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Guest Conductor

In thanks for all the support given to the Music Departments in the school district Andy Soucy handed his baton to Superintendent Nate Greenburg to conduct the band assembled at the annual Young Peoples' Concert on Monday night. See more photos page 19.

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Londonderry Resident Spins the Wheel of Fortune

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

"I can tell you, it is nothing like doing it from your couch," says Diane Boucher, Londonderry resident and game show contender. "There's so much more to it."

Boucher had the chance to cross off a major bucket list item recently as a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. She

explained that she had recently auditioned with her best friend of 45 years for "Best Friends Week", but at that time, she was told that they had too many Friends.

"But they liked my enthusiasm," Boucher gushed, and before long, she was auditioning in February, against several hundred other hopefuls in Boston. Shortly after that,

Boucher found herself in Los Angeles for a second audition, which put her on track to having a life-long dream fulfilled.

Boucher explained that being on the game show set was completely different than playing along from home. Contestants were expected to be very quick on their feet and be able to keep up

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Heated Discussions Continue Over Stonehenge Project OK

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As many residents of Londonderry are aware, the intersection between Route 28 and Stonehenge Road has been a large source of controversy, particularly in the last few months.

Fueled by the recent reconsideration of First Londonderry Association, LLC's site plan to build multi-family housing units next to the intersection, the Town Council was forced to open up a public discussion on the matter at their most recent meeting.

On May 16, soon after calling the meeting to order, council member

John Farrell seemed passionate about finding a solution to fix the intersection issues. Farrell firmly believed that they needed to change the dynamics of the situation and that Town Manager Kevin Smith should meet with Executive Councilor Christopher Pappas, and even Governor Chris Sununu, to bring about a solution.

However, as assertive as he was, Farrell also noted to those in attendance that due to this affecting a highway, the matter is a state issue which keeps the town from settling the issue in a swifter fashion. If changes are to be made to the

intersection, according to Kevin Smith, they would come to around \$850,000, although two thirds of these funds would be supplied to by the state.

Council Chairman Tom Dolan also wanted the situation resolved soon, stating that the town is not afraid to go to court over the matter and that they have tried in the past, albeit unsuccessfully, to settle with developers behind closed doors. More than anything, however, he wanted residents to know that their concerns were not falling on deaf ears, stating "Please don't think [we] aren't hearing you."

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Council Lifts Water Band, Honors Sergeant Gillespie

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Although this week's Town Council meeting was largely devoted to the situation at the intersection of Stonehenge and Route 28, other matters were also attended to.

After calling the May 15 council meeting to order, Chairman Tom Dolan began by briefly touching upon the opioid crisis and the danger that the drug Fentanyl poses, namely that a police officer recently attempted to revive an overdose victim who utilized the latter drug, got some on his skin and actually passed out from mere skin contact.

Police Chief Bill Hart then addressed the council and paid his respects to Sergeant Gerry Gillespie, who had recently passed away. Gillespie, who had spent twenty five years on the force in Connecticut before moving to Londonderry, was noted as a huge source of inspiration for the Londonderry Police Department. Given the nickname "Sergeant G", Hart said that Gillespie taught much to Deputy Chief Gerald Dussault and made the department what it is today. He was noted as having a strong sense of professionalism and decency and believing that "justice without mercy is simply ven-

geance." Gillespie served for ten years in Londonderry, including as a selectman from 1990 until 1993. Hart stated he was a great husband, father and friend and he personally was enriched by his friendship.

After discussing the Stonehenge situation, the council moved on to dis-

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Final Hurrah for the Great Debate at South Elementary School



With fifth grade teacher Deborah Gomez retiring this year her South Elementary School students performed the "Great Debate" on Thursday, May 11, for the last time. Though the play has evolved quite a bit over the 20 years, the outcome was usually the same. The Patriots win. Which was the case in each of the four performances this year. The play pits two factions from the Revolutionary War period in the U.S. against each other in a court room. At plays end, attendees decide which side should win in a debate between Loyalist and Patriots.

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Conservation Commission Makes Masquash Trails Easy to Use

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry has always been known for its lush vegetation, and the Musquash Conservation Area is no exception. Spanning over one thousand square feet, the area contains a litany of trails, landmarks and beautiful views for hikers to take in.

Unfortunately, despite its beauty, its size can seem daunting to some and residents have occasionally voiced their concern over the possibility of getting lost in the area.

But the Londonderry Conservation Commission is hoping to quell these fears with a Power-Point committee member Mike Byerly recently produced, detailing the area's history, stats and how to stay safe and on track while using the trails.

The slide show was unveiled on May 10 at a public meeting held by the commission at Town Hall, which was attended

by several residents.

According to commission Chair Marge Badois, she hopes "to get people more familiar with the trails" by showing the presentation.

Byerly started the presentation off by listing some basic facts about the Musquash, namely its age, size, who maintains it and the names of various trailheads, or starting points for the trails. Byerly also noted that the conservation area was not always as big as it currently is, growing larger over the almost forty years it has been around as the town began to purchase more of the surrounding land.

He also delved into some of the points of interest in the area, highlighting landmarks such as Bunny Cut, a Restoration Area which had its taller tree removed for the sake of building an environment more suited for the Cottontail Rabbits, and Heron Rookery, a series of dead trees along Heron

Trail where flocks of herons make their nests.

However, most of the presentation was still focused on quelling concerns and giving guidance to those in attendance, which Byerly began to do by noting what trails would be best for amateur hikers and what is and is not prohibited while in the Musquash. To give further assistance to those not familiar with the area, the committee also holds a monthly guided walk through the trails in order to help people grow more comfortable with the surroundings.

Next, he focused on the two biggest issues beginners may have on their minds: hunting and direction. Byerly told the crowd that while hunting does occur in the area occasionally and they may hear gunshots nearby, the Musquash is still very safe for hikers. The gunshots mostly come from the LPD shooting

range or the Fish and Game Club range and there is currently an ordinance being considered by the Town Council on banning target practice in the area. As for hunting season, Byerly suggests wearing bright colors and not bringing dogs into the area if you are hiking during this period.

When it comes to direction, teaching was at the top of Byerly's agenda. He handed out maps of the Musquash, showed how to tell where north is without a map, phone or compass and explained the various signs and Trail Blazes, or directional markers, in the area.

Finally, for some additional guidance, committee member Mike Speltz held a small presentation on an app, Avenza Maps, which contains a digital version of the same map Byerly handed out earlier, and how to download and use it. He even invited everyone out to one of

the trailheads outside Town Hall to give a demonstration on its effectiveness. However, Speltz was quick to point out that, despite the evolution of various technologies these days, "the most important tool you have is your map."

The committee hopes to show this presentation at any future opportunities it can find, but it should be noted that despite some concerns over the area, very rarely does anyone get lost in the Musquash. Byerly mentioned that a couple of people have gotten lost for a few hours in the past

three years, but it is such a rare occurrence that it is not worth worrying about.

Even some of the residents at the presentation seem to agree. David Ellis, who has used the trails for roughly two decades, says "I think [the Musquash] is very accessible." He backed this up by noting the very visible entrances and lots of parking opportunities to boot.

For more information about the Musquash, visit londonderrynh.org and access the Conservation Committee page on the Board and Commissions tab.

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Editorial

Invaders in Our Midst

Are your neighbors' plants making a home in your shrubbery? Is greenery you never bought strangling your trees? Are leaves from unknown aquatic greens traveling on your boat to find a home in your favorite lake?

