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## Just for Mom

Samantha Nitso, right, points out the ideal gift for her mom, Sue Nitso, at the Grange Mother's Day Plant Sale on Saturday. The annual event is a major fund raiser for the group to replace the north side of the roof on the historic building. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Class of 2018 Presents Their Sign Gift Idea to School Board

LORI COSTA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the May 8 meeting for the School Board, members welcomed the Class Officers from the graduating Class of 2018 to present their idea for the Senior Gift.

Lead by Class President Jeff Cieslikowski, the students presented their idea to update the current

sign display at Londonderry High School.

The students told the board that the sign outside the high school is a bit outdated and is in need of some repairs. The platform at the bottom of the sign is currently being held up by cinder blocks and can be dangerous for the grounds crew whose job is to change the letter-

ing on the sign regularly.

Other issues the sign has is the paint both fading and peeling and the sign overall does not reflect the status of Londonderry being a 21st century school, according to the presentation given by Cieslikowski.

In the PowerPoint presentation, students show-

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## Town Planners Continue Talks on Commercial Zoning Overhaul

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board continued discussing changes to commercial zoning that have been proposed by the town Planning Department. One part of the change would be the creation of a Commercial Performance Zone (CPZ) that would replace the existing Route 102 and Route 28 Performance Overlay Zones and subsume the current C-I and C-II commercial districts into this new zone.

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux shared with the Board the work her team has done on the draft since her last update on April 11. Mailloux first presented the latest thinking on the Condition-

al Use Permit (CUP) process for potential developments in the CPZ. In the draft of the CPZ, there are 33 types of projects or uses allowed, 28 not allowed and 14 that may be allowed if the Planning Board approves a CUP for it.

A project requesting a CUP would need to meet the following set of General Criteria to get Planning Board approval: A. Granting of the application would meet some public need or convenience. B. Granting of the application is in the public interest. C. The property in question is reasonably suited for the use requested. D. The use requested would not have a substantial adverse effect on the rights of the owners of

surrounding properties. E. The traffic generated by the proposed use is consistent with the identified function, capacity, and level of service of transportation facilities serving the community. F. There must be appropriate provision for access adequate for the estimated traffic from public streets and sidewalks to assure public safety and to avoid traffic congestion.

Mailloux said that for project types falling under a CUP, the town could create more specific criteria for any or all of them. As an example, for a gas station, a requirement that any new station be no closer than 500 feet from any other gas station could be drafted if the

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## Cross Farm Provides Update on Phase Two of Development Plan

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Representatives of the Cross Farm 55+ development came to the April 24 Conservation Commission to provide an update on phase 2 of their project. This was their second time coming before the Conservation Commission for phase 2. Their presentation preceded the formal submission of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) seeking approval to modify wetland areas of the development that are in the Conservation Overlay District.

In phase 2, six-eight standalone houses are

proposed, along with a clubhouse and other amenities such as bocce courts. In addition, roadwork would be done to connect phase 1 and phase 2 sections and to provide access to the new houses. Specifically, two roads partially completed in phase 1 would be completed, as would a new road and cu-de-sac to be started and completed during phase 2. Part of an additional road would also be built.

Jack Szemplinski of Benchmark Engineering updated the Commission on changes that had been made since their last

meeting in February. In response to earlier feedback from the Commission, all the ponds in phase 2 were reconfigured so that their embankments were no closer than 25 feet from the edge of wet of a wetland area.

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## Treasure Hunter

Dalton Carter was just one of the many bargain hunters digging through items at the annual Lions Club Yard Sale on Saturday, May 12. Thousands of items were set out under the club's pavilion for shoppers to search through.

*Photo by Chris Paul*



## Planting For Mom

Londonderry Grange #44 member Cherylanne Pierce helps Jimmy Thibodeau plant a marigold for his mom during the annual Mother's Day Plant Sale held at the Grange on Saturday, May 12. The annual event is a major fund raiser for the group to perform a roof restoration on the historic building.

*Photo by Chris Paul*



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# School District Announces New Matthew Thornton Principal

The Londonderry School Board announced recently that Amity Small will be the new principal of Matthew Thornton Elementary School, effective July 1, 2018.

Small will be replacing Sharon Putney, who moved on to become the new principal of Merrimack High School.

Small, a lifelong resident of Londonderry is an alumna of both Matthew Thornton Elementary School and Londonderry High School.

After completing both a BA in English and a Master of Arts in Teaching, she returned to her alma mater, where she taught English for 15 years. Widely regarded for her teaching abilities, Amity was a finalist for New Hampshire Secondary English Teacher of the Year in 2009, and was the recipient of Londonderry High School Teacher of the Year in 2011. As a long serving advisor to the Future Educators Academy, she has mentored hundreds of young people

who have aspired to enter the teaching profession, including some current faculty members in Londonderry.

Small began her work in school leadership in 2014, when she was promoted to Assistant Principal at Londonderry High School. In addition to her duties involving student discipline and staff evaluation, she was tasked with overseeing the Adult Education Program, which provides an alternative educational path for the students of Londonderry.

In this role, Amity has fostered the growth of a program that has made a significant difference in the lives of many students who may not otherwise have had an opportunity to be successful.

School Board Chair Jenn Ganem has stated that "Mrs. Small has demonstrated a considerable leadership presence in the District for many years now. She represents all that we value in our community, and I am confident that she will lead Matthew Thornton Ele-

mentary School with great success for many years to come."

Superintendent of Schools Scott Laliberte commented "Mrs. Small's strong organizational skills and considerable communications abilities are certain to allow her to overcome any impact of her lack of elementary classroom experience. She is a hardworking and conscientious instructional leader who has demonstrated an ability to turn big-picture ideas into daily practice."

Small stated that she is beyond excited with her appointment and knows she is joining a highly skilled and caring group of educators at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. "I came back to Londonderry to raise my children in the same environment that was so meaningful to me. To have the opportunity to lead such a skilled and compassionate group of educators is beyond anything I could have imagined."

## Planning Board Gives Approval for Wicked Good Plan

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Local resident Don Charette came before the Planning Board with Jason Lopez of Keach-Nordstrom Associates seeking approval for a site plan for a new business to be located at 9 Buttrick Road near the intersection with Peabody Row.

The business, Wicked Good Scoops, would be a coffee and ice cream shop that also offers pastries and other breakfast goods. Eventually there would also be whiffle ball batting cages at the location. The property abuts Schaefer Mortgage and is owned by JMMKC Corporation whose managing partner is Ken Schaefer, owner of the mortgage business. Charette would be leasing to start but shared that he has an option to purchase the parcel if he so desires in the future.

Charette said that he plans to develop the parcel in two phases. In the

first, an existing building that was a former beauty salon would be converted into the ice cream stand and coffee shop along with a parking lot with 16 spaces.

In a second phase, as the business expands, a deck overlooking an existing pond would be constructed as would the batting cages for whiffle ball.

Lopez shared that the business would be serviced by an existing septic system that would not need to be modified to support the new business. There is an existing well on the site but given the significant planned use of water by the business, they plan to connect into Pennichuck Water Works. Use of the well would be discontinued.

To meet town requirements for sight distance when exiting the property, some trees and brush will be cleared along part of the Buttrick Road frontage. Additionally, the existing gravel driveway

will be widened and a stone wall along the road will be removed. According to Lopez, "In order to do some of the clearance Don had negotiated a sight distance easement over land of [abutter] Karen Hutchinson."

Board Member Ann Chiampa hoped that the stone wall could be moved to be closer to the entrance. The proposed plan is to move the rocks to build a wall at the head in end of the parking lot. Lopez replied that while they did not want to move the stone wall they were required to do so to achieve the required sight distance clearance.

