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Town Remembers Londonderry Cub Scouts Braeden Ayers and Kire Thomas laid a wreath at the grave of Verne Greeley in the Glen Wood Cemetery on Memorial Day. The Memorial Day Parade ends in the cemetery and returns to the Town Common each year. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Senior Class Sign For LHS Seen by Heritage Commission

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School (LHS) has always been one of the most distinct elements of Londonderry, especially considering its presence on Mammoth Road. One of its most notable features, the sign, has fallen into disrepair according to the school.

The LHS Class of 2018 is hoping to replace it with a more modern model, but first needed to speak with the Londonderry Heritage Commission on May 25 to discuss the details.

Introduced by Londonderry Middle School Principal Richard Zacchilli, who stood in for LHS administrators that night,

the group of Erin Donovan, Jillian Doris, Luke Cava, and Aidan Crowley made their case to the commission. The former two were advisors to the project, while the latter two were representatives from the Class of 2018.

Because of the state of the sign, the graduating class felt it appropriate to

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Superintendent Talks Facility Plans with Budget Committee

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

In addition to their usual business, the Budget Committee invited School Superintendent Scott Laliberte to provide an update on the FY2018 budget and planning for the future. With FY2018 ending at the end of June, Laliberte shared that since there were no unexpected expenses like excessive snow removal, actual spending should come in roughly as planned.

Looking ahead, the School District is in the early stages of a Facility Study to assess needs for future years. Laliberte noted that they would like to use a somewhat different approach than has

been done in the past. Until now, facility planning was almost entirely based on fire codes allowing for a certain number of students in a building with the assumption that students were in traditional classrooms.

Going forward, the School District is developing a model that includes the old method, but also factors in the needs of programs that do not fit the traditional classroom model. Examples of these programs include computer labs, arts instruction, and smaller areas for special education.

The plan is to present the new model to the School Board this Fall for their approval and use it in the next budgeting and

planning cycle. Laliberte stressed that this model would allow the School Board to make tradeoffs in a clearer way. He also looks forward to public input on the model.

Laliberte mentioned that space concerns are most acute at Moose Hill Kindergarten, so that school would get most of the initial focus in facility planning. He provided some insight on the challenge of forecasting kindergarten enrollment and some of the things the district is doing to improve the forecast.

The centerpiece of the forecast is a formula that estimates enrollment based on the birth rate in town. The model assumes

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Meeting Held in Derry to Discuss I-93 Exit 4A Project

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On Thursday night, May 24, a joint informational meeting between public officials and the public was held to discuss the I-93 Exit 4A Interchange Study, which began back in 1985. During this meeting, five updated build alternatives, the evaluation matrix, and the project schedule were presented, and many questions and concerns were presented by the public.

According to a project fact sheet provided by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and CLD|Fuss &

O'Neill, a New-England based engineering consulting firm, the purpose of the I-93 Exit 4A Project is to "reduce congestion and improve safety along NH 102, from I-93 easterly through downtown Derry and to promote economic vitality in the Derry/Londonderry area." NHDOT and CLD|Fuss & O'Neill provided information on traffic conditions during different times of the day to help prove the need for the project, showing that "Traffic is diverting to local road networks to avoid NH 102 backups," and that "Several Exit 4-

area intersections are projected to operate or near capacity in 2040, as well as the Exit 4 south-bound off-ramp."

Several other needs for the project were presented, including "Inadequate interstate access to the east of I-93 for com-

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Town Honors Veterans with Parade and Service on Memorial Day



The town of Londonderry held its annual Memorial Day parade on Monday morning. Veterans, Police, Fire, Boy and Girl Scout Troops as well as a marching bands from each of the town's schools marched down Mammoth Road to the Glen Wood Cemetery where a 21 gun salute was given and a wreath laid on the grave of Verne Greeley, a 20 year old casualty of the Vietnam War. The event ended with a service at the Town Common featuring a number of speakers.

