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Hunger Walkers Matthew Thornton Elementary School students marched around the school grounds last week after donating \$600 to New Horizons of New Hampshire. The event was part of a fundraising effort by the school to help hungry families. See more on page 2. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Work Officially Gets Underway at Woodmont Commons Phase I Site

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Although the weather ruined plans for the original site on Michels Way, a groundbreaking ceremony officially kicked off construction of the first phase of Woodmont Commons on Tuesday, June 6, at the former Woodmont Orchard apple packing

house.

The first phase of the project will provide infrastructure for the downtown section of the 600-plus-acre Planned Unit Development (PUD). It will extend the Michel's Way connector from Route 102 to Pillsbury Road and will create a Main Street and Village Green for the future devel-

opment of commercial, retail and housing use.

Speakers at the event included: Ari Pollack, Esq. the projects legal council, Woodmont Principal Mike Kettenbach, New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu, Executive Councilor Chris Pappas, Town Council Chairman Tom Dolan, and Londonderry Town Man-

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Council Takes Steps to Ban Water Removal from Town Owned Property

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For month now, the Town Council has been in delegation over how to address water use in the town as it pertains to the recently rescinded residential water ban placed on the town in response to last year's drought.

Although efforts have been put into place to give residents more access to water for watering their lawns, one major concern still remains up in the air: companies removing water from public bodies of water for commercial use.

In response to this, the council held a public hearing during their June 5 meeting at town hall to

try to come to a conclusion on Ordinance 2017-03, leading to a discussion which dominated most of the meeting.

Ordinance 2017-03 is a response to the recent issue with Ordinance 2016-08, which banned the aforementioned commercial water use due to the drought status at the time. As Londonderry is no longer suffering from a drought, Ordinance 2016-08 no longer has any authority pertaining to droughts. Thus, Ordinance 2017-03 will instead ban such commercial water removal regardless of drought status, simply banning the act due to the concerns of residents over the impact these companies would have on the

local environment.

That does not mean that locals did not have something to say about the matter, however. Several residents in attendance went before the council during the hearing to share their various concerns over the issue.

For starters, Remy Fortin, who has been in the town for 42 years, noted the impact such removals have been having on local lakes and rivers, at one point reducing certain bodies of water to "dust bowls". Fortin also briefly mentioned how certain water supplies have been found to have the chemical chloramine, a purifying agent similar to chlorine, which

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Council Discusses Safety Issues and CART Program

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Although issues surrounding water Ordinances and residential use of water dominated the June 5 Town Council meeting, a large array of other topics still managed to be touched upon during the nearly two-hour-long meeting.

Chairman Tom Dolan started the night off by holding a moment of silence for those serving in the armed forces, as well as those affected by the recent terrorist attacks throughout England. He also offered up a couple of public safety tips to the audience,

starting with the appearance of hypodermic needles strewn around the ground in areas of Londonderry. Bringing a few sample needles to the meeting, he displayed what they specifically looked like after being used and advised anyone who comes in contact with one to not directly touch it, but instead call the police or fire department and have them safely deal with the problem.

Furthermore, as the Fourth of July approaches, Dolan recommended that anyone shooting off fireworks during the holiday be sensitive to nearby veterans. Dolan noted that roughly one in five

soldiers returning from combat suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and that the possibility of these individuals being triggered by the explosions is relatively high. Thus, Dolan advised that residents should try to become aware of those in the area who may suffer from

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Matthew Thornton Students Walk to Help Help the Hungry



New Horizons for New Hampshire board member and Londonderry resident Mike Marett accepted a check for \$600 from Matthew Thornton teacher a event organizer Pauline Pichette, along with student council members Connor Koza and Matthew Boyon. The donation will help fund soup kitchens, food pantries, and shelters for the less fortunate. The event was a three-week-long fundraiser that students participated in starting on May 15, with individual classrooms collecting funds for New Horizons. Third-graders were the top fundraisers and received a trophy for their efforts. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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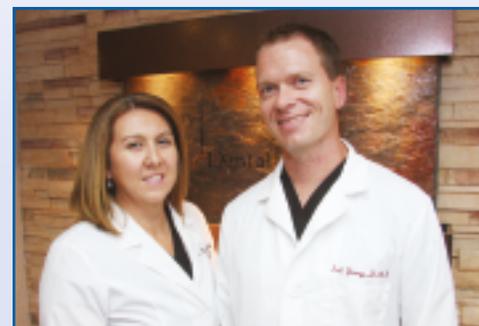
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From left Town Council Chair Tom Dolan, Town Manager Kevin Smith, Gov. Chris Sununu, Leo Sununu, Nancy Michels, Executive Council Chris Pappas, Woodmont Principal Mike Kettenbach and Paul Finn, Chief Executive Officer with Bank of New England lift the ceremonial dirt to begin the Woodmont.



New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu and his son Leo continue digging during the Woodmont Commons Groundbreaking on Tuesday, June 6.

Woodmont

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 ager Kevin Smith, all giving praise to the project and how it will effect growth in town and in the

state.
 A ceremonial lifting of the first shovel loads of earth has now triggered the multi-million dollar development to begin. Phase I of the Wood-

mont Commons Development is expected to include 174,605 sq. feet of office space, 286 new dwelling units, 135 hotel rooms, and 486 retail space, 568 new seats of assembly/performance space, 119,470 restaurant seats, and 119,470

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Editorial

Graduation Wishes

We all have defining moments in our lives that help shape our future as well as our memories. Some happen by chance, but others are an eagerly anticipated part of life. Graduation from high school, graduation from college, first apartment, first real job, marriage, and child birth, to name a few. Pinkerton Academy holds its graduation on June 12, and Londonderry High School's ceremonies are on June 9, sending a multitude of students into the next phase of their lives.

Graduation is an ending, no question, but its other name, commencement, perhaps says it better to look at it as a remarkable beginning, the next chapter. From a parent's perspective, graduation is an in-your-face reminder of the passage of time. The trusting eyes of a newborn and the small hand held on the first day of school now belong to a young adult, likely taller than his or her parents, soon to wear a cap and gown and walk confidently across the Verizon Arena stage to accept a high school diploma.

We rarely see ourselves getting older until something momentous happens; there's no denying that hearing the name of your child announced as a member of the graduating class is one such occasion. For the graduates themselves, this moment marks the end of "childhood." While they may never

have it so good again, the graduates are now officially on the path to building lives of their own, whether the next step involves college, work, travel, or military service. They're responsible for their own decisions and for what the rest of their life becomes.

On a small scale, that may mean preparing their own meals and getting somewhere on time. But on the grand scale, it translates to setting goals and developing a path to achieve them, then stepping out onto that path.

It's exciting – and it's serious business. The life we make for ourselves is the only one we'll have. For both parents and students, graduation is a rite of passage. That's what all the robes and decorations and parties signify. It marks a transition again for both student and parent to the rest of life. Not much is more exciting or scary than that.

Our advice to the graduates? Consider where you want to go, literally and metaphorically, as well as where you've been. Think of what has brought you to this wonderful occasion. Be safe. Be bold. Mistakes are inevitable. But don't be afraid to take that leap into your dreams.

Congratulations to both parents and students, and the best of wishes for what lies ahead.

CART

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PTSD and warn them ahead of time before celebrating the holiday.