Board Member Scott Benson wondered if 16 parking spaces would be enough for this type of business. Charette said that he was exploring using the parking lot of the next-door mortgage business as overflow parking. An existing footbridge connects the two parcels. According to Charette, Ken Schaefer is supportive of the idea.

Board Member Leitha Reilly asked how the resident at 11 Buttrick Road felt about the project. That resident, Karen Hutchinson, expressed support saying, "I'm happy with it. We worked out a nice easement agreement."

At the Board's request, Town Planner Colleen Mailloux gave the planning staff's view of the project. The only significant sticking point is that the town requires a 25-foot easement on the property along Buttrick Road. This is required in case the road needs to be widened in the future. Charette was not able to agree to that in the meeting because he does not own the land and needed to consult with JMMKC Corporation about that.

That left the Board with two options for how to handle the approval. One was to continue the public hearing until their next meeting or grant a conditional approval assuming that Charette could secure permission for the easement. If permission where not granted then Charette would have to come back to the Planning Board. In the end, the applicant decided to opt for the conditional approval.



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# Editorial

## Teens Driving This Prom Season

A driver's license mixed with a few drinks, texting, and pot is dangerous for anyone, but the reckless combination can be even more so for inexperienced drivers.

Even when a parent trusts his or her own teenager to be conscientious, being certain that other teenagers will do the same is impossible.

As prom and graduation season approaches, parents; drunk-driving fears escalate and schools; activism against such activity increases. Though teens will ultimately make the final decisions in terms of their own safety, it doesn't keep parents from waiting up at night.

When it comes to teens and drunk driving, there is both good news and bad news.

The good news is that since 1991, teen drunk driving nationwide has gone down by 54%, according to an October report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The bad news is that car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, and about a third of those are alcohol related, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Not every child makes it home safe, and only some live to tell about it. We hope that students are talking not only about the dangers of drinking and driving, but also about texting and driving and the importance of wearing a seat belt.

It seems, to some extent, they are. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) gives several reasons for the reduction in teen drunk-driving incidents, including the decline of alcohol consumption and fewer teens driving.

Still, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among U.S. teens.

This is something many people live

with and see on a regular basis, so a message must be spread. I am a firm believer that if we can educate them at a young age, we are going to be able to save our future.

Start conversation with our kids early. Every time you hear a story about the subject, share it.

It's important for your children's safety. If nothing else, when your child goes to prom in a few weeks, try to find a little comfort in the transportation arrangements.

Parents, be smart. You have to be proactive, and you have to have conversations constantly. It never can go away. It has to be in the forefront all the time. It has to be a priority.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers a handbook on its website to help parents talk to their teens about alcohol. Here are some of its talking points:

- Emphasize the fact that drinking is illegal for teens and for very good reasons.
- Let your teen know that not everyone their age is drinking. Teens often overestimate how many of their peers are drinking or have tried alcohol.
- Talk about how drinking affects the brain. Teens need to know how drinking will affect them and that a person who is drinking is not a good judge of how impaired they are.
- Explain your own position concerning your teen's drinking. Discuss your family's rules about alcohol and agree on the consequences for breaking the rules.
- Talk about what sometimes motivates teens to drink and discuss alternatives for achieving those goals.
- Discuss reasons for NOT drinking and the bad consequences that can result from drinking.

# Letters

## Thanks to Wonderful Volunteers

To the editor,

I was blessed by being nominated by the Greater Derry Care Givers to be a recipient of the Keller Williams Realty Gardner Volunteers. These wonderful people spent about three hours bringing my garden back to life to which I am greatly appreciative of as, due to an illness, I am unable to maintain it myself. This garden gives me great pleasure and I would love to thank all of those involved.

Thank you, friends, for keeping my dreams of flowers and beauty alive!

Shirley Visnor  
Londonderry

## Thanks to the LFD

To the editor,  
I'd like to thank Lon-

donderry Fire Chief Darren O'Brien for getting the Londonderry Historical Society out of a pickle last Thursday! A wonderful donation of a 20+ft-long wooden apple picking ladder was being made to the Society, but how could we get it safely across town to our c.1760 Morrison House Museum at 140 Pillsbury Road? As most locals know, because of the ladder's shape being much wider at the bottom than at the top, it would be an unbalanced load and way too long to tie atop my van.

Chief O'Brien made it happen and saved the ladder from being sold to a picker who wanted to cut it up into three pieces. Instead, three of Londonderry's finest, firefighters Philip LeBlanc, Chris Lamy, and Zach O'Brien met me at the owners' home on Litchfield Road

and in no time slid the long ladder up atop Rescue 1 and transported it safely across town and into our museum's historic c.1859 Parmenter Barn.

Chief O'Brien, you made the Seekins family very happy that their treasured family item found a great new home and the Londonderry Historical Society is thrilled to accept a much welcomed local farm item for display...especially appropriate since our Morrison House Museum is set amongst the beautiful blossoming apple trees of our neighbors at the Mack Family's Moose Hill Orchards!

Ann Chiampa,  
Curator,  
Londonderry  
Historical Society

*See photo below.*

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## Ladder Transport

Londonderry Firefighters Philip LeBlanc and Zach O'Brien, pictured, along with firefighter Chris Lamy, met Londonderry Historical Society Curator, Ann Chiampa, on Litchfield Road to help move the donation of a 20-foot-long wooden apple picking ladder to the Morrison House Museum at 140 Pillsbury Road. The four met, and slid the long ladder onto Rescue One and transported it safely across town and into our museum's historic Parmenter Barn.

*Courtesy photo*



# Voter Approved Recreation Projects Moving Forward

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In March voters approved funding for a maintenance building and new lighting at the Nelson Road lower softball field. At their monthly meeting, the Recreation Committee provided an update on both projects and a variety of other activities.

Committee Member Art Psaledas shared that Jim Edwards, the sponsor of the citizen's petitioned warrant article, has solicited multiple bids for the field lighting work and would soon be recom-

mending a company to do the work. Work is anticipated to begin when the softball season is over. This is necessary because installation of the lights will require moving construction equipment across the fields.

Edwards is working one potential issue related to power requirements. More power may be required for the new lights. He is exploring the possibility of drawing power from the cell tower located adjacent to the field.

Planning for the approved recreation mainte-

nance building is well underway. The Committee has identified a likely location for it at the Continental Park soccer complex at 96 West Road. One advantage of this site is that it is visible from West Road which will help deter unauthorized access. The next step is to have the builder verify that the chosen location is buildable.

The Committee was originally planning a metal building, but recent increases in the cost of metal pushed the project cost over the voter approved amount. Instead,

the building will now be constructed of wood. Shifting to wood will save about \$50,000. The hope is that the building will be in place in the early Fall.

The Committee also got an update on plans for the introduction of a premier soccer program to complement the recreation programs. The addition of a more advanced soccer offering comes on the heels of the recent unification of the Londonderry Recreation and Londonderry United organizations. Psaledas said, "The long-range goal is to have Londonderry kids

play in Londonderry."

Alternate Member Todd Ellis shared that he had explored partnerships with existing programs and came to an agreement with the FC Stars program to introduce some teams that would be based in Londonderry. While specifics of teams are still being worked out, the goal is to start slowly with two teams, one boys and one girls, to begin play this Fall. The age group would be either U10 or U12. If things go well, additional teams could be added in the future.

Psaledas shared that this year's summer recreation program will be held at South School and that there was a great pool of high school students who applied for the counselor positions.

In other news, the areas around the soccer fields on West Road have been sprayed for ticks. The parking lots at the soccer fields have been restriped and the lots at the Nelson Road LAFA complex will be restriped when the school year ends, most likely in July. The total cost for painting both lots is \$3,500.