Conservation officials remind us that invasive plants are a local problem. And they're a problem in our waterways as well.

According to the state's invasive species coordinator, invasive plants impact endangered or threatened species, reduce diversity and wildlife habitat, affect water quality, damage property and lead to starvation of birds.

Japanese knotweed, bittersweet, purple loosestrife, multiflora rose, and burning bush thrive locally, and literally have a stranglehold on portions of our woodlands and roadsides.

But we don't have to leave our yards to encounter invasive. All it takes is ignoring an invectives' presence in one location, and soon it has taken over the neighborhood.

What invasive do is simple – they take over, crowding out native plants. It's a battle we may be losing, and we can't wait for someone else to take care of it – if the plants have arrived, they'll be in your yard soon.

Homeowners can help control these invaders by learning to identify them, joining in volunteer efforts to control them, and following professionals' instructions about disposing of any soil and plant matter that gets

on clothes, shoes or tires during the eradication.

Meanwhile, if you think the water is safe from unwelcome visitors, think again.

State officials regularly issue warnings to boaters to pay attention to what they might be putting in the water. Summers in New Hampshire now demand a new way to look at hitchhiking and littering – boats, trailers, motors, fishing equipment, bait buckets, and diving gear can carry aquatic weeds, leaving an infested lake in their wake.

With no natural predators, the plants quickly dominate native plants, fish, and aquatic life. That translates into impaired water quality and reduced shorefront property values.

If you enjoy a kayak or canoe ride, pay attention to the plants in the water as well as to the scenery and birdlife you are paddling out to enjoy. If you've had your boat in another body of water, examine it carefully before returning to your home lake. Encourage fellow boaters to do the same.

Prevention is the name of the game, and it's the job of each one of us to preserve the quality of the lakes we love. And back on land? Contact your local conservation commission, Extension Service or the state for advice on getting rid of invasive plants. This battle won't be won unless each of us does our share.

Letters

Waste of Time

To the Editor:

Attending Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meetings are a waste of time! Developers come in with outlandish proposals or ask for variances to the zoning laws and are rarely refused - eventually they wear the boards down and win one way or another. Our board doesn't seem to have the fortitude to stand behind our rules.

A few years back, the owner of property on Adams Road - part of the Scenic Byway - asked for a subdivision to build houses which would mean cutting many trees. Apparently that did not work out for them, because now a developer wants a variance to build 200 Senior Housing units on that land but must build the units closer to the road due to proximity to wetlands. To me, if such a variance is needed, it is inappropriate use of the land.

On another note, may I ask how many Senior Housing units our town needs? We now have multiple developers who want to build them to get around the one acre zoning requirement. Where are most of these seniors coming from? Certainly not from Londonderry! Developers change the physical properties of our town and draw many new residents from out of state who change the political dynamics as well. Please, no more Senior housing! We have enough!

The latest request as reported in the May 4 Londonderry Times is troubling in a different way. PPNE wants to build directly on top of 34,000 square feet of wetland. Mike Speltz noted he saw

no reason, aside from economic purposes that the zoning ordinance should be ignored - I am glad that someone is concerned about our zoning ordinances since our Planning Board does not seem to. The real troubling aspect, as if that was not enough the committee agreed that despite not being compatible with the zoning ordinance, the fact that PPNE was willing to compromise about certain aspects to the build and would provide \$168,000 to the arm fund which would be used to rebuild the Wetlands elsewhere in Town, the Committee unanimously approved a recommendation. Does that not sound like a bribe?

It seems that Londonderry has become an easy mark for developers. I would like to see the Boards in Londonderry put the citizens of the town first and tell developers that if they want to build in our town they follow our rules and if they do not like our rules to go somewhere else. When I attended the meetings for the development of Woodmont Orchards, one person asked the developers why they chose Londonderry, they answered "We wanted to build in Massachusetts but they have strict zoning laws and they would not grant us variances". Perhaps Londonderry should adopt that attitude also!

Marie Bouchard
Londonderry

Russia Invades White House

To the Editor:

LT GEN Flynn was fired from his position as National Security Advisor

because he lied to Vice President Pence about his contact with Russian officials concerning the sanctions on Russia.

Chief White House Advisor Bannon has stated in the past he is an admirer of Lenin, the founder of Russian Communism.

Former FBI Director Comey was ostensibly fired on May 9, 2017 because of poor performance, but this occurred when Comey was heading up the investigation into Trump's campaign staff possibly colluding with Russian officials to impact the 2016 Presidential election. Will Trump appoint a Russian sympathizer as the next FBI director?

On May 10, 2017 Trump met with two high level Russian officials at the White House, and barred the U.S. media from attending the meeting. However, the meeting was covered by TASS, the state-run media of Russia.

It appears the Russian invasion of the White House produced a liar and dictator as the leader of our country.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

PTSO Breakfast

To the Editor:

The Londonderry High School staff ended their week of appreciation with the annual breakfast sponsored by the PTSO before the school day started on Friday. Members provided all the food and the staff enjoyed laden tables of baked goods and delicious fruit along with coffee, tea and juice.

Several members and numerous businesses in town donated gift cards

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Correction: The name of the submitter of the 'Imbroglia Combrio' letter to the editor in May 11 issue of Londonderry Times was C.C. Mitchell. The name was accidentally omitted due to a production error.

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Storage Company Takes First Steps Towards Constructing New Facility

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the growing number of housing developments popping up in Londonderry as of late, it would only make sense for another company to step in and offer more storage units as well.

Brian Pratt of CLD Consulting Engineers recently came before the Londonderry Planning Board on May 10 to propose a conceptual design for a seven hundred unit storage facility for Bluebird Self Storage.

The building, which would be built at 76 Perkins Road, between the Two Guys Smoke Shop and Sleep Inn off of Exit 5,

would be three stories tall, climate controlled and have multiple drop-off points on the front, side and back of the building. It would be Bluebird's fourth location, already hosting spots in Rochester and Manchester, as well as one in the process of being built in Bedford. In all, the property would span roughly one hundred thousand square feet.

One thing that Pratt emphasized was Bluebird's focus on making their facilities aesthetically pleasing. Showcasing a drawn rendering of their future Bedford facility, Pratt showed how there was a concerted effort to keep the facilities distinct, constructing towers

on the corners of the structure, using a mixture of different materials for the walls and emphasizing landscaping. Pratt noted that Bluebird "pride themselves on having a really nice looking building" in order to quell local concerns over how storage facilities are not always visually pleasing.

As this was simply a conceptual design proposal, with the blueprints for the building only being about one-fifth of the way done, no voting or decision was made by the board, with the focus instead on preliminary questions to gauge the project.

One of the major concerns of the board was the use of curve cuts for

entrances to the property, namely the two being proposed. Both Mary Wing Soares and Chris Davies voiced their concerns on this, Davies highlighting the potential for increased cross traffic in an already congested road leading to the Sleep Inn and Soares believing that one entrance would be sufficient.

Signage was also brought up. Davies suggested that the facility's single sign, which was proposed to be along Perkins Road, should instead be built on the northeast section of the

property so that it would face the highway.

The building's effect on the nearby residents' view was mentioned by Leitha Reilly, who hoped for more of a buffer between Perkins Road and the facility, questioning "will [residents] be overwhelmed by staring up at a three-story building?" Martin Srugis, chairman of the Heritage Commission, also spoke out against the building's proximity to residents, suggesting the front parking be moved behind the building.