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Conservation Reviews Central Fire Station Wetland Impacts

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The Conservation Commission discussed options for conserving property as compensation for wetland impacts from the planned expansion of Central Fire Station. When a development fills in wetland area of a certain minimum size, the Wetlands Bureau of the State Department of Environmental Services (DES) requires the developer to mitigate the loss of wetlands.

One way to mitigate the loss is to find a parcel of land in Londonderry to

conserve in place of the lost land. Through a formula established by the state based on the size and quality of the wetlands impacted, a certain number of acres of other land must be conserved. Another way to mitigate the loss is to make a cash donation to the state Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund which then disburses funds statewide based on proposals submitted by towns and conservation entities.

The Central Fire Station plan calls for filling in a 10,480 sq. ft. wetland. Much of this wet area is a

manmade pond on the property that long ago was used to fill the fire trucks with water. The town proposed to conserve another parcel in town to provide the required mitigation.

Bruce Gilday of BAG Land Consultants and Fire Chief Darren O'Brien presented their preliminary plan to the Commission. The plan calls for an expansion from four bays to six, an improved fire truck flow in and out of the station, safer access to Mammoth Road and parking in the rear. In addition, since the origi-

nal complex mock up, the plan has been modified to put the administrative part of the complex adjacent to the library to have it closer to town hall and the police department.

Gilday suggested to the Council that a 4.6-acre property at 15 Wilshire that abuts Moose Hill Orchards would be appropriate for mitigation. This property is 48% wetland and 52% upland. This property is already owned by the town though, so a conservation organization outside the Londonderry Conservation Commission would have to

hold a conservation easement on it.

Commissioners debated the merits of this property. Mike Speltz noted that since the town already owns this land there would not be a lot of value in using it for mitigation since it is already protected. Deb Lievens pointed out that while town-owned, the land is not protected from development since the town could sell off the land at some point.

Since a third-party organization would have to be involved, the town would have to pay for transaction costs and

ongoing monitoring of the property. Speltz suggested as an alternative putting a conservation restriction which is easier and less costly than an easement. Gilday promised to see if DES would entertain that option.

Speltz asked Gilday if they would be open to contributing to the purchase of another parcel in town that the Conservation Commission is exploring. Gilday was open to that idea. In the end, it was agreed to investigate the options and reconvene as soon as possible to choose one.

Londonderry School Board Begins Transitions For Next Year

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the school year starting to wind down, the School Board took time to recognize some exceptional students from the middle school who won the "What's Cool about Manufacturing?" contest. (full story on page 6) Superintendent Scott Laliberte also took a moment to recognize the "passing of the torch" for the new Student Council representative. Tyler Cullen introduced Derik Pignone, who will be continuing the work of keeping the School Board informed of

the student's point of view and giving feedback on various issues. Laliberte thanked Cullen for a wonderful year. "He put a lot of work into it this year and gave us some real good feedback," Laliberte said. "I know the Board appreciates being updated on an ongoing basis from a student's perspective."

The Board then went into deliberations to see what action they would take regarding the update on the Adult Education Grant Proposal for FY 2018-19. There are about twenty teachers that work with the adult edu-

cation program and the idea for adult education in Londonderry was brought about by Londonderry High School (LHS) principal Jason Parent in 2004. In that 14 year period, the program has helped over 600 kids get their diplomas and helped hundreds of other students get credit recovery. This was an easy decision for the School Board to make to submit the proposal to the state of New Hampshire's Department of Education for the program to be continue its funding.

The meeting wrapped

up with the Superintendent's April Enrollment Report that found the enrollment number at 4,362 students in the Londonderry School District. There has not been much change since the March Enrollment Report, which is typical for this time of year according to the Superintendent. The most significant increase over the course of the month has been in Moose Hill where the enrollment has increased by five students.

Laliberte also made a plea to the audience at home if they themselves

or know someone who is relocating out of the district. "We (the school district) would really appreciate the opportunity to know that and to work with you early," Laliberte said. Laliberte also said, "For parents of new students entering kindergarten in the fall to please contact the district office, because kindergarten reg-

istration is being done differently than it has been done in the past." The number to contact the Londonderry School District office is 603-432-6920. The more advanced notice the district gets about an incoming student, the smoother the transition to kindergarten will be for everyone.