# School Board Gets Update For Districts Dining Services

LORI COSTA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Dining Services Director Amanda Venezia updated the School Board on the latest figures for the dining services program in the school district. Some of the highlights from the presentation from end of March 2017 to today were that total revenue has increased overall and expenses are down. Business Manager for the district Peter Curro also informed the Board that Dining Services is running far ahead of the profit made last year and they went on to make a \$12,000 surplus. Total surplus for this year is expected to be far greater. The changes they found that make an impact are the number of snow days, the more snow days in a school year, the less vending

machines on the school grounds are used.

Venezia said that they are very happy that revenue is higher than they originally anticipated. There is a higher participation rate at the high school due to the fact they are "breeding good customers". "The eighth grade class from last year was very responsive to the new face of Dining Services as we've rebranded it the past few years," Venezia said. Students who have had a different idea of what Dining Services meant in the past are beginning to move out of the high school and are being ushered in by a new wave of students accustomed to this way of food services. Venezia has found that participation of Dining Services has been consistent over the years and the vending

machines have played a big role in that. She was also happy to announce that they broke six figures last week and feels that vending machines are the way of the future. Meal counts at the middle school are positive and the meal counts at the elementary schools are flat.

Major expenditures that Dining Services in the district uses are salary, supplies, food, and NHBG (New Hampshire Buying Group). Being a part of the NHBG opens the door for opportunities in terms of where they stand in the country with food services. Venezia also mentioned that they are short staffed and anyone is welcome to fill out an application to join the team. The current fund balance is \$46,521.05. Capital improvements for next year include a new freezer

condensing unit for the middle school that is in desperate need of replacement, this will cost about \$7,000. Also, the lease items for the five

vending units are \$12,000. Dining Services is also offering new services that include a focus on customer service, a commitment to social media out-

reach, an integration of dining services into the school culture, and online interactive menus.

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# Londonderry Senior Hosts 'No Bounds' Event at High School

BY ABIGAIL WHITCOMB

On Friday, May 25 Abigail Whitcomb, a Londonderry High School senior will host the "No Bounds: An LGBTQ+ Healthy Relationship Seminar" in Room 221 at the Londonderry High School as part of her senior project.

"No Bounds" is a healthy relationship seminar featuring a panel of experts to teach LGBTQ+ youth the necessary skills on how to have a healthy relationship with themselves, their family, friends, and communities.

Panelists include Eli Kuti, the Outreach Coordinator at the Equality Health Center in Concord, Karen Lacharite, a licensed mental health coun-

selor at the New Hampshire Center for Cognitive and Behavior Therapies in Barrington, Evan Miller, a gay student at Londonderry High School, and Major, a transgender Londonderry High School alumnus. Abigail Whitcomb, Londonderry High School senior, will be moderating the panel.

There will be a "Frequently Asked Questions" portion of the panel, where panelist will answer some of the most asked questions and provide personal and professional feedback based on research and life experience. Topics that will be covered are labels, coming out, being an LGBTQ+ youth at school and work, being a transgender youth, mental health, and

more.

After a brief intermission, the floor will be opened up to the audience to ask questions. LGBTQ+ youth of all ages are welcome, though this panel may include sexual language, so it may not be suitable for younger audiences. Parents of LGBTQ+ youth are more than welcome to come.

No Bounds: An LGBTQ+ Healthy Relationship Seminar will be held at Londonderry High School in Room 221 from 6 to 8 pm. Food and beverage will be served.

Whitcomb explains "It is a chance to expand your knowledge of everything LGBTQ+ and an opportunity to meet other LGBTQ+ youth. Come and learn about

everything under the rainbow (flag, that is)."

She added, "In the 21st century where same-sex marriage is legal, there are far too many classrooms in which same sex, well, sex, is a taboo topic. LGBTQ+ youth sit with textbooks open, learning about things that may not be relevant to how they live their lives. Sex education is supposed to inform young people on how to make good decisions when it comes to relationships. When this isn't achieved for everybody, it has failed to do its job. This absence of knowledge is at its least uninformative; at its worst life-threatening."

Whitcomb also noted, "With fewer than 5% of LGBTQ+ students report-

ing an inclusive environment across the nation, "No Bounds" is an important event to be held.

All youth deserve to be educated and empowered so they can make the most informed decisions about the most important parts of LGBTQ+ life."

## OBITUARY

### Claire V. Plocharczyk



Claire V. Plocharczyk, 95, of Londonderry, NH, died Thursday May 10, 2018 in Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH. She was born in Dorchester, MA on Feb. 26, 1923, a daughter of the late Christopher and Margaret (Dunn) Colbert, and had been a resident of Londonderry since fall of 2017, formerly living in Derry. She had been employed for 21 years for Shamrock Cleaners in Derry. She was a member of the VFW Lester Chase Post #1617 Ladies Auxiliary in Derry. She was a communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry.

She is survived by two sons, Robert W. Plocharczyk and his wife Jean, and Stephen J. Plocharczyk and his wife Sandra; four grandchildren, Scott Plocharczyk, Todd Plocharczyk, Allison Connor Richer, and Sarah Duhaime; five great grandchildren, Lucas Connor, Emily Connor, Kyle Plocharczyk, Julia Duhaime, and Charles Duhaime; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Bernard "Ben" Plocharczyk in 2014; as well as her siblings, Dorothy Guarino, Mary Gorham, Helen Emde, Eileen Lawn, Rita Shea, Christopher Colbert, and James Colbert.

Calling hours were held on Monday, May 14 from 4 – 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday at 10:00am in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Avenue, Derry. The burial followed in the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice of NH, 25 Nashua Rd., Unit E - 3, Londonderry, NH 03053 or to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, 733 Third Avenue, Suite 510, New York, NY 10017. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

## Cross Farm

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On the subject of wetlands, Commission Mike Speltz asked if the developer was willing to configure the project to avoid having any wetland crossings. According to Szemplinski this is not possible. He explained that in phase 2 there would be 4,050 square feet of wetland impacts, including three wetland crossings

for roadways.

At one of the wetland crossings, a culvert would be installed to allow wildlife to travel under the road. The plan was for a round culvert; however, Commissioners expressed a preference for a box-shaped culvert since it is wider, and animals prefer that. Szemplinski thought that switching to a box culvert would double the price but took the request under consideration for future revisions.

While not related to conservation issues, Szemplinski also shared that Route 102 would be widened to create a right turn only lane for entering Cross Farm.

Commissioner Mike Noone expressed the desire to make clear the boundary between any wetland buffers and the backyards of planned houses. He noted that a lack of clearly delineated boundaries has caused a lot of confusion at The

Nevins development. He expressed a preference for not having any backyards extend into conservation buffers. Other Commissioners thought that it would be sufficient to have the required signs placed at the edge of the buffer.

Commissioners asked for an update on discussions between Cross Farm and the New Hampshire Department of Environment Services (NHDES). As part of getting NHDES approval for the project, Cross Farm is required to leave 35 acres of sensitive wetland habitat undeveloped for Blanding turtles and rabbits. Rick Welch of Cross Farm LLC stated that they were going back to NHDES soon to review the entire plan with them.



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# South School Fourth Graders Emulate Historical Figures



*Fourth grade Key Students at South Range Elementary School held a had family and friends guessing who they were dressed as last week.*



ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

No matter how young children are, it is always vital to make sure that they start learning about historical figures and the impact that they have had on the world. To start developing their knowledge of history, and to also possibly give them heroes that they might be able to look up as they start to discover themselves in later years.

To start their students down this path, South Londonderry Elementary School recently held their Images of Greatness presentation on May 10.

Performed by more than 20 fourth grade KEY students who attend

South School, each student was tasked with dressing up as a historical figure of their choice, making a tri-fold board presentation that laid out a list of information about their chosen figure, and finish by delivering a speech before their parents and teachers that gave a biography of the person they were emulating.