Beyond these matters, however, the meeting was

of a relatively positive nature. The board seemed appreciative of the focus on producing a charming design, hoping for use of purple lilacs in the design, and Pratt seemed quite comfortable in his explanation of the current plans regardless of the topic, including drainage, security features and the sizes of the individual units.

A date for future deliberation has not yet been set, as CLD still needs to establish a more concrete site plan before seeking permission to build from both the Zoning and Planning Boards.

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or items as prizes for the staff, who were overwhelmed with generosity from both parents and owners. A big thank you for the support to the following businesses: Wrap City Sandwich Company,

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and Countryside Florist from Londonderry. A&M Massage Therapy from Derry also gave cards for free massages to all staff.

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Doreen Stubbs,
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Conservation Committee Seeks Further Involvement In Dredge and Fills

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Although it was mostly business as usual for the Londonderry Conservation Committee last week, the topic of dredge and fills caused a lot of concern amongst members.

During the committee's May 9 meeting, Chair Marge Badois introduced the committee's new minute taker, Beth Morrison.

Immediately afterwards, the committee brought up the paperwork that detailed the dredge and fill, or draining process, for

the roughly thirty four thousand square feet of wetlands that currently reside in the future location of the Poultry Products Northeast Distribution Center at 31 Jack's Bridge Road. The process is supposedly going according to plan, albeit with one endangered species, the Northern Long Eared Bat, being affected, but the overall tone of the members was not exactly ecstatic.

Two major concerns were raised over the recent approval of PPNE's site plan. First of all,

although PPNE managed to gain support for the site plan with a \$168,000 donation to the state's Aquatic Resource Management Fund, Vice Chair Eugene Harrington noted that although towns could originally use portions of the fund as they wish, it is now up to the state to determine when these funds are distributed. It should be noted that the state has decided not to withdraw from the ARM fund for the entirety of 2017, in an attempt to build up funds for a number of smaller projects in

the future.

Secondly, and more importantly, is that the commission felt that they were not always given a long enough time period to review dredge and fill requests before the Planning Board makes a decision on site maps. Members are hoping to get the commission more involved in the draining process, as well as encourage those who propose site plans to meet with the commission for further discussion. Finally, Badois created a proposal that would encour-

age commission members present at Planning Board meetings to intervene when a dredge and fill is proposed, at least for the sake of giving the commission more time to review it. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Aside from that, however, the rest of the meeting went smoothly. Mike Byerly brought up the 2017 Musquash Info Night, a presentation that will cover how Londonderry came into possession of the Musquash Preservation Area, what spots hikers should visit, when hunting

season begins and so on.

Afterwards, the commission discussed land leveling that would occur on the southern side of Jack's Bridge road, done for the sake of preparing the area for marketing and construction purposes. Members mulled over the site plan for the preparation to see if wetlands would be affected by the process, but were unable to notice any complications.

Upon completing this matter, the meeting was adjourned after roughly an hour.

Londonderry Resident Almost Victim of IRS Scam Call

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Richard Cole recently received a rather shocking phone call from the IRS that his tax filings were about to expire and he was at risk of

being put under custody.

Only one problem: the call was a complete scam. Cole, who received the call late last month, has never had any issues with the IRS in the past. Although he is on disability due to

an amputated foot and is self-employed, he has worked with an accountant for years and noted that he knows better than to manipulate the IRS.

Thankfully, Cole was able to quickly identify

the call as a scam due to it being automated, the dead-pan, jittery delivery of the "caller" being a dead giveaway.

Unfortunately, Cole is just the latest in a long series of victims of IRS scam calls, a theft technique that has the caller disguise themselves as an IRS agent who is threatening to seek legal action against their victim in order to gain access to their personal and financial information and rob them blind.

The IRS has become very aware of the threat these scams pose to the public in recent years and, according to their official website, are quick to state that they do not initiate contact with taxpayers via email, text messages or social media channels as a means of requesting per-

sonal information. They also say that they do not threaten taxpayers with lawsuits, imprisonment or other enforcement action.

The IRS currently has been pushing its list of the most common tax scams, titled the "Dirty Dozen", for the last couple of years in order to familiarize the public with other ways that criminals may try to rob them or scam the IRS. These include phishing, or utilizing fake emails and websites, phone scams, identity theft, unscrupulous return preparers, fake charities, promises of inflated tax refunds, claims of access to business credits, falsely padding return deductions, falsifying income, abusing tax shelters, frivolous tax arguments and offshore tax avoidance.

On top of all these scamming opportunities, the IRS revealed the scammers have also been targeting immigrants with limited English proficiency in their native language, threatening them with deportation and arrest. They have also targeted deaf and hard of hearing individuals with video relay services, which the IRS encourages citizens not to trust.

These crimes seem to be on the rise, as there was an approximate 400 percent surge in email scams during the 2016 tax season.

All residents are advised to seek out tax professionals whenever handling these matters and to visit irs.gov for more information on either tax scams or how to safely file them.



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Volunteer Organization To Host Event Unveiling Newest Forest Trail

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

If you're looking to start taking advantage of the spring weather this month, Londonderry Trailways may be the answer.

On May 20, Trailways will be hosting its fourth Londonderry Rail Trail Family Fun Day in celebration of the fourth section of Londonderry's rail trail being completed.

Trailways serves as a nonprofit organization comprised of citizen volunteers who seek to pro-

vide recreational trails for the residents of Londonderry.

The idea for the event started with the ribbon cutting for the first section of the trail, which served as a means of raising awareness to the existence of the trails. Each successive "family fun day" has served the same purpose and appears to be paying off, as the last event had several hundred participants, not to mention the support for funding Trailways received during the

recent elections.

This newest section of the Rail Trail, which extends over three miles, will be heading north of North School, crossing Rockingham Road and making its way towards the Londonderry Senior Center, which Trailways is excited for, as they see it as good opportunity to allow seniors to get outdoors and enjoy nature. The crossing at Rockingham Road will also feature a manually-controlled crossing signal for

those on the trail to use.

Although the primary focus of the event is to get more people interested in the trail, it will also serve as a fundraiser for the fifth section of the path, which will connect the rest of it to the Manchester Airport. On top of that, Manchester currently has its own trail that it's hoping to connect to the same airport, thereby linking the two paths as well.

The event may be coined a "family fun day", but that does not mean

that Trailways wants to alienate individuals from coming to the event, as they want everyone who uses the trails to "feel a part of a community", according to Trailways' Media Contact, Pollyann Winslow. She noted that it has that sort of environment where even if one were to fall and get injured, others would be close by to assist that person. Winslow noted that they are "pleased to have the trail and want to encourage people to enjoy it."

The event itself is completely free and will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., starting at the lower parking lot of Londonderry North Elementary School at 19 Sanborn Road. There will be free hot dogs, drinks and other refreshments, as well as music and activities for the kids, including I Spy, where children will try to spot various animals known to inhabit the trail.

For more information, please visit londonderrytrails.com.

School District Offering Students More Summer Enrichment Programs

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School District will be offering a new selection of Summer Enrichments programs for students this July.

As a follow-up to the three Summer Enrichment programs featured in June, the school district will be offering up five more throughout the month of July for a wide variety of students. Once again, these programs hope to keep children's minds active during the summer season and expose them to subjects they may not have experienced during the school year.