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Editorial

Invaders in Our Midst

Are your neighbors' plants making a home in your shrubbery? Are your trees getting strangled by greenery you never bought? 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. They're a problem in our waterways as well as in our forests. 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 invasives. All it takes is ignoring an invasive's presence in one location, and soon it has taken over the neighborhood. What invasives 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.

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.

Citizens Bank Presents Building Plans to Heritage Commission

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A familiar banking branch on Nashua Road is looking to undergo several alterations. Before they go to the Planning Board for approval of the plan, the Heritage Commission needed to overview the plan as well during their latest meeting on May 24.

Representatives Karl Dubai with The Dubai Group and engineer Dennis Myers elaborated on the changes that the owners of the Citizens Bank on 42 Nashua Road have been looking to put together. The builder went to the Zoning Board of Adjustments back in January 17; seeking out variances that revolved around encroachment of right-of-ways, encroachment of perimeter green space, signage, and setbacks. Above all else, however, are the two major purposes of this build. First of all, Dubai spoke of the difficult that many have come across when navigating through

the property, as well as the issues pertaining to the positioning of the parking that only exacerbates this problem. "It is very, very frustrating to get in and out of that facility", Myers noted.

To remedy this problem, the building would see a major overhaul in two ways. First, the facility will be expanded into three offices, including not only the renovated Citizens Bank, but also a Convenient MD, and another space for a retail store. Secondly, the layout of the pavement will be altered drastically by this change, primarily focusing on two-way traffic lanes, increased parking, driveway entrances away from Michels Way, and eliminating teller windows from the new Citizens Bank, only allowing for an ATM drive thru.

Although the commission does not really have any say on the final decision of whether or not the project is approved, Dubai and Myers still came before commission

members to seek out a letter of approval that shows that the commission feels that the design of the project would not be a disservice to the history or overall appearance of Londonderry.

Myers went on to expand upon several diagrams that showed a basic idea of what the finished buildings would look like, including their colors and what kind of materials they would be using. There were some concerns over the project from commission members, including the locations of new trees that are set to be planted on the property which may block views of traffic. Another issue was whether or not the expansion of the lot would be accommodating Michels Way. The discussion still went along rather smoothly, leading the commission to give their approval of the project when the Planning Board finally looks at it sometime in the future.

Class Sign

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replace it, not only to make it look more appealing, but to also save time and effort for the groundskeepers. Due to the current shape of the sign, it is becoming more difficult to replace the lettering on it whenever it needs to be changed. The replacement would feature a digital sign with amber lettering, which would be quite similar to the signs used by Pinkerton Academy and Windham High School. It would also be protected by a password only given to a select number of LHS staff, in order to prevent tampering.

The students noted that the sign would cost roughly \$20,000, but most of the costs have already been dealt with, since seniors have managed to contribute \$15,000 through

various fundraisers and other events, while the groundskeepers also managed to come up with \$3,000. They also volunteered to remove the current sign themselves, saving the students another \$850 from the original price. Furthermore, the students argued that because of the roughly 400 to 600 annual hours spent by the groundskeepers to change the current sign's lettering, changing to a digital format would save the school \$17,000 in salary costs.

While arguing that the sign could be used to improve community connectivity, the students were also aware of the ascetic significance. This is why they presented members of the commission with rough sketch ideas for the appearance of the entire sign. It would feature brick and mortar surrounding the digital

sign. It would also kept very simple, not even featuring scrolling letters, in order to pay respect to the culture and history of Londonderry. "That's why we're not going for this big, flashing, bright, Vegas-style sign. We're going for something a little bit classier", Cava noted.

Although the commission did not seem to take issue with the change, School Board Member Steve Young did speak out from the audience to oppose the sign, if only because these types of signs are currently illegal in Londonderry. He admitted that the school board may not have to follow these rules; as they are exempt from certain rules due to state law.