They did not immediately say who they were, instead having the audience try to guess who they are via a list provided on the back of the event's programs. Amongst the figures being emulated were J.K. Rowling, Albert Einstein, Princess Diana, Anne Frank, and McDonald's mastermind

Ray Kroc.

One of the teachers who helped manage this project was Special Curriculum Teacher Laura Lee. Lee noted that this is one of two enrichment programs that fourth and fifth graders at the school participate in. Any student who wishes to participate must first qualify first.

Upon qualifying, their efforts initially revolve around what kind of occupation they want to pursue when they get older. Eventually, this research, beginning in January for 50 minutes a week, starts to have them choose a figure that they are most interested in. "All the projects were kind driven by their own interest,"

Lee noted. Concerning this project, she felt that the students did a tremendous job, not only handling themselves well on stage and writing out their speeches excellently, but also gaining very key skills in research and note taking. "They really did a nice job putting their pieces together", Lee noted.

This is far from the only project that the students are exposed to. The fifth graders have their own program that has them explore Greek Mythology and make a presentation about it. Staff at Londonderry South are always looking into more possibilities for projects that can be given to the fourth graders.

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# Londonderry's Women's Club Hosting Annual Toy Swap Event

ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Women's Club (LWC) will be holding its 16th Annual Community Toy Swap on May 19 at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. The toy swap, which is the LWC's largest annual community project, starts by having anyone who wants to

donate/sell toys to the event pick up a registration packet. Use its contents to label, organize and price their items. On the day of the toy swap, the toys are set up on a series of tables inside the school's gymnasium. The object is to sell as many of the items that they can. After the sale comes to an end, those who participat-

ed, return to the school to retrieve the profits from the sale and any remaining toys that were not bought.

As this is a charity event, sellers will only get back 2/3 of the sales, while the other 1/3 goes back to the LWC. The money they receive will then be donated to the Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS). Founded in 1996

after a series of car crashes led to the deaths of 9 teenagers, CATS seeks to promote safe habits amongst youth by increasing awareness of high risk behaviors, encouraging healthy choices and fostering community alliances.

Having been active since the 1960's, the LWC's website notes that it "brings diverse women together,

creating an environment that nurtures friendships while encouraging community involvement through volunteerism." Its mission is to commit to future generations by funding community projects to ensure the LWC's influence on the community. It also gives out an annual \$500 scholarship to any Londonderry woman seeking to improve

her education.

The event will begin at 7:30 am, starting with seller registration until 9 a.m. The toys will be sold from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Sellers return to pick up their profits and remaining toys from 1 - 2 p.m. More information about the toy swap and the LWC in general can be found at: [londonderrywomensclub.com/](http://londonderrywomensclub.com/)

## Class Sign

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ed their research on the current situation of the sign, what other school displays currently look like, what the sign in front of the high school could look like, and why the school needs a digital sign. For the current situation, only one message can appear at a time and can be left up there for weeks at a time. During a snowstorm, the area

around the sign needs to be plowed in order for the grounds crew to safely access it. The idea for the digital sign would have a conservative type font with either a yellow, amber, or red colored font. Cieslikowski commented that at first he was concerned a digital sign was going to look like a big flashing sign as you drove by Londonderry High School. "When I discovered that this was the type of design (like the

signs outside of Pinkerton and Windham High School) that we would be implementing at the school, I realized that it would be something that wouldn't even appear as a digital sign. It would appear as something that would simply have a changeable message that could change a couple times a day," he said.

School Board member Dan Lekas commended the Class Officers for their hard work on their presen-

tation and commented how much education they are receiving from learning about this process. "It is certainly a great lesson to learn if you go forward with this and you have to go through the ranks of it all," Lekas said. Vice-Chairman of the Board Nancy Hendricks felt this idea was "brilliant" and felt for years that the sign is becoming out of date. "I love that you all thought about your community and want to give back to your commu-

nity," Hendricks said.

The School board unanimously gave their stamp of approval for the Class of 2018 to move forward with this project and member Steve Young commented how he would not be surprised if this design ends up in the design guide for the town to follow. Young also warned the students that this is a long process. "We need to put all of the gears in motion," Young said. This process may take up to

another two years by the time the town gets through the process of putting this through as a zoning regulation.

The next step is for the students to get the approval from the Heritage Commission to make sure the sign fits within their standards; their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24. If their approval is given, the students will go back to the School Board to move forward with the digital sign.

## Zoning

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town wanted to prevent clustering of stations.

Mailloux asked their board whether they preferred more specific requirements for each type of potential use or sticking with general criteria only. The board unanimously preferred using only the general criteria. Board Member Al Sypek felt that leaving the criteria general would make a negative Planning Board decision easier to

defend if a developer challenged their decision.

Mailloux also proposed allowing developers to request CUPs earlier in the project approval process. Currently, a developer must have very detailed site plans in place before requesting a CUP. Under the new proposal, a developer could request a CUP during the conceptual phase of the project to get earlier input from the Planning Board on what would be permissible under the CUP. The Planning Board

agreed that this change was a good one.

Mailloux also shared a draft table that spelled out what uses would be allowed, not allowed or potentially allowed via a

CUP for the CPZ. The table also included the same information for the Route 102 and Route 28 Performance Overlay Zones and current C-I and C-II commercial districts, so that

Board members could see how the CPZ differs from the current zones.

Additional dialog with the Planning Board is planned on commercial zoning changes. Eventu-

ally the Board will ask for public comment and then vote on specific changes that they recommend to the Town Council who have the ultimate say on any changes.

## Access Center to Host Summer Media Camps

NOELLE TARDIFF  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Access Center will be hosting two media camps this summer for students looking to learn more about all aspects of video production. One will be held for beginners in grades five through eight, and another for advanced media creators in grades six

through nine who have previously attended the beginner camp or completed training with the Londonderry Access center.

The beginner camp will be held from July 9-20 from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. each day. Campers will produce their own TV show and host a screening at the end of the two weeks for their friends

and families to view. The cost of this camp for the entire two weeks is \$60.

The advanced camp will be held later on in the summer from August 6-10 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Not only will these campers build upon what they learned in beginner camp, but they will also learn more techniques in television production. Much like in the beginner camp,

campers will produce their own TV show. However, in this camp, they will also learn to direct. The cost of this camp is \$65.

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# South School Holds 10th Anniversary Show for Hip Hoppin' Hawks



On Wednesday, May 9, the South Elementary School's "Hip Hoppin' Hawks" showed off their jump roping skills to family and friends in the school's gym. The group, that just finished 13 performances at 10 different schools, is coached by Jen Cutuli, Jodi Daron and Scott Lohnes. The Hawks were also celebrating their 10 year anniversary and invited alumni back to share in the event and enjoy some cake. Photos by Chris Paul



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# Andy Soucy Conducts Spring Concert for the Final Time



The Londonderry High School held its annual Spring Concert in the school's gym last week, Wednesday, May 9. After senior band members were introduced and bid farewell, a small ceremony took place for the retiring Music Director, Andy Soucy. Drum majors Julia Turk, Ian Goodspeed and Parker MacIntyre presented Soucy with flowers, the "Sixth Edition Real Book" (music book for trumpets) and a conductor's baton. The evening featured music performed by the E & F Concert Bands, Jazz Lab, C & D Concert Bands, the Jazz Ensemble and the Symphonic Band. Soucy conducted two of the five with Serge Beaulieu conducting the others.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## LHS Baseball Squad's Rollercoaster Campaign Continues

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High baseball team's 2018 season has been a true peaks-and-valleys affair, with the Lancers working to gain consistency and finish strong in tough Division I with the tournament on its way.

The Lancers had a impressive pitching performance in a nipping of Timberlane last week before being bested by undefeated Bedford a few days later.

The LHS squad got their second consecutive win with a 1-0 nipping of the visiting Timberlane Owls Wednesday, May 9, with one player taking advantage of a chance to pitch.