Public comment was then opened for anyone in the audience, but one comment that truly stood out came from resident Deb Paul, publisher of the Londonderry Times. Paul was very curious about the progress the council was making towards beginning a series of growth management workshops that pertained to the amount of construction occurring in Londonderry, particularly when it comes to over growth in the town. She also said that Londonderry should think more about cut through roads (Grid Like) so that the main roads would get some relief and that they help take some cars off the major roads. She then asked how they should go about studying the congested roads to make them safer. Paul added that we must look into fixing these issues before they get any worse.

Dolan mentioned that the workshops will be occurring in the coming weeks. No date was set. Paul also suggested traffic planning be looked into in order to further alleviate the issue, such as creating a series of smaller road to help relieve pressure in high traffic areas. Dolan appeared to agree with the idea, suggesting that the idea be addressed with both the workshops and the planning board.

With the end of the public comment, a public hearing was then held to discuss Ordinance 2017-03, which would permanently ban the removal of water from public bodies

of water for commercial use. More information on the subject can be found on page 1.

Once the rather lengthy discussion had come to a close, Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik gave the council an update on the town's senior transportation program. Drabik mentioned that voters recently approved the use of \$35,000 to help supplement the town's Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation (CART) system, but is currently in the process of figuring out how to use the program and the funds more efficiently.

Drabik primarily emphasized how more people were needed to make the supplementation viable, as only around 38 people used the program in the last fiscal year. In order to further address the situation, Drabik noted that they need to "assess what the need is" for CART.

In terms of how to advertise the program more effectively to the public, it was suggested that the program also begin to work alongside the Green Cab company to offer assistance in CART's efforts. Although the board seemed to approve of the idea, Dolan did note that he wanted to avoid getting into a competition with the company over which program residents want to use, hoping to offer it simply as an alternative to CART.

Thus, in order to see how such an idea would work, a 90-day pilot period of cooperation between Green Cab and CART will be starting, as well as an evaluation of data pertaining to the test around the 60-day mark of the pilot.

Following that, a quick

interview was given to resident Lynn Wiles for a position on the Solid Waste and Environment Committee. Wiles, who has lived in Londonderry for thirty years, had previously served on the Planning Board for a decade before retiring his position due to work obligations. However, he still wanted an opportunity to serve the community and felt that a position with the Solid Waste and Environmental Committee would fit perfectly into his schedule. The council was quick to approve of Wiles' application for the board, as all of the councilors were very familiar with him and knew he has been a reliable asset to the town.

To cap off the night, the board unanimously approved the first reading of Ordinance 2017-04, which would provide looser restrictions on residential water use in case of any further drought situation. Soon after, Town Manager Kevin Smith presented his report to the council, noting that he will be soon speaking with the Department of Transportation, alongside Councilor Chris Pappas, to discuss traffic issues on Stonehenge Road.

Smith also brought up that two public hearings are to be held in the coming weeks to address Cross Farm Development, LLC purchasing a small parcel of land from the town, which is in between a piece of land where they plan on producing a housing community and Route 102. All of this will be done so that Cross Farm can produce another intersection where the parcel is located in an effort to alleviate traffic in the area.

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Nutfield's 300th Anniversary Celebration Preparation Underway

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry has always had a rich and vibrant history as one of the oldest towns in the state. But a fair amount may not be aware that its history goes back further than they may believe.

Londonderry was originally one portion of a much larger settlement known as Nutfield that was eventually split up into what we know now as the towns of Windham, Londonderry, and Derry. Originally formed by a group Scottish-Irish settlers, the immigrants, led by Reverend James MacGregor, broke off from

another group in Haverhill to go up north, eventually settling down in an area ripe with nut trees, thus leading to the name of Nutfield. The settlement was established in April of 1719, three years before the formation of Londonderry in 1722.

As we are now approaching the region's 300th anniversary, members of all three towns within the region have begun to form committees in order to prepare for what will most likely be a series of celebrations throughout the summer of 2019, starting in April of that year, with one such meeting recently taking

place on June 5 at Londonderry Town Hall.

Representatives of all three towns were present for the meeting, including Town Manager Kevin Smith and Paul Lindermann, a representative with Nutfield History. Smith took the reins for most of the meeting, helping to organize the group and identify the most urgent matters that needed to be discussed.

For one, subcommittees to handle the various elements of the celebrations need to be established by October of this year, including ones for planning events, gaining sponsorships, and invit-

ing guests of honor to the region, including the possibility of residents of Londonderry, Ireland making a visit.

The other major focus of the meeting came down to the production of a series of mementos that are traditionally created and sold to the public every time the region ages 25 years. These mementos include a booklet, a calendar, and what was agreed to be an engraved coin.

The booklets, which would contain a general history of Nutfield, paintings from local artists and a schedule of the events

that would take place for the anniversary, will most likely be around 20 to 25 pages long. It was also suggested that any artwork created for the booklets then be auctioned off for the sake of fundraising.

The calendars were a trickier matter, as the committee struggled to decide on whether there should be one calendar for Nutfield as a whole or a calendar for each town individually.

As for the coin, local wood burning artist Tom Bianchi was recommended for the creation of the symbols to be placed on the

front and back of the coin.

Other plans for the celebration were also touched upon, including a historical tour of the town's graveyards, potentially reaching out to any Native Americans in the area and learning about their relationship with the town and seeing if any local churches wish to create a detailed history of their time in Nutfield.

If you happen to be interested in being a part of Londonderry's committee, you can reach out to Kevin Smith at townmanager@londonderrynh.org. The next meeting will take place on September 25.

New Hampshire Cracks Down on Invasive Insects

IAN DERAGO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In recent years, the crack-down on bringing firewood into New Hampshire from other states has been tough. This is due to the growing concern that invasive insects, plants, and fungal species will be unknowingly brought in as well, only for them to find new homes here. These kinds of invasions could mean disastrous consequences for the environment.

For six years, New Hampshire has banned bringing in firewood from other states unless it has received the proper treatment. After it was discovered that the number of invasive species in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts was increasing, it had to be

done to protect the ecosystem of the state. Specific invasive species that have been found include the Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Longhorned Beetle, which both pose significant threats to the environment. These insects dig into trees, killing them as they grow, while also eating and reproducing. They can even destroy entire forests.

The bans have been effective, and even when these species do appear, they are removed from the area quickly and effectively. However, that does not guarantee that the problem will go away completely. Since species such as the Emerald Ash Borer are extremely small and difficult to spot, so if and when they're found,

the invaded areas of New Hampshire must be forced into quarantine to stop any further spread.

In an effort to contact the Derry Fire Chief to ask about these quarantines and how he plans to deal with the invasions, we were directed instead to the New Hampshire Forest and Lands Division. When we inquired with a representative, we were once again redirected, this time to the Department of Agriculture. Once again, there was no response. Although we know that there are measures being taken to slow down and stop the spread of these species, we were unable to obtain any further information about the issue.

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Robotics Team Performs Stunningly at FIRST Robotics World Championships

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the school year finally coming to a close, many of us look at graduating students as the future of our world and begin to think of just what they will be able to achieve. If what Londonderry's Robotics team just achieved is any indication, the field of technology is bound to have some groundbreaking individuals in its future.

That is all because the team, titled the PVC Pirates, recently made a

huge impact at the 2017 First Robotics World Championships, taking place in St. Louis, Missouri from April 24 to 28.