The students had previously met with the Town Council as well as the school board for permission to move forward.

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Londonderry High School's Andy Soucy Celebrates Final Parade

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For 46 years, Londonderry High School Band Director Andrew Soucy has led the music program around the world with pride to perform in countless parades. This Memorial Day Parade, however, was his last, as he is retiring at the end of this school year.

Soucy grew up with music in his home and began taking lessons in sixth grade. After graduating from Keene State College at the age of 21, he landed the job as band director in 1972 when Londonderry High School was only a junior high school and never took a sick day. Now, he is proud to say that the band will have 280 members next fall.

"I'm so very thankful for this year's band and staff. They are so committed, the families are so supportive, and they are

able to bring lots of pride to the community," Soucy said. "Our band has always done more than anyone expected."

This is certainly undeniable, as the Londonderry High School band has performed in five Rose Bowl Parades, two presidential inaugurations, the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, and they regularly perform at Disney World. Soucy has clocked approximately 100,000 miles of overnight travel with the band, with their trips to China helping that number to grow quickly.

Locally, the band has performed at the Boston Celtics playoff games, New England Patriots games, Manchester Monarchs games, holiday parades, and school half-time shows. Soucy explained that he often receives more performance invitations than the band can accept, and that even after so many years,

this is a thrill.

"This program is a really positive element in our school system," he said. "They learn about showmanship, culture, and travel. Eighty percent of this year's band members were on the honor roll, and 60 percent played a sport. They look out for each other."

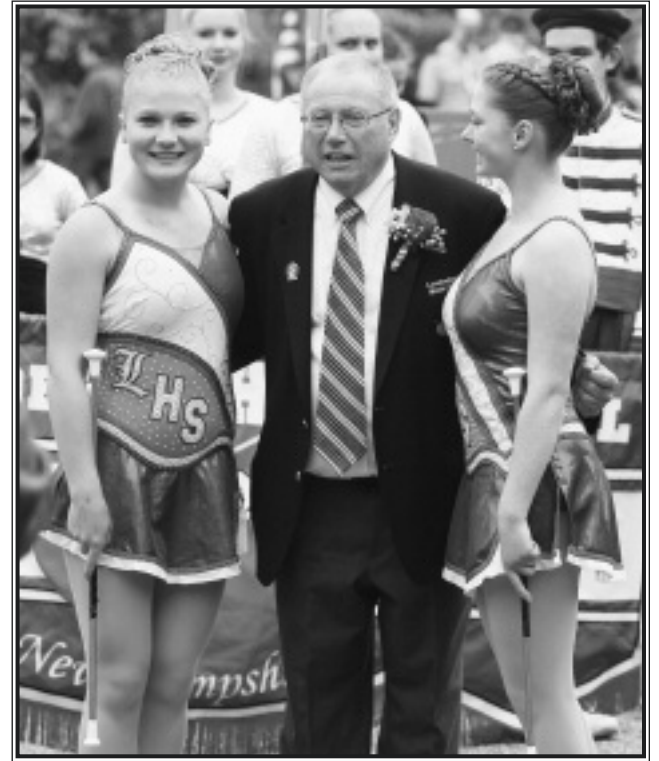
One of Soucy's favorite memories from his time at Londonderry High School is from this year. The band was chosen as the second band in the Rose Bowl Parade, immediately following the United States Marine Corps. "I was so excited, but I was so nervous to disappoint," he explained. "Our kids were awesome, though. To be the second band in the Rose Bowl Parade is huge, and I know they're going to celebrate this memory forever."

Londonderry High School Principal Jason Parent had nothing but

great things to say about his colleague and friend: "What makes him special is how genuine, kind, and humble he is," Parent said. "Andy is always able to put a smile on people's faces through his sincerely thoughtful and courteous interaction. He is one of the best individuals I have ever been around personally and professionally, and I'm proud to have spent 15 years with such a special and unique person."