"Reece Manor was given an opportunity to take the last starting rotation spot, and he seized

on it today," said Coach Brent Demas. "He threw a complete game two-hitter, striking out seven and not giving up a run. It was impressive as he had all his pitches dancing in the zone while his defense made play after play."

"The biggest play on the day happened on a misplayed ball in the outfield," he said. "Rick Perry was backing it up and started a perfect relay to Nate Sullivan to Jack Dingman to gun down a sure run at the plate."

Offensively, Perry and Manor worked together to help their side to its lone run in the win.

"Rick laced a triple to left field and was driven in by Manor to score the only run of the game," said Demas.

The Lancers received another strong mound performance in their Fri-



Lefty pitcher Anthony Pirolli and the Londonderry High baseball team saw their fortunes take a turn for the better recently. Photo by Chris Paul

day road game at Bedford. Alas, Dakota Robinson's excellent relief effort came with his squad trailing by a handful of runs.

"Dakota came in with the bases loaded in the second inning with us down 6-1. He not only stopped the bleeding, but went on to pitch no-run baseball the rest of the game. It was an impressive showing out of the bullpen and one we hope he can continue to do," stated Demas.

At the plate, Manor and Anthony Ferraro both contributed two hits.

The 5-8 Londonderry bunch then strode into this week starting with a brief road trip over to Hudson to face an Alvirne contingent which has done its share of scuffling this spring.

And the Lancers' bullpen continued to be a true strength as it upped its scoreless streak to 13 innings in a 5-4, eighth-inning nipping of Alvirne.

The locals' relievers

got down to work with their squad trailing 4-1.

"Travis Peabody was first up and he held Alvirne to one hit and one walk while striking out four batters to keep us in striking distance," said Demas. "Anthony Ferraro came in to finish it out with two innings of one-strikeout, one-hit ball with two walks. It was looking like a bad day at the ballpark, but the bullpen saved the team."

After looking flat through the first six frames, the LHS offense got to work late and had Jake Bolduc drive in the tying run and Perry drive in the winning run soon after.

Bolduc finished with two hits and two runs batted in, and Zack Luongo and Brandon Fish each laced two hits in the late win as well.

## Lady Lancer Tennis Team Splits With Two Nashua Opponents

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A shutout loss to the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals followed by a victory over the Nashua North Lady Titans last week marked a split with Gate City opponents for the Londonderry High girls' tennis team.

The Lady Lancers had their 2018 record slip to 1-

8 with a 9-0 defeat at the hands of the host Bishop Guertin contingent in Nashua last Wednesday, May 9.

The local squad's closest matches were played at fifth and sixth singles, in which Melanie Methot and Emily Hatem were bested by 3-8 scores.

But the Londonderry crew next played back in

the Gate City on Friday the 11th, where it was hosted by the North Lady Titans. And the news was far better that day for coach Betty Mak's mob.

The locals snared a 6-3 match victory thanks to singles successes from Amelia Brenner (8-0), Amanda Wells (8-2), Melanie Wells (8-1), and Hatem (8-0). And the dou-

bles tandems of Rachel Court and Amanda Wells (8-4) and Melanie Wells and Hatem (8-0) helped the Lady Lancers to their second match victory of the season.

The LHS girls then got back on their own home courts on Monday, May 14 when they played host to Concord.

But it was the Crimson Tide side which wound up

victorious that afternoon, snagging an 8-1 match victory. Londonderry's lone win came from Hatem at sixth singles, where she snared an 8-3 success for her crew.

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# Londonderry Boys' Lax Crew Takes Two of Three Games

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A pretty pleasing win over the Souhegan High Sabers of Amherst followed by a loss to Exeter last week left the Londonderry High boys' lacrosse squad contemplating the fact that its 2018 record had slipped to the .500 mark coming into this week.

Those results against opponents seemingly pointed in different direc-

tions in the Division I standings left first-year coach Roger Sampson and his Lancers with a 6-6 record as they stepped into this week's matches. And they had suffered losses in four of their five most recent battles, a fact which certainly couldn't sit well in the LHS camp.

The Lancers tallied a 10-7 defeat of the struggling Souhegan squad in Amherst on Thursday,

May 10. That victory ended a three-game losing skid for Londonderry, but the Sabers have now gone an ugly 1-7 in their last eight contests as the post-season tournament nears.

However, the Exeter High Blue Hawks had gone 7-1 in their eight most recent matches, with the seventh victory in that run coming in the form of a 13-9 besting of the Lancers at LHS last Saturday the 12th.

But Londonderry looked poised to drive its season mark back up over the .500 level this past Monday, May 14 when it faced off with a Manchester Central contingent - in the Queen City - which had won just one of its 11 contests this spring.

And the Lancer laxmen made good on that opportunity, throttling the Manchester mob by a huge 20-4 margin on its own field.



Lancer Nate Andrews and his lax teammates went 2-1 recently to move to 7-6. Photo by Chris Paul

# Londonderry Track Squads Test Their Mettle at Merrimack Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's girls' and boys' outdoor track and field squads competed among hordes of skilled and determined athletes at the annual Merrimack Invitational at Merrimack High School last Thursday, May 10. And a number of LHS ath-

letes really stood out.

The Lady Lancers finished a more than respectable fifth out of 16 teams at the event, with their biggest news being made in the pole vault in which three of their athletes notched points.

Suzie Moore won the event with a leap of 9 feet 6 inches, with teammates

Maddie Croteau (fourth) and Gianna DelViscovo (tied for fifth) also placing among the top six finishers.

Jess Brien gave her squad a second in the 200-meter dash (time of 27.11 seconds) and worked with three teammates including Croteau to bag a third in the 4x100 relay (51.0). Brien

was also a member of the team's 4x400 relay group which claimed a fifth (4:20.47).

Freshman Ashley Griffin was also a member of the 4x100 quartet, and she snared a fourth place on her own in the 100 dash (13.31). And Akolam Wambu was good for a third in the discus (100'3") and a fifth in the

shot put (31'9"). Battle-tested veteran Kalin Gregoire contributed a sixth place in the 3,200 run (11 minutes, 54.61 seconds).

On the boys' side of things, the Lancer males finished right in the middle of the team pack - eighth out of 16 contingents - and got their top event performance from field events star Patrick

Hagearty with his win in the shot (48'2 1/4").

Other scoring efforts were registered by Will Heenan with a third place in the 1,600 (4:33.05), Khalique Bagley with placement of sixth in the 200 dash (23.68), and Bagley and three teammates with a sixth place in the 4x100 relay (45.77).

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# Lady Lancer Lax Squad Struggles, Then Clips Concord Crew



Katelyn Nartiff scored in her LHS lax squad's rough recent loss to Souhegan.

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2018 season has been a real peaks-and-valleys affair for the Londonderry High girls' lacrosse squad, which saw its record move to 5-8 with a win and two losses last week.

Second-year coach Scott Walden's Lady Lancers were handed rather humbling defeats by both the defending Division I champs from Souhegan High of

Amherst on Tuesday, May 8, and then the Bedford High Lady Bulldogs two days later. But the LHS contingent capped off that week by dealing out a pretty humbling loss to the Concord High Crimson Tide in the state capital on Friday the 11th.

Shannon Fraser and Katelyn Nartiff were the only two Londonderry players to pot goals in

their squad's 14-2 defeat at the hands of Souhegan's Lady Sabers at LHS, and goalie Morgan Brutus was good for five saves in her busy net.

Back there on their home pitch against Bedford on Thursday the 10th, the Lady Lancers had the Lady Bulldogs double up on them where goals were concerned in a 16-8 loss.

But the news was a whole bunch better for the Londonderry crew in the state capital the next afternoon, with senior standout Catie Derhak potting three goals and her teammates Jenna Stowell and Sarah Duarte each netting two in a 10-3 walloping of the host Crimson Tide.