FIRST Robotics was founded back in 1989 by Dean Kamen as a means of encouraging students to consider careers in science and technology, following the motto, "Gracious Professionalism." These competitions revolve around students building various robots that must complete numerous tasks involving balancing, grabbing objects, and more. As of

2016, the group features over 3,000 teams with around 75,000 students and 19,000 mentors from 24 different countries.

After winning in a series of qualifying rounds, the PVC Pirates, led by Mike Pettingill Sr. and Jr. of Fleet Ready Systems, earned the right to compete in the World Championship amongst 600 other teams. Starting in one of six divisions named after famous geniuses (Carver, Curie, Daly, Darwin, Archimedes and Tesla), teams would create alliances with two

other teams in order to complete a series of tasks, receiving ranking points based on how well they perform. Four team alliances are then formed in the Top 32, where the best performing team then goes on to the Championship, or Einstein, Division against the winners of the other five divisions.

Having conquered the Archimedes Division, the PVC Pirates eventually moved on to the Einstein Division, where they managed to achieve fifth place, even beating the eventual winners of the entire com-

petition in one round.

One of their biggest supporters, Joan Jannas, noted just how proud she was of the team and everything they had accomplished, stating that "They are the embodiment of everything a FIRST Robotics Team is meant to be. Despite going up against teams with six-figure budgets, professionally machined robots and access to various corporate design labs, Jannas said that "the team demeanor is cooperative and highly professional, exhibiting 'Gracious Professionalism' throughout the heat of

intense competition."

And in order to fully celebrate the achievements of the PVC Pirates, five senior students will be honored on May 7 at the team's final meeting for the school year. David Lawton, Erin Janas, Tiffany Miller, Alena Pursel and Jonathan Berube have all participated in FIRST Robotics throughout all of high school and plan on pursuing careers in computer, aerospace, biomedical, mechanical and electrical engineering and computer science.

Openings for GIS Manager/Comprehensive Planner Available Within Town Hall

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

If you are looking for an opportunity to apply your geographic skills for the good of Londonderry, a new role at Town Hall has just opened up.

The town is looking to fill two recently vacated positions within the town's Planning and Economic Development Department: a Geographic Information System (GIS) Manager and GIS

Comprehensive Planner. John Vogl, the town's previous GIS Manager, will be leaving for a new position in Salem after holding the role for 13 years, helping to initially implement the GIS system back in

2004. When asked why he left, he simply stated that "Salem made a great offer." He will be leaving alongside Andre Garron, the town's previous GIS Comprehensive Planner.

The Geographic Information System serves to illustrate the geographical data of any and all property within Londonderry, as well as any other information that may pertain to the property.

The GIS Manager's primary duties will be managing all aspects of the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS), ensuring its effective and efficient use, supporting mapping and spatial information/analysis for all town departments, and developing and maintaining key data layers.

As comprehensive planner, the position provides technical expertise to the Town's long-term planning and economic development efforts, including supporting the development of land use planning documents and land use ordinances and regulations in order to foster the implementation of the Town's Master Plan. The position provides technical support to the Planning Board, Capital Improvement Plan Committee, Conservation Commission, Heritage Commission and various task forces or special studies as required.

It should be noted that applicants will be required to have a master's degree in GIS, geography, cartography or

computer information systems and three or more years of experience in a local or regional planning environment or consulting firm or a bachelor's degree in the aforementioned fields and five years of experience, as well as at least one year in a public agency.

Additional information on the positions, including a complete job description can be found at londonderrynh.org by clicking the "Useful Links" tab, followed by the "Employment" link and then the "Employment Opportunities" link.

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Adult Education Class of 2017 Celebrates Their Graduation

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sometimes, there are those who come to the conclusion that if you fail to pass high school, you might as well give up on every achieving a better future for yourself. But Londonderry High School sees things differently.

LHS's Adult Education program seeks to give those who did not complete high school a second chance at a better education. Typically taking place during the afternoon and evenings, the tuition-based program helps to push these individuals towards a brighter future and on June 1, its 17 newest graduates were finally granted

the fruits of their efforts at the program's commencement ceremony.

Taking place inside the LHS cafeteria, the room was packed with hundreds of the student's families and friends, along with LHS staff as well.

Once the students had made their way to the stage, Amity Small, Director of the Alternative Education program, came forward to address the students. After thanking the various staff members for their hard work, Small noted that she had struggled initially to think of things to say to the graduating students, as there was just so much to comment on. Listing off how each student made their own individual impact of the school, Small told the students that "you are a group that evokes positive emotion" and she hopes to that they "continue to bring joy to whatever you do."

Several members of the school district followed Small's speech to also give congratulations to the graduates. Superintendent Nate Greenberg, who recently announced his retirement from the position, noted how he saw the Adult Education program as one of the most success-



Members of the school board, school district staff, and Londonderry High School staff congratulate Adult Education graduates at the ceremony in the high school's cafeteria on June 1. Photo by Alex Guittarr

ful programs in the community. He reminded the students that they had broken apart natural assumptions that many make about people in their position, in that they were still able to gain a strong education, despite not completing high school, and congratulated them on gaining a "bright new frame of reference."

School Board Chair Dan Lekas followed Greenberg, happy to tell the students that they had learned to not give up, something that most people fail to learn throughout their entire lives.

Two of the students were also able to speak about their experiences in the program and how it has changed their lives. Nick Newman went first,

noting how perseverance pushed him to succeed. Although he struggled in the early going, he thanked the staff for helping to give him the edge he needed to pass before finally stating that he was "honored to share this moment with other students."

Joshua Gosselin went next, telling the crowd about he initially did not believe that he would be able to graduate. But now that he has reached the end of his journey, he started that "this is only the beginning", as he and the other students have the whole world before them.

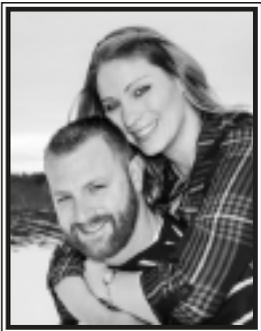
Teacher Scott Sicard

then presented a \$300 award towards any course at Manchester Community College to Jenna Wolcott before teachers Casey Roop and Lori Jabar sang the student's class song, Compass, by Lady Antebellum.

Finally, the moment the students had been waiting for happened. Small and Campbell High School Coordinator Bill Hicks handed the students their diplomas. Small finished the ceremony by congratulating the graduates one last time before they moved their tassels and finally proceeded to take the next step in their lives.

ENGAGEMENT Announcement

Melissa Engler and Anthony Scavo, Jr.



Richard and Pauline Engler announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Engler to Anthony Scavo, Jr, son of Tony and Betty Scavo of Methuen, Massachusetts.

Melissa Engler graduated from Londonderry High School in 2003 and from Plymouth State University with a Bachelor's

Degree in Business Management.

Anthony Scavo graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1998 and from Northern Essex with a Criminal Justice Degree in 2003. In 2007 received his Electrical License in 2007.

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Water

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can potentially bring harm to plants and fish in the area.

Marge Badois, Chair of the Conservation Commission, felt that a greater focus should be placed on educating these companies on where it is not appropriate to place their vehicles, as a recent incident along the Rail Trail can attest to where one truck was caught by

Badois laying fertilizers around a body of water that children normally use. In terms of how to catch those who commit these acts, Town Council Chair Tom Dolan noted that “we rely on the public for enforcement.”

