial Assistance for Medical Bills

ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Local resident Ken Hamel has always been the type of man who loves to help his community and those in need. Unfortunately, Hamel is in need of his community's help now.

Several years ago, Hamel came down with the rare lung disease, Interstitial Lung Disease. Afflicting less than 200,000 people, the disease gradually diminishes

the lungs' abilities to function. Hamel now requires oxygen 24 hours a day and struggles to walk across a room.

For many years, Hamel has been incredibly charitable, donating his free time to various church organizations. He is known for volunteering weekly with the Seafarers Mission in Boston, serving on the Board of the Emmanuel Maria Foundation, which raises funds for poor children and

widows in Romania, helping out at the Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry, and serving on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Graphic Arts Association. He also owns a business in town with his wife called Emily's Embroidery, which gives back to the community by putting logos on clothing for youth sports teams.

All of this work may very well have been the source of his disease. He

is said to live a healthy lifestyle and never smokes. Although no one knows the exact source of his disease, ILD is typically contracted by inhaling toxic materials, which he may have done during his mission trips to Romania.

Various forms of therapy have proven fruitless, and doctors told Hamel and his family that their only option was a double lung transplant. Thankfully, Hamel recently found a donor with the

right size lungs. All of his other organs are in perfect condition, but financial trouble still exists.

Since he was forced to quit working due to his disease, the Hamel family is struggling financially and is currently seeking out \$45,000 for medical bills via a campaign on youcaring.com. According to the description on Ken's page, "You can change the life of an amazing man we call Ken, who has an incredible

heart for missions and never looks for acclimation. Whatever the need, he has been there." Ken has done a tremendous amount of work for all of Londonderry, so it would only be fair that the community pitch in now and return the favor to him and his family.

If you wish to donate to the family's cause, please visit youcaring.com and search "Ken Hamel."

# Local Boy Scout Troops Discuss Preparation For Major Camping Trip

ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Boy Scouts Troop 521 is getting closer to its massive six day camping trip to Wyoming in late August, so the race is on to not only work on the scout's skill sets, but also to make sure that the troop is prepared logistically and financially.

As such, it was the main topic at the May 22 meeting of Troop 521 at Town Hall. With the discussion headed by Scoutmaster Peter Kimpton, he highlighted what needed to be done in preparation for the trip.

The outing to Wyoming was actually inspired by Kimpton reading astrono-

my books with his son and noting that there would be a solar eclipse on August 21, thus motivating Kimpton to plan the trip around the eclipse.

Although the phenomena will be the center piece of their visit to Wyoming, the troop will also be spending most of

their time in Yellowstone National Park, exploring as much of the area as possible before traveling to Grand Teton Park to observe the Eclipse.

However, in preparation for said trip, any scouts and adults who wish to go must undertake a series of training courses to fully ready themselves for the trip, all according to the rules of the Boy Scouts of America. These include attending five mountain climbing events, featuring the likes of Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Liberty, to climb a total of 15,000 feet, camp outdoors twice and attain training certifications, differing for adults and scouts.

There have been some concerns as of late, unfor-

tunately. For starters, Kimpton noted not all the scouts appear fully prepared for what awaits them in Wyoming. Although their food preparation skills are top-notch, their outdoor skills still require some fine-tuning. He also noted that some appear to be suffering from "teenage-icide", as some reaching that age where they have an innate desire to rebel. The committee went on to discuss ways to keep the scouts interested in honing their skills for the trip, with Kimpton stating that they should be "encouraging [the scouts] to lead themselves."

The other complication comes from enrollment for the trip. Although fundraising for

the trip has come to an end, which has been a focus for the last year for the troop, only seven scouts have so far signed on, as opposed to ten adults. As it costs quite a lot of money to send each individual troop to Wyoming, finances may be one of the factors turning some off. It was suggested by some members to start recruiting for the trip outside of Troop 521, but there were concerns that it might diminish the exclusivity of the trip.

As the arrival of the eclipse looms nearer, the troop still has a series of events in the coming months that will test the scouts, hopefully enough to fully prepare them for the rigors of the outdoors.



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# Londonderry Ranked as Fastest Growing Town in New Hampshire

ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town has been going through a rather large period of growth as of late, with more and more developers looking to take advantage of Londonderry's array of undeveloped land with the hopes of expanding.

According to a recent press release by the United States Census Bureau, Lon-

donderry has become the fastest-growing town in New Hampshire. The list, which notes that in order to be considered, the town must have at least fifty citizens, Londonderry grew at a rate of 2.88% from 2015 to 2016, adding 724 new residents. Walpole came in second with a 2.79% growth rate, and Lincoln in third with 2.40%.

Although the press

release focused on the large amount of growth occurring in areas like Texas, New Hampshire increasing its population size by 0.35%. Only 11 of the 50 states managed to grow at a rate of over one percent during the year, with Utah topping the list at 1.99%. Eight states had shrunk.

Take into account population changes from the beginning of July, 2015 to

July, 2016, the Northeast had the largest growth of any other region. Towns with populations of less than 5,000 decreased by seven, and those with populations between 5,000 and 10,000 dropped by 11.