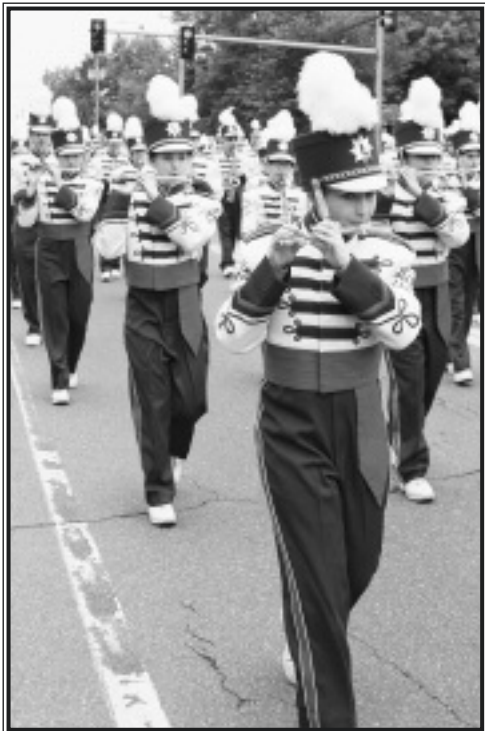
Unsurprisingly, Soucy will miss working and interacting with his students the most during his retirement. However, he plans to spend more time with his family, work on some compositions of his own, and follow his daughter's success; she will be a sophomore at Londonderry High School next year and is a member of the band.

Serge Beaulieu will be



Andy Soucy poses with Lancer Twirlers Emily Cowette and Morgan Torre after the Glen Wood Cemetery service. Photo by Chris Paul

taking over the position in the fall, and Soucy explained that he is excited about and confident in the future success of the program.



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Middle School Students Win “What’s Cool About Manufacturing?” Contest

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At their Tuesday night meeting, the School Board received a presentation from the Londonderry Middle School (LMS) media club students who recently won a state wide contested entitled “What’s Cool about Manufacturing?” The contest is sponsored by the state Department of Economy and is open to all seventh and eighth grade schools in the state of New Hampshire. The

LMS Production Team included: Ryan Fortin, Anna Gainey, Jade LeBlanc, Rory McGuirk, Hannah Muller, and Paige Witherbee. Their teachers were LMS tech teacher Carolyn Roy and LMS music teacher Donna Salviati. The basis of the contest is that a school will team up with a manufacturer in the state where they will visit the facilities and interview the various people who work within the company and answer the question, what is so

cool about manufacturing?

The students were then asked to create a three minute video in which those questions were answered. The process began for the media students back in mid-September of 2017 and wrapped up in February when the video was due for submission. This is the second year in a row that Londonderry has won this contest. Over the past three years, they have come in third, first, and first

place again respectively. The presentation done by students this year featured manufacturing company, BirdsEyeView Aerobotics located in Andover, NH. Simply put, BirdsEyeView works with drones and the company was founded by Adam and Christine Sloan.

Chairman of the School Board Jenn Ganem praised the young production team for their victory and how much they learned in the process of making the video. Students even had

fun flying some of the smaller drones at the facility. They also expressed a more in-depth desire to go even further in the world of manufacturing and learn more. Ganem said that her daughter was a part of the team that won third place three years ago and was happy to see the program grow. “I think it is very impressive and I hope that it helps you if you have an interest in manufacturing or robotics to take those next steps,” Ganem said.

Carolyn Roy expressed her gratitude for being able to work with her students. Even though the project has ended, she still sees them for lunch where they talk about various things. “A great deal of effort went into this project and I’m very proud of all of you,” Roy said to her students. She also said, “The original video was around 30 minutes, so pairing that down to three minutes was a challenge.” Roy thanked all her students for a job well done.

Eat, Drink, and Support Your Community Caregivers

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

“They said it was their highest grossing Thursday night in a long time,” said Cindy Tanuma, Executive Director of the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry regarding their fundraising efforts with Margarita’s Mexican Restaurant in Salem, NH back in 2016. “They said, ‘Please come back!’”