The locals then strode into this week aiming at

improving their 5-8 mark against a tough Exeter team - which was narrowly defeated by undefeated Pinkerton on the seacoast last week - on the road this Tuesday the 15th after Londonderry Times press time. The Lady Lancers' next battle is slated for this Friday the 18th at home against Merimack's Lady Tomahawks.

## LHS Volleyball Crew Drop Two Games

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad saw its 2018 record slip to 2-9 with a shutout loss to a Hollis-Brookline squad

which has become a bit warm of late. That match was played last Thursday night, May 10, in the LHS gymnasium.

The victory was the third in a row for the visiting Cavaliers, who be-

came 7-4 with the decision.

The Lancers then returned to competitive action this past Monday the 14th, facing the unenviable task of having to find a way to defeat the

undefeated Timberlane Regional Owls (10-0) on their home court in Plaistow.

But the locals had no success in that effort, dropping a 3-0 decision to that host.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of May 7

### Brian Metro, Senior, Boys' Track and Field

This versatile senior leader has been a vital member of the team all season. At the Merri-mack Invitational, he helped lead the Lancers' 4x100 and 4x400 relays to season-best performances.



### Suzie Moore, Junior, Girls' Track and Field

This superb athlete excelled at the Merri-mack Invitational, winning the pole vault with a personal best leap of 9 feet 6 inches. She has become a team leader and mentor for new pole vaulters.



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## Tenth Lancer Alumni Golf Tourney Scheduled

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The folks who have been directing Londonderry High School's Lancer Athletic Alumni Association's annual scholarship golf tournament from its inception are having a bit of trouble believing it, but that event is 10-years-old this year.

The tournament is slated for Friday, June 22 at the Windham Country Club. Check-in will be at 12:30 with a shotgun start

to follow at 1:30. The event will feature a scramble format, a putting contest, and closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, and closest to coach (Tom) Sawyer competitions.

The playing fee of \$125 - and \$100 for junior alums and current students - gets players 18 holes of golf, a cart, use of the driving range, a buffet-style luncheon, and a boxed lunch.

The tournament has averaged about 100 golfers per year, and over

those first nine years the alumni association has doled out more than \$20,000 in scholarships to worthy recipients.

"The funds we raise go to graduating seniors who have applied for our scholarship," said alumni board member and current LHS assistant principal Katie Sullivan. "Recipients are students who are going on to play sports in college, have outstanding

character, and give back to the town and school."

Folks interested in playing, donating, or serving as a sponsor are urged to contact Sullivan at ksullivan@londonderry.org or reach out to other members of the board including Bob Stuart, Peter Lincoln, Tim Tsetsilas, Peter Misiaszek, or Tommy Parilla. The alumni group also has a website and a Facebook page.



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# Lancer Softball Squad Keeps Plowing Past Opponents

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Plain and simple, it's not a wise idea to step in front of the Londonderry High softball team these days. Unless, that is, you enjoy getting run over by a steamroller.

Last week, the Lady Lancers kept plowing their way toward what they hope will be the first state championship in program history by stinging two more opponents in notching their 10th and 11th consecutive victories. Those two successes left MacDougall's mob with a truly stellar 12-1 record in tough Division I.

The Lancers bagged

their 10th consecutive win and moved their season record to a stellar 11-1 with a 6-3 defeat of the host Timberlane Lady Owls in Plaistow last Wednesday, May 9.

The locals had four players knock at least two hits and drive in at least one run in the success, with Loey Misiasek tallying two hits and driving in two teammates, Emily Nelson whacking three hits, and Alivia Proulx and Sarah Fawcett each socking two hits. Pitching standout Ila Brown struck out 12 batters in a route-going performance.

And Brown continued her exceptional season on her team's home diamond

against scuffling Bedford on Friday, May 11 by mesmerizing the Lady Bulldogs with her pitching and making them chase her hits in a 10-0 blowout.

The battle-tested righty threw a no-hitter - striking out some 11 would-be hitters and nearly hurling a perfect game - while supporting her own cause by smacking two home runs and driving in three runs in a three-hit performance. Nelson contributed two hits and drove in two runs, and Cassidy Raza, Proulx, and Michaela Doyle each socked two hits and drove in one teammate.

The lone blemish on

Brown's pitching gem was a walk with two outs in the top half of the final inning.

The Lancers then took aim at pushing their season record up to 13-1 this past Monday, May 14 when they began the week with a home game against Alvirne of Hudson.

And Londonderry accomplished that exceptional feat in yet another blowout victory - this time of the 9-1 variety - over the Broncos.

With only five games left before the playoffs, the only team Londonderry will face with a winning record is Keene, which the Lady Lancers will battle next Monday the 21st.



Ila Brown threw a no-hitter against the Bedford Bulldog squad last week. Photo by Chris Paul

# Wins Hard To Come By For The LHS Boys' Tennis Team

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Since the turn of the calendar from April to May, the Londonderry High boys' tennis team has gone from a squad driving hard toward a Division I tour-

nament berth to a crew scuffling to even manage such a berth.

From May 1 through last Friday - May 11 - veteran coach Janice Norwesh's Lancers had yet to bag a victory in the new month with tough consec-

utive defeats to Winnacunnet of Hampton, Alvirne of Hudson, Pinkerton, Nashua South, Bishop Guertin of Nashua, and Nashua North having made the LHS contingent 4-7 on the 2018 campaign.

Londonderry's losses to Guertin and North last week made things even a bit more frustrating for the locals because if one or two things had gone a bit differently in those battles the Lancers could have bagged wins instead of losses.

The Lancers engaged in an epic contest with the Guertin Cardinals in Londonderry last Tuesday, May 8, in a match which took well over

three hours to complete. And in the end, the Cards were able to take home a 6-3 victory.

The battle was all knotted up at 3-3 when singles was completed, with the hosts receiving wins from Jay Hayes (8-6 score), Ryan Leo (8-4), and Tyler Cullen (8-2). But the visiting Cardinals swept doubles to take the match.

"Captains Cullen and Leo showed steadiness and some good footwork to win second and fourth singles respectively," said coach Norwesh. "And sophomore Jay Hayes stepped up with a big win, breaking his opponent at 6-6 and then holding serve to take his sixth win

of the season at first singles."

Londonderry was back on its home courts hosting Nashua North on Friday, May 11, and the visiting Titans' ability to squeak out a 9-8, 7-4 tie-breaker at second doubles ended up making the difference in a 5-4 North match success.

"We had it all tied up at 3-3 in singles with convincing wins from Hayes, Cullen, and Doris," said coach Norwesh. "Unfortunately, Nashua's first doubles team had great net game to take a convincing 8-2 victory, with the match coming down to second and third doubles. Both matches went to the bitter end with a tie-break loss at two."

Hayes won by an 8-2 tally in his singles battle, with Cullen winning 8-4 and Doris trouncing his

opponent by an 8-2 score. Jacob Escott and Fortier snared a big 9-7 win at third doubles, but Cullen and Doris lost their second doubles tie-breaker as the Titans got the pivotal fifth victory they required to take the match.

Londonderry continued its hunt for its first May success on Monday, May 14 when it traveled to the state's capital to take on the Concord High Crimson Tide.

And the Tide washed over the LHS contingent in a 9-0 shutout.

"Our best performance was by Ryan Leo in a 6-8 loss in third singles," said coach Norwesh. "But we did take more games than we did last year."

Our last match is on Friday at Keene. We're hoping to improve on our last year's record."

## Correction:

In our May 10 Londonderry Times sports section, a story on the Lancer track and field team's involvement in the Freshman/Sophomore Meet had LHS runner Dylan Hotter incorrectly identified as Declan Hotter. Our apologies for this mistake.