With a sudden influx of growth may come the potential for increased crime, more fire, police, teachers, bigger or new school building, water

problems, heavy traffic and safety issues to name a few. According to the FBI's Offenses Known to Law Enforcement survey, when Londonderry saw a growth of 111 people between 2014 and 2015, the town reported four more violent crimes, three more robberies, two more aggravated assaults, 53 more property crimes, 53 more thefts, and twice

as many motor vehicle thefts in the latter year than the former.

Despite these figures, according to neighborhoodscout.com, a website that tracks the average number of crimes in various towns of different states; Londonderry can be listed as safer than roughly 56% of towns because we added more police.

# End of Year Mock Trial Held at Londonderry High School

RILEY WALBERG  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After weeks of preparation, five hours of arguing for their respective sides, and over 45 minutes of heated debate among jury members, both of John Vaughn's Law and Mock Trial classes eagerly awaited the verdict for their end-of-year trial. The end result: the defendant was found guilty of second degree murder.

Throughout the year, Vaughn teaches students in his Law and Mock Trial classes all about being a lawyer and a witness in a trial. He accomplishes this through lectures and PowerPoints, and through the highly anticipated mock trials he takes from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), a professional organization that creates mock trials for high schools and colleges across the country.

"I've learned a lot about how the courtroom runs," Senior Amber Sulli-



Senior Chris Komst leads the cross examination against senior witness Camille Lamont.

Photo by Emily Schackart

van, who played the defendant in the case, said, "I never really understood the order of the court room, objections, and bringing evidence into the courtroom."

Almost every year, Vaughn pits his two classes against one another for a trial at the end of the course, with one taking the prosecution's case and the other the defense's case. The cases are almost always murder

trials, as they are more interesting to debate and put on.

"The fact that I can get seniors to be focused on something during May before they graduate is just a win-win on all accounts," Vaughn said.

Both sides are given the same amount of information; everything from witness depositions, to evidence and maps, to field and medical reports, among many other things.

The trial is deliberately made so that both sides have an equal opportunity of winning the case.

The prosecution and the defense are also given the same amount of witnesses, and must choose members of their class to play these roles and to testify on their behalf.

"Remembering all of the people in the trial and their names and how old they are and all of the little details about them is the hardest part," Sullivan said.

Students playing witnesses have to memorize everything that their witness says and thinks, not just in their deposition, but what other people say about them in their deposition. This includes any interests they may have or may mention. In this case, for example, one witness was extremely into polo, so the person playing that role had to do research on polo and the rules of that sport, as well as memorize their

own testimony.

"This end of year trial is so much more valuable than taking a test and spitting back information," Vaughn said. "Just the critical thinking aspect alone – when you're on the stand as a witness, or you're asking questions as an attorney, you need to be able to think quickly on your feet."

Thinking quickly on cross-examination was part of what won it for the prosecution. The trial is specifically made with holes in each story, for each side to exploit as best as they can.

"One of the biggest things I took away from this experience was that you should never stop pressing for answers, you might find

something unexpected," Chris Komst, one of the lead attorneys for the prosecution said. "You never truly know what's going to happen during a trial."

Komst dealt one of the final blows to the defense's case when he continually asked questions, leading the defendant to eventually say she contaminated evidence and planted a knife on the body of the person she had allegedly killed in self-defense.

"It brings together everything we've tried to teach students over four years; we're so lucky that Mr. Parent and the rest of the administration sees the value of this activity, and we couldn't be more proud of the students," Vaughn said.

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# Londonderry Grad Now RIT Outstanding Undergrad Scholar

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Michael Grady of Londonderry recalls his decision to attend Rochester Institute of Technology, saying, "RIT was a college within a university, so I'd be working with a lot of other majors that would keep me honest."

Grady, son of James and Jane Grady of Londonderry, was recently named a 2016-2017 Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar at RIT as a fourth-year student in the Industrial Design program in RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences.

Grady explained that going to school alongside Engineering, Marketing, Business, Information Technology, and other majors would help him to become more collaborative in the Industrial Design industry.

"If I made something that wasn't manufacturable, my roommate would say, 'you can't make that!'" Grady said. He further mentioned that at an art school, with fewer people that have that practical training, it would be easier for him to "stay in the clouds".

Grady graduated in 2012 after being homeschooled from elementary to high school age. He said that he was very glad that he was homeschooled, as it allowed him and his brothers to explore their education with a greater degree of flexibility than in the public school system.

Grady explained that his interest in industrial design stems from his father, who is a software engineer for Philips Medical Systems. He recalled a story of how his father took part in redesigning panels for Heartstart MRX monitors to make them more sleek and "apple-looking". He explained that although they looked good, another group had told them they couldn't go forward with the redesign, stating that an EMT must complete a complex series of operations in a fraction of a second, and that reorganizing these panels could cause potential serious harm to patients. Grady said that thinking of how people do these jobs was exciting for him, and that he was really interested in pursuing industrial design because of this.

Grady stated that he had transferred to RIT from a community college, having no drawing or modeling experience, nor the craftsmanship he felt he needed to succeed. He remembered his first semester being a long one, but by going outside of class and teaching

himself the extra skills he felt he needed to get ahead.