Deb Paul came next, telling the council about how she noticed several companies hydro pumping around town, alerting the police every time she saw an occurrence. However, she was typically

told by the police that enforcement of the matter was rather vague due to the state’s “Riparian Rights”, or common heritage laws that typically allow for any member of the public to take from bodies of water freely.

Finally, Diana Mele, who has long been outspoken about responsible water use in Londonderry, spoke out against the companies who have been taking from the vari-

ous bodies of water in town, stating that “they don’t care about well owners” and that they are only concerned about profits. She lamented the affect water removal may have on recreation and the ecosystem of the town if this continues, telling the council that, as the water bodies are considered town property, “we have to have people who are responsible” when it comes to protect-

ing these areas. The council fully agreed that the matter needed to be addressed, but not everyone was in agreement on whether or not Ordinance 2017-03 in its current form was the best solution. Dolan noted that the “ordinance is rather narrow” in its current state and that some updates should be made. Councilor Jim Butler also agreed, believing that approval of the ordinance should be postponed until the council can do more research on the matter in order to refine the ordinance.

Vice Chair John Farrell, on the other hand, believed action needed to be taken right then and there, considering how long the issue has been on the books. Thus, the council eventually gave unanimous approval to the ordinance, but with one major change: it would only last for a period of 60 days. As a result, action could still be taken to curb commercial water removal in the town, while still giving the council enough time to fully understand the gravity of the issue.

OBITUARY

David Rowand Howard Sr.

David Rowand Howard Sr., 63, of Bethel Park died unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 30, 2017. Born in Pittsburgh on July 1, 1953, he was the son of the late Harry Rowand and Lois Marie Reese Howard. He was a member of St. Valentine Church, Bethel Park and a former member of the church’s choir. David was an Environmental Engineer and worked as a project manager for numerous consulting firms and industries. During his career, he was an active member with the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME).

He will always be remembered for his beautiful singing voice and always being ready to help family and friends. Surviving are his wife Mara Irene Hlavacik of Bethel Park, 2 sons; David (Shawna) Rowand Howard Jr. and Andrew Paul Howard all of Londonderry, a brother, John (Diane) Howard of Sommerville, NJ, a sister Virginia (Scott) Dagnall of Bethlehem, PA, 2 stepsisters, Heather (Bill) Elfrink of Wadsworth, OH and Robyn (Michael) Deterling of Akron, OH, a stepmother Marcia Howard of Medina, OH, and several nieces and nephews.

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OBITUARY

Ingeborg K. Arnald

Ingeborg K. Arnald, 66, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Thursday June 1, 2017, in Parkland Medical Center, Derry, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Trier, Germany on March 23, 1951, a daughter of Angela (Herber) Bosbach and the late Herbert Bosbach. Inge was extremely proud of becoming a U.S. Citizen, an accomplishment she worked hard for and finally achieved in 2007. She was known as ‘Mom’ to everyone and was an open and caring person that everyone loved. She will always be remembered as a loving mother and “Oma.”

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her daughter, Jessica Scott, and her husband Jim; granddaughter, Katrina Scott; extended family, Richard Arnald, Douglas and Katherine Arnald and many friends, coworkers and family residing in Germany. Inge is predeceased by her daughter, Jennifer Arnald.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 5th Floor Norwalk, CT 06851. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

OBITUARY

Gladys O. Provencher

Gladys O. Provencher, 102, of Naples, FL, died Wednesday, March 29, 2017 in Lakeside Pavilion in Naples. She was born in St. Armand, Quebec, Canada on September 10, 1914, a daughter of the late Homer Sweet and Janet Metevier. She moved to Florida in August of 2008 from Derry, NH where she had lived since 1952. Mrs. Provencher was a member of the Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #15 in Derry, where she had served as Noble Grand. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Derry. Mrs. Provencher had worked for Klev Bro Shoe Co. in Derry, retiring in 1981, and had also worked for several other shoe shops in Derry. She enjoyed watching the food network on TV, loved to sew, bake and was an avid reader.

She is survived by her son, Alfred Elliott and his wife Pauline of Londonderry, NH; three daughters, Gloria Gutwein of Naples, FL, Shirley Pochick and her husband Francis of Staunton, VA, and Gilda Pinedo and her husband Max of Laguna Niguel, CA; nine grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband Richard Provencher in 1972, as well as her siblings, Mabel, Ethel, Eugene, Howard, and Esther.

Following cremation, a calling hour will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017 from 9 - 10 a.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry. A memorial service will follow at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 4 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH 03038. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Senior Center Celebrates Volunteers With Cruise-Themed Luncheon



Londonderry High School National Honor Society members volunteered to serve volunteers at the Senior Center. Photos by Chris Paul

ALEX GUITARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Even with the temperatures rising and locals beginning to flock to the beach, Londonderry is not exactly the first place that comes to mind when you think of a tropical getaway.

But regulars of the Londonderry Senior Center were happy to see that change, if only for a day, on June 3 when the Senior Resources Committee decided to hold a cruise-themed luncheon for the dozens of residents who have been devoting their time and efforts for various functions and events at the senior center.

The luncheon is only the latest in a series of annual events that the sen-

ior center holds for its volunteers, with each having its own special theme or concept. According to Catherine Blash, the Senior Affairs Director for the town, the idea for a cruise theme came about when she initially contemplated a trip to Boston for the volunteers, but discovered that legal reasons prevented her from doing so. However, while looking for a new idea, she noticed a stray cruise brochure in her home and almost immediately knew that she wanted to bring a cruise experience to the senior center.

Amongst those assisting with the luncheon were Bonnie Ritvo, head of the Fundraising Committee, Ron Jablonwski, Ad-



The front of the Senior Center was decorated to be a cruise ship during the annual Volunteer lunch.

ministrator and Treasurer for Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc, and his wife Carol. Members of the Londonderry High School National Honor Society were also in attendance to help with the luncheon.

Right off the bat, volunteers were greeted on the outside of the senior center with a large cardboard cruise ship in front of the building's entrance. Upon entering, visitors came across a wide array of snacks, such as shrimp and punch, before taking a seat in the dimly lit "dining hall" with an assortment of tables covered in table cloths and filled with decorations and candles to enhance their dining experience.

But no cruise is com-

plete without entertainment. After enjoying their meal, the volunteers first witnessed the wondrous feats of magician BJ Hickman, before then listening to the musical styling of lounge singer "Dezzie Lanio," who in reality was Town Manger Kevin Smith, to the surprise of the crowd.

And the volunteers were more than pleased with the luncheon. Ted Panek, who has been with the senior center for seven years, usually helps by setting up tables for the centers different events. He noted that the luncheon was a "good show of appreciation from Cathy and the town." Cory Holm, who has worked at the front desk since January,



Ron Jablonwski was presented a plaque of appreciation for his service as the Administrator and Treasurer of the Londonderry Senior Citizens Inc.

also thought the event was a great idea.

But the volunteers with the senior center were not the only ones who were recognized, as at one point, Blash came to the front of the room to thank all the volunteers for their efforts before the rest of the members of the Senior Resources Committee came forward to present Blash with a bouquet of flowers and Ron Jablonwski with a plaque.