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# Kid Coop Celebrates Technicolor Dreamcoat's 50th Anniversary



*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat turns 50 this year and performers at the Kids Coop Theatre will be paying tribute to that with a performance starting on May 25. Photos by Chris Paul*

ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the most memorable musicals in decades, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, is approaching its 50th anniversary. In celebration of this milestone, the Kid's Coop Theatre will be holding three performances in May to continue their long-standing practice of theatrical excellence.

The story is based around the biblical story of the Coat of Many Colors, where Joseph was gifted a coat by his father, Jacob, only to be envied by his brothers. The brothers would hatch a plot to earn Jacob's favor through manipulation of Joseph. After being sold into slavery and eventually jailed, Joseph gains the ability to interpret

dreams and soon grows close with Egypt's Pharaoh.

As for Kid's Coop and their rendition, the inspiration to perform it this year came to Mike Vinson, the Director of the play. As they always like to have a large variety of plays to work with, the 41-member cast and Vinson figured it was time to give Joseph some love, especially considering its upcoming anniversary. "It had been a while since we had done Joseph", Mike noted.

The cast ranges in age from eight-year-olds to 18, hailing from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Sandown, Auburn,

Chester, Danville, Manchester, Pelham and Windham. The actors have been practicing since March to prepare for the May performanc-

es.

One of the more significant players is Tyler Vinson, The son of Mike and a junior in high school, is playing the role of Joseph. After 5+ years of acting experience, he is more than prepared to do the role justice. Special consideration of how productive and energized he believes the practices have proven to be so far. "I'm really excited because it's one of my dream roles", Tyler stated.

Tracy Hickey, a sophomore in high school, also has a major role as the narrator for the musical. Having performed for another hit musical, *Sister Act*, her role involves her singing for most of the play. She hopes to pursue acting after high school, but for the moment, Hickey is getting along quite

well with the younger cast. "I'm having a lot of fun", Hickey said.

The play's musical direction is by Amanda Morgan with choreography by Madison Waters.

The 41-member cast features children ages 8 to 18 from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Sandown, Auburn, Chester, Danville, Manchester, Pelham and Windham.

The musical is set to be performed on Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 26 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House. Tickets will be \$14 and are available at [kids-coop-theatre.org](http://kids-coop-theatre.org).

Cast members from Londonderry include: Avenley Allen, Melissa Brunette, Jason Cain, Joseph Cain, Timmy Dolan, Martin Dormer, Michaela Horan, Kelsey Sweet, Emily Thomas and Frank Thomas.



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## Londonderry Antiques Appraisal Day

On Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House Museum, 140 Pillsbury Rd. Bring your antiques, collectibles & family treasures to our first annual event featuring Daniel F. Reidy, appraiser/antiques dealer/auctioneer. For additional information: [www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety](http://www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety)

## Memorial Day Parade

A Memorial Day parade will be held on May 28, starting at 10 a.m. All veterans and not just members of Post 27 are invited to march. Muster at the traffic light on Robert Lincoln Way by 9:45 a.m. We will march to the Holy Cross Cemetery to honor Private First Class Verne Greely, USMC who was killed in Vietnam in 1967. We will then march to the town common for a ceremony to honor all those who have died serving our nation.

## Rummage Sale

Teen Life Leadership Rummage Sale Sat. May 19th at 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Victory Baptist Church 78 Litchfield Rd. Londonderry. If raining, sale will be held inside the gym. Call (603) 434-2215 for more information.

## Renew to Re-Open

Renew will be open Saturday, June 9, from 8-10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com) or call the church secretary at 434-1516

## Tails and Trails

On June 14, at 7 p.m., Tim Caverly will present the program "Allagash Tails and Tales: New England's Wild River" at Leach Library. The presentation will include music as well as scenic and historic photos from our "northern forest". The audience will "canoe" the world famous river, discover forgotten logging history, and learn about Native American archaeology. The event is free and open to the pub-

lic 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. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.

## Adult Summer Reading Program

On June 1, the ninth annual Adult Summer Reading Program begins. Join us for some fun reading and exciting prizes! This year's theme is "Libraries Rock!" where we will highlight artists and musicians, music, musicals, and musical instruments. Adult patrons may register at any time at the Reference Desk. Registrants will receive an information sheet about the program and a bingo card to be completed during the summer for a chance to win a prize. The card can be turned in either when five adjacent blocks are completed, or "blackout bingo" is achieved by completing the entire card for three extra prize entries. Please note that quantities of the reading incentives are limited and are available first come, first serve. Complete the crossword puzzle by June 30, for entry in a monthly prize drawing. For more information, please call the library at 432-1132.

## Summer Reading Program

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## Summer Enrichment Registration

The Londonderry School District will once again be hosting Summer Enrichment Programs during the summer of 2018. The program is open to Londonderry children, grades Kindergarten through 12. The self-supported program helps promote student strengths in academic areas, and exposes learners to new areas of interest not typically included during the regular school year. Registration for the programs has begun it is handled on a first-come first-serve basis. The programs have a minimum and maximum student cap, and pricing will depend on the number of students enrolled. Enrollment closes on June 1. Email notification will be sent to parents with program information and final costs by June 6. If the class does not meet the minimum requirement, the class will be canceled. For more details about the program, or to register your students, go to [londonderry.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=123433&pageId=7645839](http://londonderry.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=123433&pageId=7645839).

## LGBTQ+ Healthy Relationship Seminar

Londonderry High School is hosting "No Bounds", an LGBTQ+ Healthy Relationship Seminar on May 25 from 6-8 p.m. in room 221. LGBTQ+ youth lack reliable information in the classroom and online. "No Bounds" is here to give LGBTQ+ youth the knowledge they need to have successful relationships with their family, friends, themselves, and more. Guests to be featured on the panel are

Eli Kuti, the Outreach Coordinator at the Equality Health Center in Concord and Karen Lacharite, a mental health counselor from the New Hampshire Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Therapies, as well as youth speakers. By attending, young people (and their parents, if they choose) will gain reliable information that they wouldn't learn online or in their health class. Contact Abigail Whitcomb at [noboundspanel@gmail.com](mailto:noboundspanel@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Blood Drive

Due to the recent severe storms this winter there is an URGENT need for blood and blood products. With the current "Urgent" need for blood products, the American Red Cross needs all of our help to replenish the blood supplies. The Community Service Committee of Saint Jude Parish has scheduled this blood drive for May 18 from 1 - 7 p.m. at the Londonderry Lions Hall 256 Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Donors of ALL blood types are urgently needed to donate. In an effort to save you time, you can register online [www.redcross-blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.org) or by calling the Red Cross 1-800-RED-CROSS (We encourage ALL donors to make an appointment to help us in planning). You can also use the RapidPass system the day of the drive to save time the day of your donation as well. For more information on donating blood, you may call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or for more information on this drive please contact Vinny Curro [vincurro@comcast.net](mailto:vincurro@comcast.net) or 603-867-7472. Of course we will have homemade refreshments that our Saint Jude drives are known for...Thank you and we hope to see you there.

## Toy Swap

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to [www.londonderrywomen-sclub.org](http://www.londonderrywomen-sclub.org) for information.

## Karaoke Night

A Karaoke with DJ Sharon will take place on May 18, starting at 7 p.m. at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). Non-members interested in joining American Legion Post 27 are welcome to attend.

## Bingo Night

On May 28, Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7-8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money.

## Post 27 Open House

On May 28, from Noon - 6 p.m., Post 27 will hold an Open House at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). We would like to invite anyone interested in joining Post 27 to stop by to meet our members and view our facility. We'll also be serving food throughout the day.

## Annual Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club will host its annual plant sale on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain or shine, at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. The Derry Garden Club is accepting donations for its annual plant sale. Anyone with a plant in need of thinning to donate to the sale is invited to call Alison Kennerly 434-9624.