As for what he is planning on for his next move after college, Grady mentioned that he went to school hoping to go into corporate medical work, but all of the jobs he has been getting so far have been for free-

lance toy design.

"It just shows that it's important to be flexible," Grady quipped.

Awards were given in ceremonies on April 6 to the students who had met the scholarship criteria, which include keeping a minimum GPA of 3.85 out of

4.0, completion of more than two-thirds of the credit hours required for a bachelor's degree, and demonstration of community engagement, such as creative work, service on student communities, civic activities, and employment or independent research.



## Drummers Give Performance

African Artist in Residence, Steve Ferraris and James Marshall spent a week with students at North Elementary from May 8 - 16. They worked with fourth and fifth-graders with other grades making African instruments in combined music and art classes. They held a Final Evening Community Event with the Artists on May 16 on the schools upper field.

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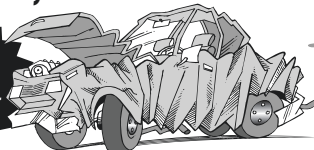
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South Elementary School fifth grade teacher Jodi Daron has been doing a Fitness Fun group with the students and staff for the past few years. The Fitness Fun Classes take place before school for students of every grade level to participate in. Participants break into several groups and rotate through the many stations prior to settling down for their classroom activities.

*Photos by Chris Paul*



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Members of American Legion Post 27 fire a 21 Gun Salute near the grave of PFC Vern Greely.



Members of Pack 901 haul their Chuckwagon toward Glenwood Cemetery. Photos by Chris Paul



The Londonderry Lancers Marching Band and Color Guard is always a big draw at the parade.

## Memorial Day

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commenced, even though more rain most likely would not have deterred either the crowd or the

participants.

The parade started coming from the Londonderry High School, gradually working its way down

Mammoth Road, with both young and old community members participating. Members of the American Legion Post 27, who helped to organize the event, led the parade as they marched in formation with assault rifles at their side, followed by members of the Boy and Girl Scouts, Town Councilors, the LHS Lancers Color Guard and Marching Band, who played a variety of patriotic song, and more still filled the street as far as the eye could see.

Three stops were made during the event. First, Post 27 made a quick stop by the Town Common, turning to observe several Boy Scouts lowering the U.S. flag to half-staff in observance of the holiday.

The parade soon continued down the road to Glenwood Cemetery, stop-

ping at the gravesite of PFC Vern Greely, a resident of Londonderry who was killed in action during the Vietnam War. Upon arriving to the grave, Bob Stewart, a Gulf War veteran and commander of Post 27 spoke to the crowd, thanking them for attending the ceremony while paying respects to Greely and others who gave their lives for our country. Stewart was followed by Post 27 Chaplain John McCarthy, with a prayer for the fallen before the rest of Post 27 commenced a 21 gun salute. Taps was soon played throughout the cemetery and the Girl Scouts even placed a wreath at the grave of Greely, as is the custom every year.

The parade then proceeded to backtrack to the Town Common, where the crowd formed around the various war monuments

that listed off the numerous Londonderry residents that have partaken in wars in the past. Led to the center of the of the monuments by members of the Londonderry Police, Stewart and McCarthy were joined by State Representative Al Baldasaro, who came to pay his own respects and read off a declaration for Memorial Day that was signed by Governor Sununu.

Once McCarthy had recited another prayer and Boy Scout Reese Cameron placed a wreath at the foot of the Soldier's Memorial, Stewart went on to make a much longer speech than earlier. Constantly asking the question "Was it worth it?", in reference to whether or not it is worth fighting and dying for this country, Stewart, brought up multiple example of fallen soldiers in the past, leav-

ing behind children and family who most likely asked the same question.

Although he questioned the idea of others having the right to quantify someone else's life, Stewart firmly believes that if we were to ask these fallen men and women, they would say that it was worth it, as it was something they wanted to do. But as for those other than them who still ask this question, Stewart told them that they must "make it worth it", stating that "we can make the country they died for a better place."

As the parade came to a close, traversing its way to the resting place of the dead and a gathering spot for the living, one can only hope that those in attendance that day will take Stewart's advice to heart and make our country something worth dying for.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lady Lancers Fourth, Boys 11th at D-I Track Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Lady Lancers highlighted the Londonderry High outdoor track and field teams' performances by finishing a strong fourth at the 2017 Division I championships at Merrimack High School Friday, May 26.

Sophomore standout Maddie Croteau won a first place as an individual and contributed to a relay victory as well in helping her team to the 42 points which enabled the Lady Lancers to snag their top-five team finish out of the 18 competing teams.

In the boys' meet, veteran coach Matt Smith's

Lancers finished 11th out of some 16 competing squads with a point total of 13. Young field events star Patrick Hagearty claimed a pair of top-six performances in tallying points for his crew.

### GIRLS

Youthful stalwart Croteau proved unbeatable in the pole vault, leaping

nine feet to win that event. Her teammate Suzie Moore also tallied points in that event, snagging fourth place with an effort of six feet. And Croteau also helped the Lady Lancers' 4x100 relay quartet to an individual title, working with Jess Brien, Bella Ziolek, and Gretchen McGrath to win in a time of 50.30 seconds.