For those hoping to expand their creative side, there is the Creating Your Own Short Story program. Available for grades five to twelve, the course will teach students how to brainstorm ideas for characters, settings, plots and so on. It will also provide a series of writing activities to give students the

tools necessary to create their own adventure. Weather permitting, they may even be able to go outdoors for inspiration. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. Three four day classes will be held from July 10 to 13, 17 to 20 and 24 to 27. The minimum class size is five students and the maximum is twenty. They will go from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Londonderry Middle School and be taught by Lauren Sweeney.

Younger kids hoping to expand their tech skills should fall in love with the Break the Code program. The program will be for second through fifth graders and will help students unlock the secrets of computer programming. The students will be able create their own designs, stories and games. Courses will be held from July 11 to 13 and the 18 to the 19. The minimum course size is twelve students and the maximum size is twenty-

four. They will go from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Londonderry South School and be taught by Penny Webster and Martha Miller.

For the more athletic students, there is the Ropes Course program for grades seven and eight. Whether or not they have done any sort of ropes course in PE, the students will experience low and high rope elements and spotting and belay techniques. In particular, the course will stress many character traits, such as respect, maturity, responsibility, goal setting and positive thinking. Courses will be held from July 12 to 14. The minimum course size is ten students and the maximum size is thirty.

They will go from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Londonderry Middle School and be taught by Matt Noon and Caitlyn Peters.

For the Kindergarten crowd just getting their first taste of life at school, there's Camp Kindergarten. The program is designed as a means of familiarizing incoming students to Moose Hill School. It is mandatory that any involved students be registered at the school and have physical and immunization forms on file at Moose Hill. There will be four three-day courses held from July 11 to 13 and 18 to 20, with courses being held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Noon to 2 p.m. The minimum course size

is eight students and the maximum size is twelve. The programs will be taught by Stephanie Wright.

Finally, if your child has ever shown an interest in becoming a director, there's the Crafting a Movie Trailer Using iMovie program. Available to students from grades six through eight, they will learn how to storyboard, shoot scenes with props and integrate special effects with a green screen. The program will include a field trip to Londonderry Access Center and a viewing party for the trailers on the 28th. The course will be held from July 24 to 28. The minimum course size is eight

students and the maximum size is fourteen. Classes will go from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Londonderry High School and be taught by Lydia Campos and John Beaulieu.

It should be noted that the programs carry a minimum and maximum fee. The minimum fee will be charged if the maximum class size is reached, but fewer students in each class will equal a higher fee. Registration must be received by June 2 and is first come, first served.

For more information about the programs, check Londonderry.org, Town Hall, the Leach Library, the School Main Offices and School Newsletters.

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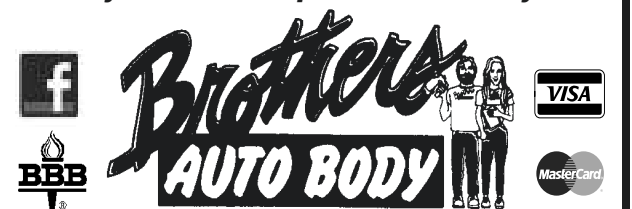
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Art in Action Takes Place This Weekend

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

"It's more than just looking at pretty pictures and objects, it's an extension of who we are as people." Barbara Scott of the Londonderry Arts Council stated. "The arts are so important. It's like music, can you imagine life without music?"

The annual Arts in Action show will be returning to Mack's Apples Farm Market this Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st from 10am to 4pm. Sponsored by the Londonderry Arts Council and Mack's Apples Farm and market, 20 artists and artisans and 4 student artists from Londonderry High School will demonstrating their mediums through oil painting, pastels, acrylic and water color, pen and ink, colored pencil, silver jewelry, wood burning and pottery.

The event will welcome several artists from surrounding communities, and will feature the work of these local artists: Susan Hanna, Paul Haigh, and Scott herself, along with LHS student artists

Eddie Feldman, Anna Lobinov, Demerst Omanovic, and Samantha Williams.

The show started out as a garden party at Londonderry Arts Council founder, Elaine Farmer's house in 2004, becoming the Art in Action show the following year. The concept was for people to be able to come and see the creation of art and be able to talk with the artist as they create their work. The event has had different venues, but during these past few years, it has become a tradition to hold it at Mack's Apples.

According to Scott, the Arts Council was created as a means to introduce art to the community, and to create awareness that there is fine art in the Southern New Hampshire area, so that locals did not have to travel all the way to Boston or Portsmouth to see fine art.

Scott also said that it has been an educational opportunity for some of the young artists at LHS, as they get a chance to experience being at an art show first-hand, and

being at the event helps to encourage them with their creative process.

Scott has been a member of the Arts Council for a little over ten years, and mentioned that currently there are only about three to four members, one of which helps remotely from Massachusetts when he can, leaving a limited staff to take on the large responsibility.

"Sadly, some of the other art shows in other areas are not running...as much," Scott explained. "Everyone wants to be in them, but not help. We need art in our lives."

Scott mentioned that anyone interested in volunteering to help the Arts Council continue their mission to keep the arts thriving in Londonderry may attend their meetings every third Monday at 7pm in the Sunnycrest Room of the Town Hall, or contact her directly.

The Arts Council also hosts events such as the Concert on the Commons and the Summer Finale, a celebration of the transi-

tion of seasons. The Finale features fine crafts and musicians throughout the day, more information will be available on this event as the date gets closer.

"What's so unique is that people are working on their crafts and explaining (their) process," Scott continued regarding Art in Action. She explained that the artists at the event will take viewers through their creative process, and patrons will get to see them working out challenges, and see that the art has "taken on life of its own."

The Art in Action show is open to the public and residents are encouraged to bring the whole family along. Admission is free, and Mack's Apples Ice Cream stand will be open for anyone looking for a sweet treat.

For more information on Art in Action and the Londonderry Arts Council, contact Barbara Scott at (603) 434-4799 or visit www.londonderryartscouncil.org/wordpress/

OBITUARY

Mary R. Souza



Mary R. Souza, 96, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 14, 2017.

She was born in Taunton, Mass, daughter to the late Francisco and Maria Camara. She moved to Londonderry, to her daughter and son-in-law's home where she has lived and was taken care of. Mary was a dedicated mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a devoted Catholic who enjoyed Mass daily. She was a loving woman who was always happy to see family members and their pets.

Mary was married in 1941 to John Souza. She later gave birth to her daughter in Lowell, Mass. John was serving in the U.S. Coast Guard before the family moved to Manchester, where her son was later born. Mary worked at Pandora in the Millyard for many years before retiring. She enjoyed frequent trips to the casino, the beach, and getting sun.

Mary leaves behind her daughter and son-in-law, Pat and James Fudala of Londonderry; her grandchildren, Christine Fudala, Lynne and Ed LaFontaine, Jonathan and Kimberly Fudala, and Ryan and Kelly Souza; great grandchildren, Nathan, Breanna, Ashley, Christopher, and Trevor; her sisters, Ms. Angelina Patenaude and Ms. Theresa Oliver of Taunton, as well as many nieces, nephews, and great-great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband John Souza, her son Danny Souza, and her brother John Camara.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to the Elliot Hospital staff for their compassion and support. Services will be held on a later date at the family's discretion. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, 6 Crystal Avenue, Derry, NH 03038. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium are assisting the family with arrangements. For more information, or to post a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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North Elementary School PTA Finish Up Flamingo Fundraiser

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Of all the places in the U.S. you would expect to see flocks of flamingos, Londonderry would probably near the bottom of your list.