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Local Relay for Life Brings Communities Together Against Cancer

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Walking, running, however the strides are taken, every step means one step closer to the eradication of cancer.

Just in time for its 20th Anniversary, the Relay for Life of Greater Derry/Londonderry will be uniting communities against cancer on June 16 at 6 p.m.-June 17 at 8 a.m. at Pinkerton Academy.

The Relay event will consist of members of every team taking turns walking or running around the track or path at the school. Teams have been raising funds for months leading up to the event, with all proceeds going towards freeing the world from the pain of cancer. After the Relay walk, all participants will be able to enjoy overnight activities including music, a photo booth, dunk tank, games, and prize drawings.

Derry resident and Greater Derry/Londonderry Relay for Life Chairper-

son, Jackie Leavitt, and Londonderry resident and co-chair, Bonnie Roberts, are two among hundreds of local Relayers who will be covering ground to make an impact.

The disease has closely affected Leavitt, an American Cancer Society volunteer of five years, having lost a close friend, stepmother, and aunt to cancer. Both of her parents and her stepfather are cancer survivors.

"I feel like a ticking time bomb," said Leavitt, explaining that her involvement with the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life was a way for her to use her organization skills to help her feel like she can make a difference.

Leavitt said that she enjoys working with cancer survivors at the Relays. She puts together the survivor and caregiver dinner and the survivor ceremonies (this year there will be a Luminaria Ceremony at 9 p.m. to celebrate life and remember those lost), and loves to hear



The Relay for Life of Greater Derry/Londonderry will have its 20th Anniversary on June 16 at Pinkerton Academy from 6 p.m. to the following morning at 8 a.m.

their stories. Sadly, she stated that this year some of the survivors had passed away.

"They were part of our Relay family," she said, and although the news of those passing hit her particularly hard, she stated that they are the reason she keeps going.

There will be a special dinner reception thanks to Amphora Fine Greek Dining for survivors and their caregivers right after the opening ceremony on June

16, where honored guests will receive a signature purple survivor t-shirt, along with entertainment and drawings just for them. All survivors are encouraged to attend, even if they are not part of a team, and let Relay for Life celebrate their victory.

Leavitt's one-woman team, "All Night for the Fight" has the goal of raising \$1,500 for the American Cancer Society. According to Leavitt, during the Relay's 20-year run, the collaborative efforts of millions have raised over \$2,000,000 for the society. But their efforts don't stop there.

"We really hope this year we can get as many past participants to join us again," Leavitt said. She explained that some go on to join other charities, or their loved one passes away and they don't return after that. Whatever the reason, Leavitt hopes to

reach out to those who have come and gone over the past two decades to rejoin the fight.

Roberts, who has been involved with the American Cancer Society for 12 years, says that her involvement began because, "Sometimes it takes those small steps to make big differences."

Roberts explained that she's had a number of friends, and clients of her local business that have been affected by cancer, and the amount seems to keep multiplying. She further mentioned that a lot of her clients are cancer survivors.

"Every time I think I can step away, someone gets diagnosed, or dies..." Roberts said. "And it's like, 'I can't quit'..."

Roberts is known as the "Queen of Fun" as she is a big part in assisting with the entertainment side of the Relay for Life.

She said that while the event is about families and memorials, it is also about celebrating life. She mentioned that there is an effort to reach out to Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy, as well as West Running Brook and other schools to make the day "an event that transcends generations." She reiterated that while the purpose of the event was to fundraise, the coordinators were also there to make it fun, so that people would want to return year after year.

Roberts said that thanks to the generosity of her husband and his company, her team, "Hope Helpers," which consists of her and staff of Home Helpers of Londonderry, have already been able to reach their monetary goal, but they won't stop there.

"A goal is a goal until it's broken, and then it becomes a new goal," Roberts stated. "My goal is to do what I can do eradicate cancer, and you can't put a dollar amount on that. I do what I can, and every dollar is a dollar more than we have today...but it's never enough until cancer is gone."

For more information regarding this year's Relay For Life, visit Relayforlife.org/derryandlondonderry, or call the American Cancer Society at (603) 471-4112 or (800) 227-2345. Visit the Greater Derry/Londonderry Relay for Life's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GDL-RelayForLife/

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Softball Squad's Title Hopes Dashed in the Quarterfinals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sometimes the anticipated outcome of an event seems so obvious as to border on the silly. But assumptions can also prove to be silly.

One case in point would come in sports where, for instance, the number one seeded team faces the nine-ranked team in a playoff game, with the top seed having won a bunch of games in a row and the number 10 crew having lost a pile of games in a row. In sports terms, the outcome would appear to be a "slam dunk."

Alas, the Londonderry High School softball team has learned each of the last two springs that you cannot take any victory for granted.

The top-ranked Lady Lancers bounded into their Division I quarterfinal-round tourney game with ninth-seeded Bedford at LHS Saturday, June 3, with every reason to believe that they could be

on the road to the first state championship in their program's history.

But Bedford pitcher Katie Martin and the Lady Bulldogs had nothing to lose in their effort to upset the favored Lady Lancers, and that's exactly what they did in the form of a stunning 5-0 shutout to advance to the D-I semifinals.

"We simply got down early and didn't respond," lamented coach Wayne MacDougall, who was recently named the 2017 D-I Coach of the Year. "Their pitcher did a nice job, but certainly this was not a true indication of the talent level we displayed all season. The season was great, and this one game certainly cannot detract from all the success experienced this year."

The 18-1 Londonderry team entered the tourney game white-hot, having won 10 straight games - with six shutouts - and having outscored those 10 opponents by the jaw-



LHS pitcher Andi Nelson covers the plate on a passed ball as a Bedford runner scores during the locals' tourney loss. Photo by Chris Paul

dropping tally of 75-10.

But in a one-game, win-or-go-home tournament format, you're only as successful as the way you play on that day.

The quick exit from the tournament was remi-

niscient of the conclusion to the Lady Lancers' 2016 season, in which the team

went 14-6 for the regular season and claimed the number four seed in the Division I tourney. But in a perfect example of the statement "That's why we play the games," the Londonderry team's title hopes were dashed by a 3-2 upset loss to the number-13 Keene High Lady Blackbirds at Londonderry High in round one.

Bedford had begun its 2017 regular season by winning its first seven games. But the Lady Bulldogs went 3-8 the rest of the way, finishing up at 10-8 with four straight losses. They were outscored 51-19 in those final four games.

So heading into the tourney you had a struggling Bedford bunch and a sizzling Londonderry contingent looking to move forward.

Bedford advanced to

the quarterfinals by edging number-eight Concord by a slim, 10-9 margin.

The Lancers got off to a shaky start in the first inning with starting pitcher Andi Nelson giving up a walk, a bunt, and a single to load the bases. The clean-up hitter then scorched a single to drive in the first two runs of the game. The top of that inning ended with one more run and a 3-0 Bedford lead.

Two more runs were scored in the top of the third, which finished Nelson for the day.

LHS junior Ila Brown came in to replace Nelson in the fourth and kept the Bulldogs scoreless.

Lady Bulldogs' pitcher Martin wound up holding the powerful LHS offense to a mere four hits - two of

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Lady Lancer Lax Crew Falls to Pinkerton in Tourney Quarters

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Anybody who enjoys watching high-quality girls' lacrosse would have had

themselves one heck of a time at any one of the three 2017 meetings between the arch-rival Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High squads this spring.