## Cakeless Bake Sale

Beginning May 1, the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be holding their Eleventh annual Cakeless Bake Sale fundraiser. All funds will be used to sponsor library programs and services. The Friends will be asking for a donation, but not a cake or cookies. Figure out how much you would spend between baking and buying, and send a donation for that amount to support the Library. Perhaps you could throw in a little extra "frosting on the cake." It's a calorie free bake sale. Your donation would be greatly appreciated to help the Friends. Please make your donation to "Friends of Londonderry Leach Library", and mail to Friends of Leach Library, 276 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053, or place your donation in the

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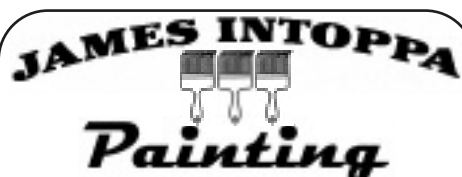
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Monday - May 7

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**11:08 a.m.** Three officers respond to complaint on Macintosh Lane and make arrest. Zachary Taylor, 26, of Londonderry charged with Receiving Stolen Property.

**1:31 p.m.** Complaint investigated on Pinyon Place.

**3:25 p.m.** Services rendered for soliciting on Mammoth Road near Stonehenge Road.

**4:55 p.m.** Criminal mischief investigated on Vista Ridge Drive.

**4:56 p.m.** Criminal mischief investigated on Mercury Drive.

**7:04 p.m.** Neighborhood disputes investigated on Spring Road.

**9:37 p.m.** Overdose investigated on Charleston Avenue.

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Tuesday - May 8

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**10:35 a.m.** Complaint investigated on Macintosh Lane.

**12:44 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Mammoth Road.

**1:09 p.m.** Three officers render services at overdose on Mcallister Drive.

**2:46 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**3:20 p.m.** Assault investigated at Lafa Complex on

Nelson Road.

**3:26 p.m.** Motor vehicle Accident investigated on Auburn Road at Old Derry Road.

**3:56 p.m.** Nine officers investigate Burglary on Trail Haven Drive.

**4:27 p.m.** Assault investigated on Kimball Road.

**4:57 p.m.** Four officers investigate an assault on Constitution Drive.

**6:35 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Bayberry Lane.

**7:38 p.m.** Five officers restore peace after disturbance on Otterson Road.

**7:53 p.m.** Criminal threatening investigated on Constitution Drive.

**8:35 p.m.** Five officers investigate juvenile offenses on Otterson Road at King Arthur Drive.

**8:48 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident results in transport to hospital on Rockingham Road at Tedeschi Foods.

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Wednesday - May 9

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**7:37 a.m.** Services rendered at suspicious activity on Otterson Road.

**9:26 a.m.** Four officers investigate Burglary on Hardy Road

**4:05 p.m.** Services rendered for Fire on Nashua Road at U.S. Post Office.

**4:33 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mis-

chief Capitol Hill Drive.

**5:04 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Bartley Hill Road at Perkins Road.

**6:17 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Conifer Place.

**6:47 p.m.** Services rendered for disturbance at Wendy’s on Nashua Road.

**9:12 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Pinyon Place.

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Thursday - May 10

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**7:45 a.m.** Six officers investigate a disturbance on Mohawk Drive at Dunkin Donuts.

**8:11 a.m.** Juvenile offenses investigated on Forest Street

**12:11 p.m.** Shoplifting investigated at Phantom Fireworks on Londonderry Road.

**1:28 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Wedgewood Drive.

**1:58 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Kendall Pond Road.

**2:23 p.m.** Criminal threatening reported on Old Derry Road.

**2:48 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Hovey Road.

**3:24 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with

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The Leach Library Hours for the month of May are as follows; Mon. - Thur., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Railroading in New England

On Thur., May 17 at 7 p.m., "A Fond Look Back at Railroading in Northern New England" Mr. Brian Jennison to present this slideshow presentation journeys through the history of New England railroads with an emphasis on the Boston & Maine (B&M) Railroad. Mr. Jennison's collection of photos will detail some construction of precursor railroads, their eventual acquisition by the B&M, and their decline through-

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### Seaside Stroll

Summer days will soon be upon us, on Tue., May 29 from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Leach Library hear stories of the animals to be found in a tide pool, to the fun of sand and sun, audience members will be ready to pack up and head for the beach. Each participant will leave with a plush ocean friend as a memento. This adventurous 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, May 21.

### Book Drive

The LHS Community Service Club has been sponsoring a book drive for the past two weeks. So far, over 700 books have been collected. The books are being donated to the Upper Room, family resource cen-

ter, in Derry. We are collecting used books which would be of interest to young families, both children and parents. In the first two weeks of the drive, the LHS community (Lancer Nation) has donated over 700 books; we would like to get to 1000 books donated, so we are extending the drive into April. Collection areas are in the High School House Offices, Main Office, and Library. Our contact at the Upper Room is Janis Lilly (JLilly@urteachers.org).

### Lions Club Meeting

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

### Relay for Life

American Cancer Society Participation in Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry to Help Attack Cancer From Every Angle is calling on all community members to participate in the annual Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry on June 23, 2018 from noon - 10 p.m., at the Pinkerton Academy Track. Be part of the fight, and together we can beat our biggest rival. American Cancer Society is

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transport to hospital from Vista Ridge Drive.

**3:50 p.m.** Domestic disturbance investigated on Wilson Road.

**4:24 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Otterson Road.

**4:28 p.m.** Services rendered for juvenile offenses on Pillsbury Road.

**5:30 p.m.** Criminal threatening investigated on Constitution Drive.

**8:25 p.m.** Keeping the peace on High Range Road.

### Friday - May 11

**4:45 a.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Hillside Avenue.

**8:47 a.m.** Juvenile offenses investigated South Road.

**2:15 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident Investigated on Mammoth Road at Trian-

gle Mobil.

**4:43 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Pillsbury Road.

**6:03 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident on High Range Road at Mayflower Drive results in vehicle being towed.

**6:25 p.m.** Keeping the peace on Ross Drive.

**7:11 p.m.** Response to domestic disturbance results in Arrest on Wilson Road.

**7:18 p.m.** Services rendered at domestic disturbance on Mammoth Road.

**7:31 p.m.** Three motor vehicle involved in accident Nashua Road at Michels Way.

**8:14 p.m.** Peace restored after disturbance on Capitol Hill Drive.

**8:41 p.m.** Four officers investigate an assault on Capitol Hill Drive

**10:33 p.m.** Missing person investigated on Forest Street.

### Saturday - May 12

**1:12 a.m.** Assisting Londonderry Fire Dept. results in arrest at Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

**8:46 a.m.** Report of domestic disturbance results in arrest on Elijah Hill Road. Brian Tausky, 20, Charged on five counts of Domestic Violence Simple Assault.

**10:52 a.m.** Services rendered at suspicious activity on Sunflower Lane

**11:50 a.m.** Services rendered for domestic disturbance on Constitution Drive.

**11:58 a.m.** Criminal mischief investigated on Mayflower Drive.

**12:57 p.m.** Assault investigated on Kelley Road.

**5:50 p.m.** Shoplifting investigated Hannaford Food and Drug on Hampton Drive.

**6:58 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Constitution Drive.

### Sunday - May 13

**12:51 a.m.** Four officers investigate motor vehicle accident at Convenience Plus Londonderry on Rockingham Road.

**3:19 a.m.** Peace restored after domestic disturbance on Buckingham Drive.

**9:13 p.m.** Four officers restore peace at domestic disturbance on Constitution Drive.

**9:34 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital from Holstein Avenue.

**1:42 p.m.** Services rendered for report of missing person on Judy Drive.

**7:14 p.m.** Four officers respond to trespassing at vacant Home Goods Store on Orchard View Drive.

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