Brien, Ziolek, McGrath, and Devyn Enwright combined to tally a third place performance in the 4x400

relay (4 minutes, 05.20 seconds), and senior McGrath grabbed a third place in the 200-meter dash on her own (26.23).

The Bedford High Lady Bulldogs won their fifth consecutive state championship that day, with the Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros finishing second.

### BOYS

The Pinkerton Academy males won their first D-I crown since 2014, easily outdistancing the

Nashua North Titans to do so.

Londonderry's top performance came from sophomore Hagearty, who took an impressive second place in the discus with his toss of 125 feet. He also scored a point for his squad in the shot put with his effort of 42'7".

The Lancers also received a fourth place finish from battle-tested veteran Chris Zaino in the 200 (2:00.33).



Having given her all, Gretchen McGrath steps to the sideline after handing the baton to LHS teammate Kalin Gregoire in the 4x800 relay at the D-I meet.



Battle-tested veteran Declan Hotter and his Lancer teammates faced the best in D-I in Merrimack late last week. Photos by Chris Pantazis

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# Red-Hot Lady Lancer Softball Squad Finishes Up Strong

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There has never been a Londonderry High varsity softball team

which has gotten to celebrate a state championship. But that may well change this spring. The Lady Lancers re-

cently closed out their 2017 regular season with an exceptional, program-best 18-1 record and a 10-game winning streak rolling. That level of success got the Lancer squad the number one seed in Division I driving into tournament play this week.

MacDougall's mob absolutely overpowered the visiting Manchester Memorial Lady Crusaders by a 12-0 tally on Wednesday,

May 24, and got past Nashua North in the Gate City by a far more modest 5-2 count on Saturday, May 27.

In the mauling of Memorial, the locals busted a scoreless tie by scoring once in the second inning, four more times in the third, five times in the fourth, and twice more in the fifth in kicking the 10-run rule into effect.

Lizzie Niven thumped a home run among her

four hits and drove in five runs in pacing the powerful Lady Lancer offense. Ali Nelson also stroked a round-tripper and drove in three runs. She knocked two hits, as did Val Shay, Lauren Misiaszek, and Ila Brown.

Andi Nelson snagged another fine pitching win for the LHS side, and she did some important relief hurling for her squad in its nipping of North on Saturday.

Ila Brown was in the pitching circle for the first five frames, striking out seven batters before Andi Nelson came on and got all six outs she required via the strikeout route.

LHS pitchers Andi and Ali Nelson and Brown all finished the campaign with earned run averages under 2.00, and with the Lady Lancer offense having kicked into gear the sky might just be the limit for this stellar 2017 crew.



Standout pitcher Andi Nelson and the LHS softball squad are aiming at a D-I title. Photo by Chris Paul

## Boy Spikers Get More Late-Season Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After winning just one of its first 12 matches, the Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad bagged no less than three victories in four matches during a recent eight-day span as the Lancers had their

hard work finally pay dividends with successes.

Coach Dave Starin had his LHS spikers bag their third win in their last four matches on Wednesday, May 24, when they brought home a 3-0 shutout victory from Amherst, where they bested the host Souhegan High Sabers.

The Lancers won game one handily (25-13), were given a considerably tougher time before winning game two (25-22), and then had to go hard to the wall to pull out a 31-29 success in the third game.

Mike Vivian dealt out 17 assists for the winners, Tim Sullivan notched 10

kills, Jackson Lyscars collected nine service points with three aces, Bryan Murphy was good for seven digs, and James Buttafuoco contributed two shot blocks.

The Londonderry crew came into this week slated to play its final match of the 2017 campaign on Tuesday, May 30 - after Londonderry Times press time - at home against a rather hot Windham team with an 8-7 record and wins in four of its last five matches.

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# Lady Lancer Lacrosse Crew Finishes Regular Season at 14-4

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Every coach in every sport wants their team to roll into the post-season with a head of steam. And Londonderry High School's first-year girls' varsity lacrosse coach Scott Walden has his contingent playing extremely well as the Division I tournament begins this week.

By bagging lopsided

victories over Nashua South, Hanover, and Salem last week, coach Walden's warriors pushed their season record to an excellent 14-4, and they had won seven consecutive matches and eight of their final nine to end the regular campaign.

In the 17-5 hammering of South on Nashua on Tuesday, May 23, the Lady Lancers netted 12 of the 13 goals scored in the first half en route to the

big win.

Emily Holland collected four goals and two assists for six points, and Erica Tsetsilas was also good for six points on three goals and three helpers. Catie Derhak contributed three goals and one assist, Meghan Jackes and Grace Chico both managed two goals, Hannah Hagearty was good for a goal and an assist, and Sarah

Duarte and Camille Lamont each scored once. Shannon Fraser dealt out one assist.

The next afternoon the locals found themselves at home against Hanover, and the Lady Lancers sent their opponents on their long bus ride home lamenting a humbling 15-7 defeat.

Holland enjoyed a huge, 10-point game with seven goals and three assists. Derhak notched two goals and two helpers, Duarte scored three times, Tsetilas scored twice, and Kiersten Hoglund was good for one goal. Fraser produced one assist, and goalie Kaitlyn Marchant contributed four saves.