The defending Division I-champion Pinkerton girls won the epic defensive battle played at LHS on April 28 by a 6-5 score, but the Lady Lancers rebounded with an absolutely exceptional second half effort in the rematch played in Derry on May 18 in bagging an 11-7 success.

The rivals then met up - with all of the proverbial chips on the table - in a quarterfinal tournament battle back in Londonderry on the final day of May last Thursday. And the fifth-seeded Lady Astros squeaked out a 7-6 decision in that huge contest to

continue forward in their defense of their state crown.

The Astros led 5-2 after one half and then drove their advantage up to 7-2 in the opening minutes of the second period. But fourth-ranked Londonderry came bounding back to score the final four goals of the match, falling just short in dropping the one-goal decision.

"In the second match-up we had this year, we played about the same as today in the first half," said LHS first-year coach Scott Walden. "We weren't aggressive getting ground balls and had a lot of turnovers. In the second half of the game today, we won. The entire team went out and no one was going to fight harder than we did."

The hosts drove out to a 2-0 lead during the first, tightly-played nine minutes, with Erika Tsetsilas scoring off a free shot with 18:07 to go and Sarah



Londonderry senior standout Erika Tsetsilas looks to drive past a Pinkerton rival during tournament play at LHS last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Duarte managing the same feat a little less than two minutes later.

But then the Astros turned the tide almost entirely, scoring five con-

secutive goals before the half ended.

The goals were scored by Kiley Davis, Dani Tompkins, Meghan Michaud, Tompkins again, and then finally Davis a second time with just 19.6 seconds showing on the game clock.

The Pinkerton advantage bulged to 7-2 during the opening three minutes of the second half thanks to the scoring efforts of Tompkins and then Davis.

Londonderry got the two goals back during the next seven minutes to slice their deficit down to three goals with 16:37 remaining, with Camille Lamont getting the first of those and Duarte the second, both off of free shots.

LHS senior goalie Kaitlyn Marchant then placed her team on her back as Pinkerton attempted to pad its lead. Marchant made five huge saves in a row - with the Astros then hitting the crossbar - during a key span of eight min-

utes. And Marchant's Lady Lancers fed off of their keeper's performance by climbing closer to the goal of victory on goals by Samantha LeClair with 3:11 to go and then Kiersten Hoglund with 1:26 remaining on the game clock.

But Pinkerton got the ball on the next face-off when an infraction was called on LHS, and the defending champions were able to run off the remaining time and win 7-6.

"We got on a roll, and when Emily Holland grabbed the (key final) draw out of the air I know she was going to go the length of the field and score. But she was called for a push and we lost that possession and they were able to look clock," said coach Walden. "We had good plans to free up Emily from the effective face-guard Pinkerton put on her the whole game, but we could never get into the position to get it to her due to unforced errors."

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Lancer Laxmen Lose in a Quarterfinal-Round Upset to Exeter

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There was certainly every reason to believe that the Londonderry High boys' lacrosse team could at least end its fine 2017 season with a final four tournament finish.

And heading into its quarterfinal-round tour-

ney match on its home field last Saturday, June 3, the third-ranked LHS crew had every legitimate reason to believe it could get past a sixth-seeded Exeter High contingent which Londonderry had bested twice during the regular season. Alas, that wasn't how the day turned out for coach Sean LeBlanc

and his Lancer charges.

Despite jumping out to an early lead and scoring five goals in the first quarter and grasping a 5-2 advantage at the close of that stanza, the Lancers were outscored 5-1 the rest of the way in the 7-6 upset loss to Exeter.

Anthony Federico and Sean Snyder both man-

aged four points for the locals, with Federico scoring three goals and assisting on one other, and Snyder notching two goals and two helpers. Connor Toth scored once and assisted once, and Nate Andrews claimed one assist. LHS goalie Alex Fawcett contributed nine saves to his team's effort. Senior face-off ace Tyler Grant won 13 of the 15 draws in which he participated.

Coach LeBlanc's LHS contingent had completed its regular season all kinds of hot, having won its last seven matches and eight of the last nine to wind up at 13-3 overall with the third seed in D-I. Exeter won four of its final five contests to wind up at 11-7 and number six in the seedings.

In the two regular season meetings between the Lancers and Exeter Blue Hawks, Londonderry got



Londonderry High senior faceoff ace Tyler Grant battles an Exeter opponent during his team's tournament loss to the Blue Hawks. Photo by Chris Paul

a 9-8 win on the seacoast But meeting number on April 27 and then three would go Exeter's earned a more decisive, way and end the Lancers' 13-9 win at LHS on May 13. 2017 campaign.

Londonderry High Spikers Finished Their Tough 2017 Campaign Well

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2017 season was packed with peaks and valleys for coach Dave Starin and his Londonderry High varsity boys' volleyball squad this spring. But, in the end, the Lancers wound up being able to say that the tons of hard work they put in throughout the campaign paid off.

The LHS crew began the season by dropping its first six decisions before it bagged a win with a shutout success at home against Souhegan of Amherst in match number seven on May 3.

However, coach Starin's squad then dropped its next four decision to fall to 1-10 on the cam-

paign.

But the Lancers collected a good amount of positive reinforcement in their final five matches of the spring, posting a 3-2 record in those contests to finish up at 4-12.

The Londonderry bunch finished its 2017 campaign last Tuesday, May 30, at LHS with a 3-1 loss at the hands of a Windham team which completed its regular season at 9-7 overall.

The hosts dropped game one by a 25-20 score and game two by a lopsided 25-6 tally before roaring back for a 25-11 victory in game three. However, the visitors brought the match to a close by taking game number four by a 25-9

tally.

Mike Vivian dealt out a total of 20 assists for his Lancers, James Buttafuoco bagged 12 kills, and Bryan Murphy collected seven digs and two service aces.

"I believe this season was a step in the right direction," said coach Starin. "Everyone I spoke to has commented on how much the team has improved over the course of the season. Individuals have also made tremendous strides, and the returning players are eager to promote the sport and increase involvement among the student body. I am excited and encouraged to see what this team can accomplish in the future."

Girls Lax

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But Walden was also more than willing to give credit where it was deserved on both sides of the field. "Pinkerton did a nice job of taking our star player out of the game," he said. "As with every game

all season, our rock in goal Kaitlyn Marchant did a super-human job trying to keep us in the game, but we did not come up with the ground balls on the rebounds. After all the starters we graduated from last year's team, going 14-4 and beating some of the teams we did, I couldn't be

more proud of what the girls accomplished this year."

The Lady Astros finished the match with a 16-9 advantage in shots on net, with LHS keeper Marchant making nine saves her big and quite impressive contribution to her side's effort.