For the fourth year in a row, the Community Caregivers will be enlisting the help of Margarita’s for Noche Mexicana, a benefit fundraiser to assist the Caregivers in their mission to care for the elderly and disabled of the community.

The Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, located in Londonderry, enriches the lives of individuals in need of assistance and supports them in remaining independent through their compassionate volunteer community. Their free services include helping with light household chores, shopping, transportation, and companionship. The Caregivers also operates a free Loaner’s Closet, from which those in need can take and use durable medical equipment for as long as they are in need of it at no cost to them.

The fundraiser will take place on Thursday, June 7 from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Margarita’s in

Salem, located at 1 Kee-waydin Drive.

By holding the benefit on a Thursday, supporters would be less likely to have to wait in a long line to be served, Tanuma explained. She also stated the importance of holding a variety of different fundraisers to attract a variety of different supporters.

“The key is not catering to the same audience,” Tanuma said. She also mentioned that the Caregivers have held a Celtic Music concert, suiting a specific demographic’s fancies to raise funds, and plan to host a “Gambling Fundraiser” which will peak the interest of another particular crowd in July. And of course,

their famous Potter’s Bowl has been bringing those that enjoy the arts back year after year to help support the Caregivers’ efforts.

Tanuma further mentioned that Noche Mexicana would be offering healthcare professionals 40% off all entrees, as well as a \$6 House Margarita and \$3 Bud Light & Tecate after 5pm. All other folks just need to mention the name of the agency they are dining on behalf of to receive 20% off of their total bill.

Those who would like to help support the Caregivers, but will be unable to attend Noche Mexicana are welcome to visit NHGives.org to make a donation to the agency the day before the

benefit. The website will be holding a 24 hour fundraising campaign from June 6th through June 7th to connect donors with local nonprofits so that they may give their monetary support.

For those who wish to give their support in other ways, Tanuma encouraged giving something more priceless than their money their time.

“We’re always looking for volunteers,” Tanuma said. According to the Caregivers’ website, volunteers will be needed for large and small service groups for all of the towns the Caregivers service this summer, and the services of those with portable lawnmowers and weed-whackers will also

be needed next season for all towns. Specific needs for individuals in Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead and Sandown, and other towns are also listed on the website.

Tanuma added that take-out is included in the Noche Mexicana benefit, so those with early mornings ahead of them on Friday, June 8th may enjoy a night out in the comfort of their own home while supporting a wonderful cause.

For more information on the event, contact the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry at (603) 432-0877 ext 1. For further reading on the Caregivers and what they offer, and for more information on volunteer opportunities, visit www.comcaregivers.org.

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mercial and industrially zoned lands in both Derry and Londonderry," and the idea that "Heavy through-traffic in downtown Derry inhibits pedestrian appeal and business access."

After all the needs for the project were assessed, the five alternative build plans for the project - titled Alternatives A, B, C, D, and F - were presented and explained. It was expressed that Alternative A is the preferred direction for the project.

Keith Cota, the NHDOT Project Manager, explained that Alternative A, if it were to be approved, would best meet the purpose of reducing traffic in downtown Derry with its one-mile connector roadway, built on new alignment from the interchange to Folsom Road, near the intersection of North High Street and Mad-den Road. Folsom Road and Tsienneto Road would be upgraded, and the intersections would be improved to the project terminus at the intersection of Tsienneto Road and NH 102.

Moving forward with alternative Alternative A would result in 25 potential business displacements and 12 potential residential displacements. For comparison, Alternative B would result in 11 potential business relocations and 19 potential residential relocations. In terms of environmental impacts, Alternative A would impact 3.4 total acres of wetlands, while all other alternatives - other than Alternative F - impact over 3.89 acres.