And the Lady Lancers finished their regular season with a 19-2 pounding of the Salem High Lady Blue Devils at LHS on Friday, May 26.



*Erica Tsetsilas and the Lady Lancer lacrosse squad won their final seven matches of the regular season to surge into the Division I tournament this week very hot indeed. Photo by Chris Paul*

## Londonderry Laxmen Maul Marauders, Finish at 13-3

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' lacrosse squad completed its 2017 regular season with an 11-6 thumping of the visiting Hanover High Marauders at LHS last Thursday, May 25.

That victory was the Lancer squad's seventh consecutive one, and the locals closed out their regular season with eight successes in their final

nine matches. And it was on that very solid ground that the Londonderry High crew bounded into the Division I tournament this week.

While the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) had not yet posted the Division I tournament seedings at Londonderry Times press time, the DI tournament schedule had the quarterfinal round action happening this Sat-

urday, June 3, with matches being played on the home fields of the higher seeds.

The tournament semifinals are scheduled to be played next Tuesday the 6th at Bill Ball Stadium behind Exeter High School, with the championship match slated to be at that same facility on Saturday, June 10.

The Lancers, of course, we prepared to do their all to go all the way.

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Signs and symptoms of colon cancer include: a change in your bowel habits, including diarrhea or constipation or a change in the consistency of your stool for more than a couple of weeks; rectal bleeding or blood in your stool; persistent abdominal discomfort, such as cramps, gas or pain; a feeling that your bowel doesn't empty completely; weakness or fatigue; or unexplained weight loss.

Many people with colon cancer experience no symptoms in the early stages of the disease. When symptoms appear, they'll likely vary, depending on the cancer's size and location in your large intestine. It's not clear what causes colon cancer in most cases. Doctors know that colon cancer occurs when healthy cells in the colon become altered. Healthy cells grow and divide in an orderly way to keep your body functioning normally. But sometimes this growth gets out of control. Cells continue dividing even when new cells aren't needed. In the colon and rectum, this exaggerated growth may cause precancerous cells to form in the lining of your intestine. Over a long period of time, spanning up to several years, some of these areas of abnormal cells may become cancerous.

Among other tests to diagnose colon cancer a colonoscopy has gotten the most attention in recent years. There are also blood test, although, there is not blood test to confirm colon cancer. A barium enema allows doctors to create a clear silhouette of your rectum, colon and sometimes a small portion of your small intestine. It is important if you suspect that you have any issues to consult with your doctor to catch this early.

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# LHS Baseball Squad Wins Last Two, Finishes at 11-9

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Victories over Manchester Memorial and Nashua North last week enabled the Londonderry High baseball squad to complete its 2017 regular season with an 11-9 record and the

ninth seed in tough Division I.

The Lancers simply pummeled the Memorial Crusaders by a 7-2 score on their home field at Manchester's Gill Stadium on Wednesday, May 24, scoring twice in the second inning and three more times in the third in pounding their way out to a 5-0 advantage.

Londonderry only notched five hits in bagging the victory, with Jonny Meskell smacking two of those and driving in two runs. His teammate Reece Manor also drove in two teammates.

Pitchers Travis Peabody and Dakota Johnson combined to hold Memorial to seven hits and those two runs, and the hurlers also combined for six strikeouts.

Coach Brent Demas' LHS crew had a considerably tighter outcome in their season-closer in a 5-4, extra-inning victory which took parts of two

days to complete.

The game started as scheduled on Thursday, May 25, in Londonderry, but in the third inning it had to be suspended due to rain. It was concluded the next day at Lancer Park.

Anthony Pirolli drew the start for the locals, but Nick Salcito took over on the hill the next afternoon and went six superb innings in bagging the pitching victory.

"Sal ended up throwing six exceptionally strong innings and kept us in the game until the final hit of the ninth," said Demas. "He ended up with a stat line of six innings pitched, four hits allowed, eight strikeouts, and two walks."

The hosts busted a 4-4 tie in the bottom half of the ninth inning when Andy Ross laced a ringing single down the right field line which scored Johnson with the winning run.

"Today was a great

team effort, and we were able to use our playoff roster as well," said Demas.

The ninth-seeded Lancers will face off with

number eight Salem on the Blue Devils' home field this Thursday, June 1, in a rematch of their memorable 2016 first-round contest.



LHS senior standout Jonny Meskell takes a wicked rip at a pitch from a Pinkerton hurler recently while a teammate watches the action from third.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of May 22

**Patrick Hagearty,**  
Sophomore, Boys'  
Track and Field

This highly-skilled 10th-grader continued his fine season at the Division 1 Championships in Merrimack by finishing second overall in the discus and sixth in the shot put.



**Gretchen McGrath,**  
Senior, Girls' Track  
and Field

This battle-tested veteran demonstrated tremendous versatility and athleticism by excelling in four events at the D-I Championships, ranging in distance from the 100 to the 800. She also competed in all three relays and the 200.