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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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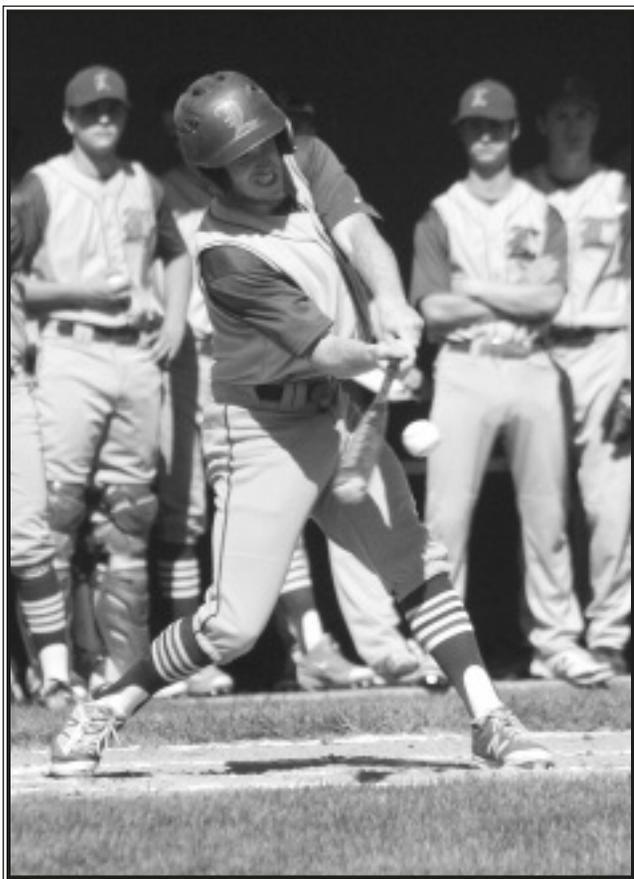
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Lancer Baseball Crew Finished By Salem in Tournament Opener



Londonderry High baseball standout Nate Sullivan had a laser focus on this pitch from the Salem hurler during his team's season-ending tourney loss to that opponent. Photo by Chris Pantazis

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's certainly fair to say that given its choice, the Londonderry High School baseball squad would rather have had its 2017 season finish in just about any other way than the manner in which it did last week.

Paired up with the eighth-seeded Salem High Blue Devils in the Division I tournament quarterfinals at Salem High last Thursday, June 1, the ninth-ranked Lancers faced the task of having to defeat the Blue Devils on their home diamond in hopes of keeping their championship hopes alive.

The game started quite well for longtime head coach Brent Demas' locals, with the Lancers scoring one run on two hits in snagging an early lead. But from that point forth the LHS offense was

virtually non-existent against solid, strike-throwing, but far from overpowering Salem lefty Kristian Harris.

Londonderry only put two more runners on base through the remaining six innings, with Andy Ross and Nate Sullivan each reaching on Blue Devil fielding errors.

And the host squad survived and succeeded - to the tune of a 4-1 victory - on the facts that bases on balls and hit batsmen often come back to haunt a team, as was the case of the Londonderry Lancers on this sunny afternoon. Salem had three batters who were issued walks score, and the fourth Blue Devil run was scored by a player who had been hit by a pitch.

"We had a game plan in place that we just didn't execute," said LHS coach Demas. "The boys didn't adjust to what the pitcher

was doing to them, and it cost us the game. Outside of the walks, I was very happy with the pitching on the day."

Lancer pitchers Anthony Pirolli and Nick Salcito held the host Blue Devils to just six total hits, but six walks and one hit batsmen ended up stinging the LHS cause.

Londonderry grabbed its 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Ricky Perry led off with a single, stole second base, and then raced home on a single by Jonny Meskell. But that would be it for the day for the LHS offense.

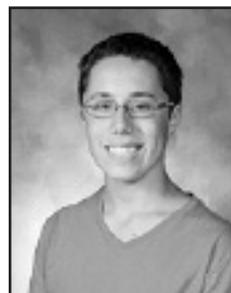
Salem answered with two runs in the latter half of the first inning to take a lead it wouldn't relinquish, and the hosts padded their advantage by scoring single markers in the fifth and sixth frames.

Winning pitcher Harris only struck out one batter but walked none in succeeding with his fine two-hitter.

"It was a good team this year that needed to make the next step to realize their potential, which we are confident will happen next year," said LHS mentor Demas.

Athletes of the Week

Week of May 29



Giovanni Cafaro,
Senior, Unified Track
and Field

This skilled and determined trackster made significant contributions to the LHS unified spring squad's fifth consecutive state championship at Alvirne High School.



Kaitlyn Marchant,
Senior, Girls' Lacrosse

The Lady Lancers had their season ended by a one-goal tourney loss to Pinkerton, but goalie Marchant played a superb match and kept her team in the tough battle.

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LHS Unified Track Juggernaut Takes a Fifth Straight State Title

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's official. Londonderry High School has a unified track and field dynasty on its hands.

The LHS outdoor track and field machine plowed its way to its fifth consecutive state championship at Alvirne High School in Hudson last Tuesday, May 30, tallying some 182 points to more than double the score of the runner-up Nashua North Titans (81) in vanquishing the field of 10 opposing teams handily.

New Hampshire high school unified sports combine special needs students with their typical peers under the auspices of the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA), and Londonderry High has excelled in unified sports during the fall, winter, and spring seasons since the NHIAA began

the program some years ago. But the Lancers have truly lit it up in spring track and field.

"The unified track team had an impressive season," said LHS coach Ann MacLean, who has coached all five of the title-winning Lancer track contingents. "This was due to the hard work that all the athletes and helpers put into the season. They worked together, supported each other, set personal goals, used teamwork, and most importantly showed a tremendous amount of sportsmanship toward other teams. I am very proud of this team and all their accomplishments."

The now five-time defending state champs collected a slew of point-producing, top-six finishes at the 2017 title event in Hudson, winning a pretty amazing 10 events outright.

Among the individual

event winners were Brianna Ho in the girls' 100-meter dash (time of 16.30 seconds) and the girls' long jump (9 feet, 6 inches), Abby Ellis in the girls' 100-meter partnered race (15.03) and the 200-meter partnered sprint (31.02), Kaitlyn Meuse in the girls' long jump partnered event (14'4"), Jeff Cieslikowski in the boys' 200-meter partnered race (27.82), Mike Kennedy in the boys' 100-meter partnered sprint (14.10), and Noah Ellis in the boys' 200 dash (30.26).

The LHS bunch was also extremely tough in relay races, taking both first and second in the co-ed 4x100 and the win in the co-ed 4x200 as well.

The victorious 4x100 team (time of 57.05) consisted of Gio Cafaro, Billy Croteau, Noah Ellis, and Kennedy, and the winning 4x200 quartet (time of 2 minutes, 04.21 seconds)



The LHS unified spring track and field squad snagged its stunning fifth consecutive state title at Alvirne High in Hudson last week. Courtesy photo

consisted of Cody Therrien, Nathan Gadzik, Cieslikowski, and Tara Nigro. Other LHS athletes

who notched top-six finishes in contributing points to their team's title success were Brigid Ken-

nedy, Christian Paulenka, Caroline McGarry, Kaitlyn Quirk, Sara Vilela, and Sophia Carozza.

House of the Samurai Students Excel at Annual Tournament

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Some 30 students from the House of the Samurai in Londonderry collected 60 medals in competing extremely well at the 34th annual Invitational Shidokan Traditional Karate Tournament at Londonderry High School on Saturday, May 6.

More than 100 competitors who traveled from different parts of New Hampshire as well as Massachusetts, Maine, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Vermont took part in the annual event.

The youngest competitor at the event was six-years-old and the oldest was 76, and all admission proceeds went to benefit

the Londonderry Rotary Club.

"We are really proud of how one traditional karate dojo located in Londonderry, New Hampshire can come to together to represent their family, community, and instructor with such class and integrity," said Rebecca Dimacali of House of the Samurai.