The costs for Alternative A are broken down into two main categories. Since the build would span over 5.30

miles, the construction cost would be \$37,000,000, and the cost of transmission line relocation will be \$850,000. This is the lowest cost of all alternatives other than Alternative F, which has a \$4,300,000 construction cost. The total cost for the project, when all is said and done, is \$56,000,000.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act was discussed as well, as it requires federal agencies to consider effects on historic properties when planning projects with federal involvement. State Historic Preservation Officers, tribes, local governments, local historic preservation groups, local property owners, and others with a demonstrated interest in the project are encouraged to become consulting parties in order to ensure that preservation values are factored into the planning of the project. For more information on becoming a consulting party, contact Marc Laurin at MLaurin@dot.state.nh.us or Jamie Sikora at jamie.sikora@dot.gov.

Looking ahead to the future, a public informational meeting regarding Alternative A is scheduled for July of this year, the Supplemental Draft EIS will be published in early September, and a public hearing will be held in mid-September.

The discussion then moved to public comment, with Derry's State Representative, Chairman of the Environmental and Agricultural Committee, and member of Derry's Public Works Department, John O'Connor, asking if the Supplemental Draft EIS would be available online. Christopher Bean, Executive Vice President and Division Leader at CLD | Fuss & O'Neill answered, saying that when it is issued in early September of 2018, it will also be made available online.

O'Connor responded, asking how he would be able to see work in progress prior to September. Cota explained that O'Connor could see him with questions about the progress of the project.

O'Connor also asked whether or not the engineers on the project would be working toward rapidly moving forward to avoid delays in the project in the future. Cota responded "yes," saying that the current timeline will be implemented. The hope is to begin construction by the end of 2019 and complete it by 2022.

Before answering any more questions, Bean wished to make it clear that there is a 14 x 12 ft trail underpass included in Alternative A's build plan, which would give access to the north side of the rail trail.

Marge Badois, Chair of the Londonderry Conservation Commission, then asked if any of the supporting environmental studies would be made available to the public prior to the public meeting in July. Cota explained that it will be, as soon as the document is reviewed and prepared. He anticipates that it will be posted before the public hearing.

Chris Oliverio of Londonderry spoke next, saying, "It seems like we're missing a lot of the facts that you read off of your sheet that we weren't able to read on the screen, that weren't available on the table, and I'm assuming not available on the website." Bean responded, saying that everything will be available online.

"By then," Oliverio continued, "all of the decisions are made. We're going with A, and the ship has sailed on any other alternatives except for doing nothing."

Oliverio's main concerns were that acquisition, design planning, and permitting

costs have not yet been factored in. He then questioned what the cost benefit back to the community will be. "I'm trying to understand how leading traffic down 102 will lead to economic vitality. I think the only economic vitality there is the access to Pillsbury Road and the businesses they're going to build there."

"As part of the Draft EIS," Bean said, "there is a full analysis of the socioeconomic impacts, and that will include the overall expected NET increase in employment."

Cota then responded, saying that if they decide to do nothing and leave downtown Derry as it is, by 2040, the traffic will be a parking lot for hours.

Lee Hutchinson of Tsienneto Road in Derry also spoke, expressing her concerns about the visibility and accessibility of Tsienneto, especially during the winter months. "There are two curves with low to no visibility at the top of each hill, as well as down below the null that's in front of my house," she said. "You also have a significant grade going from the top of the hill and down to that null. In the wintertime, that road has been closed a number of times. Busses and cars cannot get up that hill, and it should be closed more often."

"How do you think it's okay to add thousands more cars to a road that busses and cars can't get up in the winter?" she asked.

Bean answered her question, explaining that that specific area had already been identified as an area of concern and deficiency. So, as part of the project, part of the dangerous curve will be softened, and sight distance will be improved. At the July meeting, there will be a profile that will show an exact

plan for that area.

"As anyone who lives on Tsienneto Road knows," Hutchinson continued, "you can barely get out of your driveway now. Adding thousands more cars and high-speed commercial trucks is a dangerous safety issue, particularly because we have so many Pinkerton Academy drivers using that road, as well as walking on it."

Cota agreed, saying that her observation is correct. These issues will be addressed during the next phase of Alternative A's design. "There will be heavier truck traffic," Cota explained.