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# Londonderry Teen Jones Bowls Her Way to a Regional Crown

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sixteen-year-old Londonderry resident Olivia Jones boasts some pretty impressive bowling genes. And she has built upon that foundation in recently becoming a regional bowling champion.

On May 13, the Londonderry High School junior teamed up with a talented male competitor from Massachusetts in reaching the heights in New England bowling in claiming a Candlepin New Generation doubles championship at the Woburn, Massachusetts, Bowladrome.

Jones, whose dad David was the New Hampshire Junior All-Events bowling champion back in 1985 and 1986, has enjoyed a major amount of success in her sport for years now. And she followed in her dad's footsteps by becoming the New Hampshire Junior All-Events champ in both 2015 and 2016.

Now, as a member of the Candlepin New Generation program, which is made up of elite bowlers aged 18 and under from all across New England, the Londonderry teen has truly hit regional competitive pay-dirt in winning that recent title.

The local girl worked with North Brookfield, Massachusetts, bowling standout Nate Fontaine in taking the 2017 Candlepin New Generation 15-to-18-year-old crown.

Franklin Television of Franklin, Massachusetts, filmed the May 13 action, and the local teen's stellar play will be view-able on YouTube in a few months.

Jones was first seen competing on television in 2015 when Fontaine - who is the grandson of legendary candlepin bowler Tom Olszta - was also her partner, and that talented duo finished third overall in the New Generation 12-to-14 division. The next year the Londonderry girl teamed up with Fontaine's older brother Aaron to bag third place in the 15-18 division.

"This year she was finally able to win the championship with Nate Fontaine, again in the 15-18 division," said proud dad David.

Heated 2017 Candlepin New Generation competition leading toward the May championships began in March and April, with top bowlers from across the New England region gathering for a qualifier at Academy Lanes in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Then a second qualifier took place in April in Scarborough, Me.

Following that qualifier, the top six boys and top six girls advanced to later-round tournament play in Woburn this month. By New Generation rules, the sixth-ranked girl was then matched with the sixth-seeded boy, with the fifth-ranked girl and boy being teamed up, etc.

After the two quali-

fiers had been completed, Jones was seeded second overall among the girls in her age group with a total score of 327. That finish paired her up with Nate Fontaine.

Jones and Fontaine wound up being seeded sixth for the May 13 competition, and they first faced off against the number three duo there.

"Olivia was dominating from the opening frame and posted a 120 game, while her partner Nate exploded with a 142 game," said David Jones. "They won the match 262-207, and that 262 score was the second-highest total in the history of the (Franklin bowling) show."

That success set up Jones and her partner in the championship match against the fifth-seeded team of Renee Whitlaw from Kingston, Massachusetts, and Hunter Collins from Woburn.

"Nate and Olivia were bowling good, but their opponents were dominating them as they were facing a 24-pin deficit at the half," said David Jones. "In the second half, Nate bowled three marks in a row and ended up cutting the lead down to 11 pins before Olivia stepped up to bowl."

Olivia had never been in the anchor position before, so the intensity of the situation was considerable.

"It was a lot of pressure for Olivia, who had never been in this posi-

tion before, especially in front of lots of fans watching it live and cameras in her face. But down the stretch, Olivia and Renee were matching each others' scores box for box, and it came down to the last two frames with Olivia down by nine pins," said David.

Whitlaw then failed to get a mark, and Jones came up with a clutch spare in the ninth frame and then buried the head pin on the next ball with an eight-fill. She then picked up that spare in truly clutch fashion, and then filled it with a five to win the match for herself and her teammate.

"The crowd at the Woburn Bowladrome went crazy," said David. "The final score was 223-216."

The Londonderry High junior began bowling at the age of six.

"She had a lot of fun with it, so she joined the bumper leagues at Lakeside Lanes and eventually joined the junior leagues when she was eight," said David. "She was lucky in the fact that the legendary (candlepin champion) Tim Lipke owned



Londonderry's Olivia Jones hit the regional heights recently with a title win. Courtesy photo

Lakeside Lanes, and he was able to work with her to polish her skills at such a young age, as he did with me when I was in high school."

As she got older, Olivia worked largely with Bob Greco to maintain her proper mechanics, and he played a key role in her development and heightening levels of success.

"His coaching ability has catapulted her ability and confidence to where

she is today," said dad David. "The staff at Lakeside Lanes really needs to take a bow for what they were able to teach Olivia, physically and mentally."

As she continues to be a powerhouse on the lanes, Jones moves ahead toward a future which she aims to include service in the Air Force when she gets out of high school followed by the pursuit of a police career in the area of forensics.

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## Ballroom Dancing

Just for fun, No Instruction. Thurs., June 1, at Londonderry United Methodist Church 258 Mammoth Rd, right at a set of traffic lights; 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Park in rear, enter through rear door. \$5 per person, per session for more information, call Chick at 537-0799.

## Legion Meeting

On June 12, Monthly General Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. All members of Post 27 are invited to attend. Located at 6 Sargent Road, Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). See our website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) for more information.

## Flag Day

On June 14 Flag Day ceremony will be held from 6-8 p.m., Unserviceable flags will be respectfully retired during this ceremony. The public is welcome to attend. Please drop any unserviceable flags off at Post 27, by June 13. Located at 6 Sargent Road, Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). See our website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) for more information.