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Softball

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which came off of the bat of Katrina Rivard - in claiming victory. She struck out nine Lady Lancer hitters, and her offense supported her with five runs in the first and third innings in doing more than enough scoring to win this big game.

And much to his chagrin, LHS coach MacDougall was left to summarize his team's season

far earlier than he expected to.

"The kids were outstanding both as high achieving students and athletes, and particularly the group of seniors that set the right example all year," he said. "We will miss their talent and their leadership next season."

The coach has held off on deciding whether he'd return for another softball season until a while after the conclusion of a campaign. And in the wake of

the tough tourney loss to Bedford, he took the same stance.

"As for myself, I'm not sure right now and I don't want to make a decision when I am so discouraged with our finish," he said. "I was rewarded for our regular season with Division I Coach of the Year, and I am pleased by that. But it's little consolation when you know you had a team capable of being champions or at least competing for it."





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Legion Meeting

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On June 14 Flag Day cer-

emony 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 for more information.

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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 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

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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

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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.

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.

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 program 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.

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 Tsienneto 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.

Lancer Golf Tournament

The Lancer Nation Boys' Basketball Association's 3rd Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown. The event will feature a four-person team scramble format with awards going to first and last place teams, and there will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. The cost to participate will be \$115 per person, which will include greens fees, golf carts, a Lancer Nation golf towel, a Corflex bag with giveaways, a backyard BBQ lunch, and opportunities to win raffle and silent auction items. Day of event registration will begin at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start slated for 9. On-line registration at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSve1eAfqxmpUn5bcr1XsHnwgV-y2MQrhi0qGLBm4ULWFJg/viewform>, and more information can be obtained at lancerbasketballnation@gmail.com.

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.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - May 29

12:36 a.m. Complaint made and peace restored on South Road.

10:20 a.m. Suspicious activity reported and services rendered on Orchard View Drive at Lindt Chocolate.

11:55 a.m. Assault investigated on Preserve Drive.

12:43 p.m. Burglary investigated on Meadow Drive.

1:09 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Harvey Road at Webster Road.

8:52 p.m. Fireworks complaint investigated on Priscilla Lane.

wood Jail. Angela Tremblay, 31, of Manchester was charged with robbery, unarmed and reckless conduct, and placing another in danger.

2:39 p.m. Three units responded to and investigated suspicious activity on Ridgemont Drive.

5:18 p.m. Drug offenses investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Wednesday - May 31

8:03 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Harvey Road at Delta Drive.

9:48 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at the I-93 Bridge.

10:07 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Rockingham Road at Noyes Road. Mark Lumbard, 34, of Manchester was charged on a bench warrant and for possession of controlled/narcotic drugs.

2:22 p.m. Juvenile offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

4:08 p.m. Drug offenses investigated at N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

Thursday - June 1

9:59 a.m. Suspicious activity reported and services rendered on Pine Hollow Drive.

2:05 p.m. Suspicious activity reported and services rendered on Pillsbury Road.

2:45 p.m. Burglary re-

ported and services rendered on Kendall Pond Road.

5:55 p.m. Sex offenses investigated on Mill Road.

8:55 p.m. Four units responded to a domestic disturbance and made an arrest on Mammoth Road.

Francis Jarek, 44, of Londonderry was charged with three counts of domestic violence simple assault, two counts of simple assault, criminal restraint and domestic violence, and criminal threatening.

Friday - June 2

11 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Page Road in Litchfield. Jennifer Matthews, 40, of Litchfield was charged with theft/shoplifting.

2:25 p.m. Trespassing reported and services rendered on Winding Pond Road.

6:27 p.m. A motor vehicle stop resulted in an arrest at Nashua Road near Mammoth Road.

Debra Errico, 59 of Derry was charged on the Controlled Drug Act, and general possession of drugs in a motor vehicle.

10:08 p.m. Three units responded to a domestic disturbance report. Peace was restored on Wiley Hill Road.

Saturday - June 3

4:22 a.m. Domestic disturbance investigated at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

1:52 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mohawk Drive at the Londonderry B.P. station.

Sunday - June 4

2:33 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Hovey Road.

4:14 p.m. Three units responded to a drug offenses report on Pendleton Lane. The individual was transported to the hospital.

4:56 p.m. While keeping the peace, services were rendered on Winding Pond Road.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PUBLIC HEARING

ACCEPTANCE OF UNANTICIPATED FUNDS AND NON-MONETARY DONATIONS UNDER RSA 31:95

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, acceptance of unanticipated funds in excess of \$10,000, and RSA 31:95-e, acceptance of gifts valued in excess of \$5,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

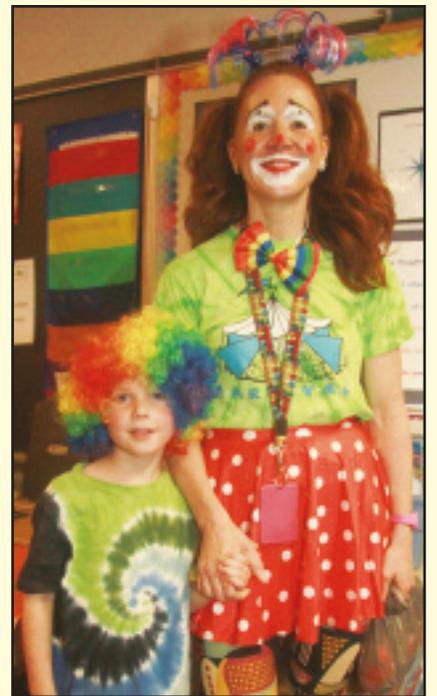
The public hearing will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017 at a meeting of the Council scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. Information on the funds to be accepted is available in the Finance Office during regular business hours. The public is urged to attend.

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South School Carnival Brings a Smile to Young and Old



Staff members at South Elementary School hosted the annual carnival recently with many activities for students and family members to enjoy. The event featured many carnival-type games, karaoke, crafts, gypsy tarot card readings, snow cones, food, mini golf and a petting farm. Although rain forced most of the events indoors this year, it didn't deter attendees.

Photos by Chris Paul

Around Town

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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@lancerathleticalumni.com for more information or register directly at

www.lancerathleticalumni.com.

Free Dinners

Free, family-friendly meals will be served in a relaxed atmosphere at the following locations on the following dates. At the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, 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.

Register Now for Preschool

The Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) is currently registering children for the 2017-18 session. LEEP is a developmentally appropriate preschool respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. The teachers are all certified educators, and the program is provided by the Londonderry School Dis-

trict. Programs for 3-year-old preschoolers meet from 8:45 - 11a.m., either two or four days per week. The program for pre-kindergarten students meets from Noon-2:30 p.m., either three or four days per week. Tuition for preschool is \$150 per month for two days, and \$200 per month for four days; tuition for Pre-K is \$180 per month for three

days, and \$200 per month for four days. Applications and the LEEP Handbook are available online on the Moose Hill School Web site. For more information, contact Kathy Kelley at 437-5855, ext. 7223, or e-mail her at kkelley@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

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The first phase of the project will provide the infrastructure for the downtown section of the 600-plus-acre Planned Unit Development (PUD). It will extend the Michels Way connector from Route 102 to Pillsbury Road and will create a Main Street and Village Green for the future development of commercial, retail and housing use.



Woodmont Commons

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