But in the last couple of weeks, residents have been waking up to the rather strange phenomenon of groups of ten of the pink birds congregating on their lawn.

The reason for this odd migration? As it turns out, the flocks, which are actually a series of plastic lawn

flamingos, have been scattered across town by the North School PTA as a part of a fundraiser going on for the last couple of weeks.

Adopted by PTA Vice President Colleen Ramsey, the Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser, as it is officially titled, has been done across the country by various organizations, usually with very positive results, thus motivating Ramsey and the PTA to try it in Londonderry for the first time.

According to PTA President Kate Dahlgren, the

fundraiser works like this: armed with one hundred of the fake flamingos, PTA members have a list of addresses across town that they would visit in the dead of night. After choosing ten from the list, they would stealthily place ten of the birds onto the lawn of an unsuspecting neighbor and move onto the next house.

Upon waking up the next morning, neighbors would notice a sign alongside the birds that said "You've been flocked!", as well as an information

packet that gave the recipients one of two choices: donate \$10 to the PTA and be given the option to place the flamingos on someone else's lawn (who has not yet been flocked) or decline to make a donation, where the PTA will simply continue their normal process. Either way, the PTA would return later in the day to pick up the flamingos and continue their flocking efforts.

Dahlgren noted that the whole process went exceptionally, with almost every resident who was flocked reacting positively to the display and the PTA raising \$1000 in the span of a fortnight.

Before they could migrate back down south, however, the birds had one last job. On May 15th, students of North School arrived in the morning to see all one hundred flamingos scattered across the lawn of the school, a sort of send-off to those graduating



North School grounds were covered in Flamingos as the school's fund raising finishes.

this year and moving on to the next stage of their education.

Dahlgren seemed more than satisfied with the overall result and when asked about whether or not the PTA would continue this fundraiser in the future, she stated "we think it was a lot of fun and we'll probably try it again next year."

Water

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cuss ordinance #2016-07A, which would somewhat alleviate the current residential water ban in town that was put in place last year due to the brutal droughts. This was a continuation of a previous discussion from May 1.

Diana Mele, who has been extremely vocal in her efforts to combat negative effects to our water supply, spoke to the council about the ban. She brought up the fact that towns such as Windham have stricter bans on residential watering and believes that the

Town Council should follow their lead.

Dolan was quick to note, however, that Londonderry takes orders on drought situations from the state and could not legally enforce these restrictions outside of drought situations, hence why they wanted to begin alleviating the ban.

Regardless, Mele still argued with the council over the matter, to which the council recommended that she speak with the town attorney through the town manager.

The decision to lift the town's water was then made.

Following that, the

council got to work on the other agenda items.

- Councilors unanimously voted on a resolution to clear up the postponement of the recent 2017 town election.

- Roughly \$13,000 was designated out of the Maintenance Trust Fund for a number of projects, including fixing a transmitter at the Fire Department and toilets in several holding cells in the Police Department. The designation was approved unanimously

- An ordinance banning the withdrawal of water for public bodies of water for commercial use was also approved unanimously.

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Photo by Chris Paul

Stonehenge

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None the less, several people in attendance spoke before the council in order to speak out. Deb Paul, owner of Nutfield Publishing and an outspoken critic of the Stonehenge project, brought up a number of issues with the handling of the intersection, most of all being the traffic studies done in the area. She noted that traffic has been an issue in the area for well over a decade and she believes that the study done for the FLA's project was insufficient.

Paul believes these problems stemmed from action being taken "too

little too late" and no one taking any responsibility or being held accountable.

Other residents gave their opinions on the issue as well, including Greg Stanley, who was curious if intersections leading to highways in town have been an issue in the past, and Richard Flyer, who was not sure why the council was willing to allow these problems to occur when developers in the past have met far more resistance from the council before.

Although the council is dedicated to finding a solution to the Stonehenge dispute, growth management in Londonderry also became a focal point, as the council

wanted to educate the town on these matters so that they may avoid these situations in the future. A slideshow was played explaining the ins and outs of Growth Management Ordinances and how they would pertain to construction in the town. Furthermore, the council hopes to sponsor a series of growth management workshops in the near future so that they may be more knowledgeable going into newer issues.

The discussion ended after roughly two hours and although things did get heated, they seemed to end on a more positive tone than previous discussions over Stonehenge.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Softball Squad Wins Two Tight Ones, Then a Blowout



LHS freshman Gia Komst has stepped right up to the high school varsity softball level and made an immediate impact, and her three-hit effort against Bedford last week was pivotal. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Slim victories over Timberlane and Bedford followed by a clean blowout of Division II opponent Windham last week left the Londonderry High softball squad striding into this week

boasting an excellent 11-1 record.

Single runs in the first and fourth innings combined with the strong pitching work of Ila Brown got the Lady Lancers a 2-0 nipping of the visiting Timberlane Lady Owls from Plaistow at LHS last

Wednesday, May 10.

Londonderry only managed five hits in the victory, with five different players rapping one in getting to the solid success.

Brown held Timberlane to just six hits on the winning day for the Lady Lancers, and the pitcher helped her own cause by driving in one of the LHS runs.

The victory made the locals 9-1 on the campaign, while struggling Timberlane lost its seventh consecutive decision.

But the LHS crew had to hang on tight late to claim a 6-5 win from Bedford on the road last Friday the 12th in upping its 2017 record to a glittering 10-1.

Freshman standout Gia Komst bashed the first of her three hits on the day in the second inning - driving in a teammate in the process - in handing her squad a 1-0 lead. But the host Lady Bulldogs would vault into the lead at 2-1 on a two-run home run in the third.

Emily Nelson got the game tied for the locals

by slapping a clutch, two-out double in the top of the fifth, and 2-2 was where the score would remain until the Lady Lancers scored four more times in the top of the seventh to go up 6-2.

In that key half-inning, a lead-off double by Brown and another Komst smack got things started. Two batters later, Val Shay lifted an opposite-field single to left which scored Brown with the go-ahead run. Emily Nelson then followed with

another clutch drive - this time a two-run single - in making it a 5-2 game. And she was sent scampering home on a Katrina Rivard single moments later.

Bedford battled hard to come all the way back from its four-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh but finally failed to do so, falling 6-5.

Pitcher Andi Nelson struck out 11 batters and allowed eight hits in another winning LHS effort.

Londonderry then

pummeled Division II opponent Windham by a 7-0 tally on that opponent's home diamond on Saturday the 13th, rolling into this week at 11-1 with a three-game winning streak cooking.

And the locals hoped to continue their winning ways when they were slated to make the short trip over to Hudson to take on the host Alvirne High Lady Broncos this past Monday, May 15. But Mother Nature stepped in the way of those plans.

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Lancer Laxmen Rebound From Pinkerton Loss With Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' lacrosse squad didn't have its Beeman Trophy battle with the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros go as it would have liked early last week, but coach Sean LeBlanc's LHS laxmen rebounded nicely with consecutive wins to stay right in the heart of the Division I standings.

The Lancers had their record move to 6-3 with a 16-6 loss to the undefeated rival PA Astros in Derry last Tuesday evening, May 9.

The hosts won every quarter, leading 5-2 after one period, 8-3 at the half, and 10-4 going into a fourth quarter in which the Astros outscored their guests by a 6-2 margin.