## Karaoke Night

On June 16, Karaoke with DJ Sharon beginning at 7 p.m. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. Located at 6 Sargent Road, Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). See our website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) for more information.

## Bingo Night

On June 26, Bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Serving pizza and diet soda as well as awarding \$150 in prize money. Located at 6 Sargent Road, Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). See our website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) for more information.

## Donations Needed

St. Gianna's Place is a home that provides for pregnant women in crisis in the Londonderry community. In order for St. Gianna's Place to continue serving those in need, a yard sale fundraiser is to be held on June 24 across from St. Thomas Church in Derry, 26 Crystal Avenue. We are asking for donations for this fundraiser, including all typical yard sale items, but excluding TVs, skis, couches, computers, and refrigerators. Donation drop off is located at 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry. A storage module will be located in the parking lot for donations to be dropped off at any time. We ask that you please leave any bagged/boxed donations in this driveway. If you have any questions, call Liz at (603) 437-6678. Thank you for supporting St. Gianna's Place!

## Library Hours

New hours for the season at Leach Library. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday- Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Underwater Photography

On Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library. In this slideshow presentation, Ms. Brandsema and Mr. Hogan will share diving gear essentials, animal facts, and their own vibrant photographs. They will also discuss the challenges of underwater photography and the creatures of the Caribbean including starfish, coral, angelfish, eels, sharks, crustaceans, and more. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library, and is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

## Young Adult Summer Reading Program

The theme of this year, Young Adult Summer Reading Program is 'Build a Better World.' Join us this summer at the library to participate in our exciting evening meetings and the reading portion of the program. If you read more than 10 books per week, each additional book must be accompanied by a book report using the guidelines in the young adult information packet. Participants entering grades 6-12 next September may sign up from June 1-August 7 at the Leach Library main desk. Raffle for prizes runs June 1 - August 7, with a wrap-up Pizza Party on Thursday, August 10, 2017. For more information contact Leach Library at (603) 432-1132.

## Design a Boomerang

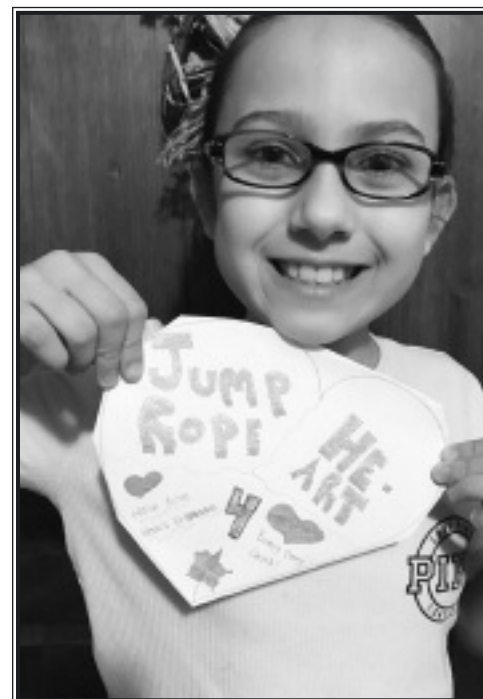
Design your very own boomerang at the Leach Library on Monday, June 5 from 4 - 5 p.m. Using a variety of supplies, participants will be able to decorate a fun boomerang, perfect for trips to the beach, camping, or just playing in the backyard. This fun-filled program is open to 90 participants of all ages, and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30.

## Decorate a Pouch

Come to the Leach Library and decorate your own canvas pouch on Monday, June 12 from 4 - 5 p.m. Using fabric markers, participants will be able to design and decorate a small canvas pouch. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 5.

## Top Fundraiser

Bianca Fonseca, a fifth-grader at South School, has been a member of South School's Hip Hoppin' Hawks jump rope demo team for the American Heart Association for the past three years. The group travels to schools throughout New England to raise heart health awareness. For North School's annual fundraiser for the American Heart Association, "Jump Rope for Heart" on April 20, Bianca was able to raise over \$3,000 which will go to support heart disease research - something she is very passionate about, since her mother is a Research Scientist for cardiovascular diseases.



## Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals

Join Lindsay and her Puppet Pals at the Leach Library on Monday, June 19 from 4 - p.m. for a lively program full of puppet fun. During this energetic performance, Lindsay and her life-sized puppets will entertain audience members with tales. Each tale is filled with audience participation, songs, jokes, silly props, and more. This dynamic program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 12.

## Barn Raising with Huckle Cat

Kick-off the summer with an old fashioned barn raising celebration at the Leach Library on Tuesday, June 20, Wednesday, June 21, and Thursday, June 22 from 11 a.m. - Noon. During these fun-filled programs, we will hear stories of life on the farm and the many animals and machines to be found there. Participants will learn a fun dance, and we will round out our celebration with an energetic rendition of Old MacDonald. There will be plenty of time for a hug and picture with Huckle and our tractor. Each participant will receive a fun bandana, and will also be entered into a raffle for a chance to win an exciting prize bag. Advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 15. This pro-

gram is being sponsored by The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.

## Summer Fun Book Bingo

Visit the Leach Library on Monday, June 26 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. to play a fun picture version of the popular game. Every participant will win and be able to choose books from our special selection table. Registration is required.

## Storybook Tales Theater

Join the Bright Star Theater company at the Leach Library on Wednesday, June 28 from 11 a.m. - noon for their performance Storybook Tales. Get ready to laugh out loud as engaging performers bring the stories of Pinocchio and Robin Hood to life in unforgettable fashion. Filled with audience participation and lots of humor, this production will leave audience members shouting for more. Registration is required.

## Craft Time

Create your own foam mosaic mirror. Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, June 29 from 10 - 10:45 a.m. or 1 - 1:45 p.m. to create your own foam mosaic mirror. During this program, patrons will be able to design their mirror using self-adhesive foam shapes. Each session is open to 70 participants. Registration is required.

## Explore the Musquash

On Sat., June 3, at 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., join us to explore the trail network and learn about the conservation of this special place. This three-hour loop will

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## Plant Donations Needed

The Derry Garden Club is in need of donations for its annual plant sale that will be held on Saturday, June 3, at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. If you would like to donate plants and/or need help digging plants for donation, please call Alison Kennery at 434-9624.

## Summer Enrichment Opportunities

The Londonderry School District will offer a variety of enrichment opportunities open to grades K-12 this summer. The enrichment offerings are as follows: Ropes Course (Gr 7 & 8) Running School (Gr 6, 7, 8) Creating Your Own Short Story (Gr 5-12) Exploring ChemMysteries (Gr 4 & 5) Camp Kindergarten (Gr K) Science Inquiry & Design (Gr 6, 7, 8, 9) Crafting a Movie Trailer using iMovie (Gr 6, 7, 8) Break the Code

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# North School Honors the Flag During Memorial Day Ceremony



North Elementary School held off their Memorial Day Ceremony until Tuesday morning of this week to avoid weather concerns. The school held the ceremony near the flag pole with the entire school in attendance. Students filed out with band members drumming a beat for the procession. High School Students Jeff Cieslikowski and Anna Kemball-Cook were invited. Anna, who will soon graduate and attend the Coast Guard Academy spoke on the importance of thanking our servicemen and women and Jeff blew taps. Cub Scout Jacob Dahlgren presented the flag to the school. As students filed back to their classes, they laid flowers at the flag pole. Photos by Chris Paul

## Around Town

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(Gr 2-5) Specific information about these offerings, fees, and registration can be found at the school main offices, town hall, and the Leach Library. Enrichments will be held during both mornings and afternoons. Dates and times vary and range from June 27 through July 28, 2017. Registration deadline is June 2. Enrollment is limited, so apply today!

### Annual Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club will be holding its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. Hundreds of locally grown plants will be sold with proceeds benefiting the club and the community.

### Upper Room Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about

anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsenetso Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

### Flea Market Fundraiser for Pets

The Greater Derry Humane Society is accepting donations for an upcoming fundraiser on Sat., June 17 at the Londonderry Flea Market. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the GDHS and will help pay for food, supplies, and veterinary care for animals in their care. Those who would like to donate are asked to bring items already priced to the GDHS table before 8 a.m. on June 17. Donors are asked to call GDHS Board member Sue Bares at (508) 498-7482 to find the location of the

table. There is limited opportunity to donate items before June 17, so those who wish to do so are asked to contact GDHS Treasurer Sharon Comeau at (603) 231-3265. General inquiries are also to be directed to either Bares or Comeau at their respective phone numbers.

### Giant Yard Sale

On Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. At Lions Hall, Rt. 128, 256 Mammoth Road, across from the Town Common. No early birds please. Call Tom in advance at 603-548-5011.

### 8th Annual Golf Outing

On June 23, the Lancer Athletic Alumni Association will be holding its Eighth Annual Golf Outing

to raise money for college-bound Londonderry High School athletes. The LAAA is the largest provider of scholarships to LHS graduates. This year alone, we are donating over \$3,000 to LHS athletes! The event starts 1:30 p.m. at Windham Country Club. The cost is \$125 per player, which includes golf and dinner afterwards. Hole sponsors are available for \$150 each. Please contact bod@lancerathleticallumni.com for more information or register directly at www.lancerathleticallumni.com.

### Free Dinners

Free, family-friendly meals will be served in a relaxed atmosphere at the following locations on the following dates. At the Epis-

copal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, July 9, and August 13. At Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, July 16, and August 20. At the First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, spaghetti suppers will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 30, July 28, August 25, and September 29. At St. Jude

Church, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 25 (this meal will be located at the Lion's Hall on the corner of Mammoth & Pillsbury Rds. in Londonderry), Sunday, July 30, August 27, and September 24. At St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing on a waiver request to Section 6.01 of the Londonderry Site Plan Regulations to allow the issuance of a certificate of occupancy prior to the completion of the conditions of approval as stated on a previously approved site plan (Planning Board approved March 1, 2017) for a change of use for a dog day care center and a nano-brewer, 298-302 Rockingham Road, Map 17 Lot 24, Zoned C-II, Remi O. Fortin (Owner & Applicant)

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