The Lancers received three goals from Jake Holland, two from Sean Snyder,

and one from Jeff Wiedenfeld and goalie Alex Fawcett was good for nine saves.

But Londonderry returned to the winning path two days later with a 7-4 defeat of a visiting Souhegan High contingent from Amherst which came into that match with three consecutive wins.

Snyder and Merrill Neiman each potted two goals and Anthony Federico, Holland, and Wiedenfeld were all good for single markers. Fawcett bagged eight saves, Corey Hicks scooped up six ground balls, and Tyler Grant won nine of the 11 face-offs in which he participated.

The 7-3 Lancers then played host to the Exeter High Blue Hawks last Saturday the 12th and took care of business against that guest as well, tallying a 13-9 success to advance to 8-3.

It was an impressive and productive second half effort which helped LHS to the win after the locals found themselves trailing 5-4 at the half. They then outscored the Blue Hawks by a 9-4 margin in half number two.

Snyder bagged six points on five goals and an assist, Anthony Federico was good for two goals and three assists, Pete Navarro scored twice, and single goals were snagged by Dom Federico, Mike McAllister, Jake Holland, Merrill Neiman, and Nate Andrews. Face-off ace Grant won 18 of 21 draws, and keeper Fawcett contributed nine stops to the win.

The Lancers were then slated to take aim at making it three successes in a row this past Monday the 15th when were to play host to Manchester Central. But rain postponed that game.



Londonderry High sophomore lacrosse player Tom Fougere battles a Pinkerton Academy rival for possession of the elusive ball during the Lancers' lopsided loss to the undefeated Astros early last week. Photo by Chris Paul



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Lancer Baseball Crew Trips Timberlane But Bows to Bedford

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A tight victory over the Timberlane Owls followed by a blowout loss to Bedford last week brought the Londonderry High baseball team into this week contemplating its 8-6 record and where it could end up in the Division I tournament scenario with a handful of regular season games remaining.

The Lancers bounced

their 2017 record up to 8-5 with their second consecutive win in the form of a 3-1 defeat of Timberlane in Plaistow on Wednesday, May 10.

Londonderry only collected three hits in the victory, but they were enough to nab the win in large part because of more superb pitching from lefty Anthony Piriolli.

Piriolli went all seven innings allowing just five hits while striking out five

batters. His offense bagged single runs in the first, third, and seventh innings en route to the victory. The host Owls plated their one run in the third frame.

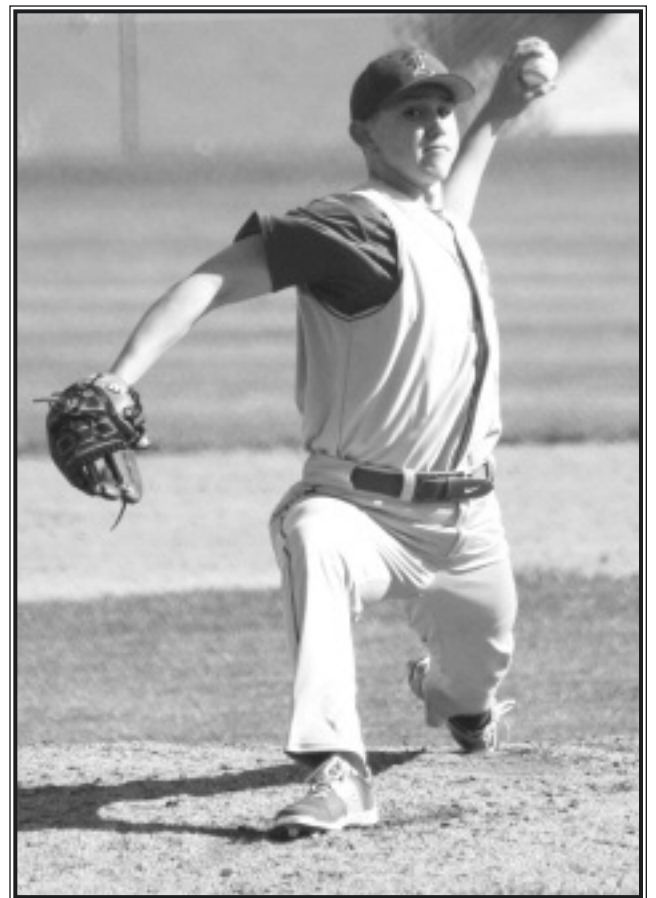
But very little went right for the Lancers on their home diamond against an extremely talented and successful Bedford bunch on the afternoon of Friday, May 12, with the visiting Bulldogs driving their record up to 10-1 with a 9-2 thrashing of their hosts.

The visitors scored once in the first, twice in the third, once more in the fourth, once again in the fifth, and once more in the sixth in tallying a 6-0 lead before Londonderry was able to answer.

The hosts scored twice in the latter half of the sixth in trimming their deficit to 6-2, but the Bulldogs made a Londonderry comeback far less likely with a three-run top of the seventh.

As was the case in its win in Plaistow a few days earlier, the Londonderry side was held to just three hits, with Nate Sullivan smacking two of those.

Coach Demas' charges were then set to stride into this week looking to return to the winning path on Monday the 15th when they were to play host to an Alvirne contingent which has been scuffling of late, but Mother Nature had other plans and she rained that game out.



Southpaw Anthony Piriolli has been a stalwart a number of times for his LHS baseball team this spring, and he excelled again against Timberlane last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Lady Lancer Tracksters Win in Hudson and Fare Well at Invite

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A victory in a dual meet at Alvirne High School in Hudson followed by a middle-of-the-pack finish at the Merrimack Invitational last week showed once again the kind of talent the Londonderry High girls' outdoor track and field team has this spring.

Longtime coach Sue Johnson's Lady Lancers outscored the host Alvirne High Lady Broncos by a

71-65 score in Hudson on Tuesday, May 9, with first place event performances being delivered by Akolam Wambu in the discus (an effort of 84 feet, 10 inches), Kiera Wright in the javelin (79'10"), Suzie Moore in the high jump (4'6"), Alivia Proulx in the 100-meter hurdles (17.8 seconds), Jess Brien in the 100-meter dash (13.3), and the team's 4x100 relay quartet (53.3).

Then at the 15-team Merrimack Invitational at Merrimack High two days

later, the Londonderry girls took eighth place overall.

None of the Lady Lancers won an individual event, but top-six finishes were delivered by Maddy Croteau (second) and Moore and Gianna DelViscovo (tied for fourth) in the pole vault, Kalin Gregoire in the 3,200-meter run (third), the 4x100 relay quartet (third), Proulx in the 110 hurdles (sixth), and Devyn Enwright in the javelin (sixth).

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Lady Lancer Lacrosse Crew Wins Two, Drops One, Hits 8-4

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' lacrosse squad sandwiched pleasing victories over Souhegan and Concord

around a lopsided loss to Bedford last week in seeing its 2017 record move to 8-4.

The Lady Lancers bagged a pretty significant victory over a strong

Souhegan squad which had yet to lose a New Hampshire match in Amherst last Tuesday, May 9.

The locals claimed a 9-7 win that day, carrying a 5-4 lead to halftime and outscoring their hosts by a 4-3 margin in the second half.

Londonderry received four goals from Emily Holland, three from Erika Tsetsilas, and single markers from Catie Derhak and Meghan Jackes. Sarah Duarte collected an assist, and goalie Kaitlyn Marchant contributed 12

saves to the big win.

That success left the Lady Lancers at 7-4 on the season, and Souhegan moved to 9-2.

But coach Scott Walden's LHS crew was dealt a downer by the Bedford High Lady Bulldogs on the road on Thursday the 11th in the form of a 16-9 defeat.

Bedford was up by four goals at 7-3 at halftime, and they went on to outscore the locals by a 9-6 tally in the second half.

Holland was good for three goals for Londonderry, Duarte scored

twice, and Jackes, Shannon Fraser, Kiersten Hoglund, Hannah Hagearty each tallied once on a losing day. Derhak and Tsetsilas each dished out one assist, and keeper Marchant collected six saves.

But the LHS crew got to enjoy a home match against the visiting Concord High Crimson Tide last Friday the 12th, and enjoy it they did.

The Tide didn't wind up being any match for the locals in a 15-4 blowout, with the hosts leading 10-3 at halftime

and then outscoring the opponent by a 5-1 margin in half number two.

Derhak was a true powerhouse for the locals, tallying seven big points on five goals and two assists. Holland added three goals and one helper, Shannon Fraser bagged a goal and a helper, Marsh scored twice, Hoglund and Duarte each scored and assisted once, Jackes scored a goal, and Hagearty dealt out one assist. Keeper Marchant made five stops her contribution for the day.

Athletes of the Week

Week of May 8

Mike Vivian, Senior, Boys' Volleyball



This talented 12th grader leads his team in assists and hitting percentage. As a team captain, he provides great leadership and poise and has been a consistent performer this entire season.

Sami Lecaroz, Senior, Girls' Lacrosse



This multi-sport standout led her Lady Lancers in ground balls with 18 and caused turnovers with eight during this span. She was a wall in one-on-one match-ups as well and paced the defense.

Londonderry High Tennis Teams Battle But Have Trouble Winning

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's boys' and girls' tennis teams both found the going pretty darn tough on May 11

and 12, with neither being able to bag victories against tough opponents despite strong efforts.

The Lady Lancers played both days, dropping a 6-3 decision to

Bishop Brady in Concord on the first and losing to Nashua North by the slim score of 5-4 in Londonderry the next. Those defeats left coach Betty Mak's bunch with a 2-10 season record.

The Lancer males were active the second day in the Gate City at Nashua North, where they dropped a slim 4-5 loss to the Titan males.

"We lost another 4-5 decision, but what an amazing match in first doubles with our new pairing of Ryan Leo and Ben Doris," said coach Janice Norwesh. "With aggressive net play and great service returns, Doris secured the game ball even though they weren't able to pull out

the win. He also showed great consistency and aggressive net play in his singles, where he was able to post one of Londonderry's singles points along with Leo and Hayes. My steady pairing in third doubles with Hayes and Galluzzo secured the only point in doubles."

Leo won 8-4 in singles, Hayes was an 8-1 victor, and Doris snared an 8-3 singles success. The doubles tandem of Galluzzo and Hayes won overwhelmingly, 8-0.

The two LHS contingents were then slated to begin this week with Monday matches against the Concord High School crews, but rainy weather postponed both of those events.

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Friends of Londonderry Rowing Slates Fundraising Events

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Friends of Londonderry Rowing organization has scheduled two special events whose profits will benefit the Londonderry High School crew team.

Friends of Londonderry Rowing, a registered non-profit 501c3 organization which supports the Londonderry High crew program, has slated a pair of self-defense clinics at The House of the Samurai in Londonderry on Wednesday, May 30 and Thursday, June 1.

The instructor will be

four-time world champion and House of Samurai sensei Jose Dimacali, with each session taking place at 7:30 p.m. Attendees can take part in each session at \$25 apiece.

"The LHS crew team is a growing club within the LHS community," said Friends of Londonderry Rowing spokesperson Carolyn Brown. "It's a co-ed program and provides athletes the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of rowing and compete against other rowing clubs across New England at various regattas throughout the spring and fall. They rely solely

on donations from local businesses and community members to offset costs."

Questions about the self-defense clinics may be directed to The House of Samurai at 434-2265 or www.traditionalkarate-nh.com, or to Friends of Londonderry Rowing at www.londonderryrowing.com.

Folks who may be interested in registering on-line can do so by going to the www.eventbrite.com website, searching for Londonderry Crew Self-Defense, and selecting the evening they wish to attend.



The House of the Samurai in Londonderry will host two self-defense clinics which will benefit the Londonderry High School crew program on May 30 and June 1. LHS crew captains got together with House of the Samurai sensei Jose Dimacali recently to promote the clinics. Pictured here from left are Anthony Scilingo, Kara Breault, sensei Dimacali, Heather Ricker, and Aidan Crowley.



Local resident Diane Boucher Spins The Wheel
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Wheel

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with the fast pace of the game and keep things moving along.

Boucher noted that meeting Pat Sajak and Vanna White were the highlights of her experience. "They were very gracious," she said of the game show celebrities. She also commended the folks working behind the scenes, and how expertly

they were able to keep things moving for people to enjoy at home.

When asked what was next on her bucket list, Boucher remarked that she was disappointed at the prospect of not being able to compete on Wheel of Fortune again, but she held out hope that one day she may spin the wheel again.

Boucher's in-laws, Bill and Eleanor, who have both since passed, were

active members of the community and faithful members of the Londonderry Senior Center. They were avid Wheel watchers and would have thoroughly enjoyed watching her

on the show!

To see Diane Boucher Spin The Wheel, tune in to WBZ Channel 4 on Thursday, May 25, from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

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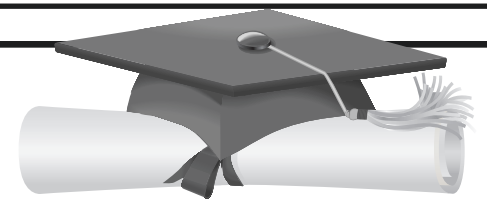
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Art in Action Show

The Art in Action show returns Saturday, and Sunday, May 20 and 21, at Mack's Apples Farm Market, 230 Mammoth Road, Londonderry from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 25 artists/artisans will demonstrate painting, fiber art, jewelry making, woodworking and pottery. This show is open to public with no admission charge.

Plant Donations Needed

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

Rail Trail Family Fun Day

Londonderry Trailways will hold its fourth annual Family Fun Day on Sat., May 20, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Londonderry North Ele-

mentary School - lower parking lot, at 19 Sanborn Road. The Rail Trail celebration is an opportunity for the community to get out and enjoy the trail. There will be activities and music on the rail trail, and free hot dogs, and drinks. Trailways will have trail maps available so residents can enjoy all of the trails in town. For more information please visit www.londonderrytrails.com.

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Annual Plant Sale

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

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Cakeless Bake Sale

Beginning May 1, the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be holding their Tenth 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. 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 box at the Library. Your gift is tax deductible.

Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Registry

The Knights of Columbus Council #6949 of St. Jude Parish will be sponsoring their annual Spring American Red Cross Blood Drive along with the Rhode Island Blood Center Marrow Typing Drive on Friday, May 19 from 1 - 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall located at 256 Mammoth

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Flea Market Fundraiser for Pets

The Greater Derry Humane Society is accepting donations for an upcoming fundraising sale 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 8am on June 17. Donors are asked to call GDHS Board member, Sue Bares, at (508) 498-7482 to find where the table is located. There is limited opportunity for items to be collected ahead of time, so those who would need 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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On Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. At Lions Hall, Rt. 128, 256 Mammoth Road, across from the Town Common. Donate your goods to the Lions. May 22, thru the Friday before the sale at the Londonderry Lions Shelter Please, no large kitchen appliances, couches, skis, air conditioners, computers or TV's, You can also rent space to sell yourself. No Early Birds Please. Call Tom in advance at 603-548-5011.

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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

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50+ League Seeks Players

The Londonderry 50-Plus Softball League is seeking men and women from the area and neighboring towns who are interested in playing during the 2017 season. Practice games are starting now at the Nelson Road fields, behind the fire station. The season is scheduled to begin during the second week of May. For more information please write to jimwards48@comcast.net

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On May 29, from Noon - 6 p.m. Post 27 Open House. 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. Prospective veterans can go to www.legion.org to view membership criteria. For more information go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ALPost27LderryNH.

"Magic of West"

"The Magic of the West: Yellowstone and Big Sky Country" will be the topic of a program by Rick Little to be presented Thursday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library. Audiences may explore the beauty of the Bighorn River region in south-central Montana, the canyons of the Missouri in central Montana, and finally the magnificence of Yellowstone National Park and the Beartooth Highway. The program is free and open to the first 90 individuals. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 432-1132.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - May 8

1:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop results in Arrest at Speedway Nashua Road. Scott Richards, 54, of Dracut, Mass. Charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor.
7:36 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Gilcreast and Nashua Roads.
8:13 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Ash Street.
10:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop results in arrest on South Road. Jenna Call, 22 of Londonderry charged with Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Suspended Registration (operating-misd) and Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

2:35 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Beech Hill Road. Roy Humes, 56, of Hudson charged on Domestic Violence - Assault
5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check results in arrest on Jack's Bridge Road. Dana Leclair, 38, of Manchester charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Possession of Drugs (in A Motor Vehicle).
5:23 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Shasta Drive.
5:25 p.m. Keeping the Peace on Meadow Drive. 9:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated at S Curve on Old Derry Road.

Tuesday - May 9

12:01 p.m. Juvenile Offenses reported at Londonderry High School.
1:44 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Pleasant Street. Jessyca Parish, 35, of North Haven, Conn. Charged with five counts of Theft, Criminal Threatening (use of Deadly Weapon) and Criminal Mischief (vandalism).
4 p.m. Medical Emergency responded to at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
4:05 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Vista Ridge Drive.
5:25 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Rail Trail.
9:23 a.m. Prowler report investigated on Hovey Road.

Wednesday - May 10

7:48 a.m. Suspicious Act-

ivity reported and services rendered Coteville Road.

12:28 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road across from Mobil.
3:24 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road.
3:42 p.m. Weapons Offenses Investigated at Superfund Site on Auburn Road.
6:34 p.m. Warrant Served, arrest made at Hudson Police Dept. William Salie, 61, of Manchester charged with Criminal Mischief (vandalism)
9:25 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on South Road.

Thursday - May 11

12:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check results in arrest at Aviation Museum on Navigator Road. Zackary Gentile, 21, of Dracut, Mass. Charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs
2:59 a.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Judy Drive.
3:22 a.m. Disturbance investigated Kendall Pond Road.
11:10 a.m. Juvenile Offenses reported at Londonderry High School
12:11 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. at Londonderry High School
1:50 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry Middle School.
4:50 p.m. Trespassing reported and services rendered on Old Derry Road.
4:53 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Whittemore Road.
6:18 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

Friday - May 12

8:25 a.m. Neighborhood Disputes reported, Peace Restored on Pendleton Lane.
2:46 p.m. Medical Emergency Transported to Hospital on Gilcreast Road at Cortland Street.
4:28 p.m. Warrant Served, arrest made on Lancaster Lane. Kyle Bostock, 19, of Manchester Charged with Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault Forcible Rape and False Imprisonment.
5:57 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept with

Transported to Hospital on Fieldstone Drive.

6:36 p.m. Domestic Disturbance, Peace Restored at Burger King on Nashua Road.
6:48 p.m. Trespassing investigated on Westminster Drive.
8:33 p.m. Building Check results in arrest on Nelson Road. Trent Lortie, 18, of Manchester charged with Criminal Trespassing.
9:07 p.m. Trespassing report results in arrest on Winterwood Drive. Ryan Klein, 36, of Manchester Charged with being a Fugitive from Justice.
10:53 p.m. Trespassing reported taken into Protective Custody on Winterwood Drive.

Saturday - May 13

11:08 a.m. Keeping the Peace on Winterwood Drive.
3:27 p.m. Weapons Offenses reported on Old Derry Road.
8:37 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Nashua Road at Derry Line. Thomas Foley, 20, Lowell, Mass. charged with Transporting Alcoholic Beverage by a Minor, Unlawful Possession and Intoxication, Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Possession of Drugs (in A Motor Vehicle).
8:42 p.m. Domestic Disturbance call results in Transport to Hospital on Hidden Meadow.
9:37 p.m. Domestic Disturbance call, Peace Restored on South Road.
10:35 p.m. Disturbance reported, peace restored at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.
11:55 p.m. Building Checked/Secured at Kendall Pond Conservation Area on South Road.

Sunday - May 14

7:51 a.m. Responded to Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
9:16 a.m. Larceny /Forgery/Fraud investigated on Chase Road.
2:45 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes reported, services rendered on Pendleton Lane.
3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated at South and Gilcreast Roads.

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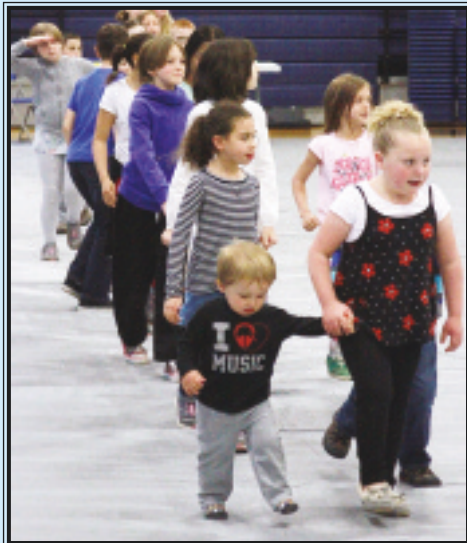
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Around Town

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celebrate the coming of summer with a Fiesta event Tuesday, May 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. In the Leach Library. Children will learn of animals of Latin America, folk tales, and some Spanish words. Each participant will leave with a colorful plush parrot to commemorate the trip. The program is open to 90 participants of all ages, registration is required. For more information, call 432-1127.

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Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in the Derry/Londonderry area in May: May 28, Lunch hosted by St. Jude Parish Community, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., will be at the Londonderry Lions Hall not the Church Parish Hall as was stated during the April meal. Call 432-3333 if you have questions. In addition, a free meal is served every weeknight at Sonshine Soup Kitchen on Crystal Avenue in Derry.

Elijah's Table

Elijah's Table, a joint project of Etz Hayim Synagogue (1-1/2 Hood Road) is offering the community a free dinner this month. The synagogue's dinner (generally a varied and hearty vegetarian meal) will be on Sun., May 21 from 5 - 6:15 p.m. For more information on free meals in the Derry area, please go to <http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com>

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