However, changes to the road will be made so that it is accessible for all vehicles and pedestrians. When the project is completed, Derry will be responsible for the maintenance of the roadway.

Hutchinson continued, saying that according to Alternative A, traffic would be added to six intersections in Derry. "I'm sorry, but adding traffic to six intersections, primarily in Derry, is not a benefit. Increased traffic so that people cannot get out of their driveways is not a benefit. Taking traffic out of downtown and away from struggling businesses is not a benefit. Giving Derry no commercial tax benefit because all of the property lies in Londonderry is not a benefit." She was met by a round of applause from the public.

Cota went on to express that comments made during

the meeting would be taken into consideration going forward when making changes to the project.

Finally, Hutchinson returned to ask who the "legal watchdog" of the project will be as it gets turned over to the NHDOT. Cota responded, saying that taxpayers, elected officials, and the communities themselves are a watchdog. "The commitments that we make as part of the project through our statute requirements require us as a department to fulfill those commitments, and we will be doing that," he said. The Federal Highway Administration oversees the project and will be making sure that the investment that is being made meets the requirements previously committed to.

To close the meeting, Cota explained that for this meeting, because the project has a regional impact, a regional notification was sent out. However, for the next informational meeting in July, a notice will be given to each property along the Alternative A quarter. After that, all of the abutters along the quarter that will be impacted by the project will receive a certified notice about the public hearing in September.

For those who wish to learn more about the history of the project, view the powerpoint from the May 24 meeting, or leave feedback about the project, visit i93exit4a.com. To watch the full meeting, visit derrytv.viebit.com.

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On Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Londonderry Trailways will hold its fifth annual Rail Trail Family and Friends Fun Day, beginning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. to officially open an half-mile section of the trail, which runs north into North Londonderry. June 2 is National Trails Day, so the Rail Trail Fun Day is a great time for the community to get out and enjoy the trail. The event will be held rain or shine.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will also be held on the trail near the intersection of Rockingham and Sanborn Roads. At that intersection, a pedestrian crossing signal is currently being installed. The signal light will stop traffic in both direction while pedestrians and bicyclists safely cross Rock-

ingham Road.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, a donation will be received by Londonderry Trailways to help fund the construction of Phase 5, a beautiful one-mile section of trail which begins in North Londonderry and passes through the Little Cohas Marsh, heading towards the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

The day's festivities will be centered at the trail entrance located at the Londonderry North Elementary School lower parking lot at 19 Sanborn Road. There will be activities on the trail, music, and free food and drinks, courtesy of Stonyfield, The Red Arrow Diner, Coca-Cola of New England, and more.

Londonderry Trailways works hard year-round to maintain and extend the trails. During the winter, people can

still walk on the trails, and even cross country ski. Outside of the Rail Trail, the organization also removes snow and debris from the Adams Pond Trail and the other trails in town. The Rail Trail requires the most maintenance, though, as it has grass growing along each side of the paved pathway that must be cut. A major spring cleanup is also hosted each year in order to clean up litter and debris covered by the snow in the winter.

The idea for the Rail Trail Family and Friends Fun Day originated five years ago, when Londonderry Trailways opened its first segment of the trail, which goes from North School to the park and ride at Exit 5. The segment opened in November, so its grand opening didn't have a large turnout. In order to encourage the community to use the trail once the weather became warmer, Trailways organized this event and has been doing so each year since.

"Family Fun Day is great because we have games, and the communi-

ty really supports it. It's a nice time for people to come out and use the trail," explained Pollyann Winslow, the spokeswoman for Londonderry Trailways and coordinator of the event. She explained that last year, at least 300 people were in attendance for Rail Trail Fun Day. "The trail is now 3.7 miles long," she said, "so there could have even been more people walking the trail that we didn't see!"

The event is heavily attended by families each year, with children riding tricycles, bicycles, scooters, and being pushed by their parents in strollers. "It's a great, safe spot for kids to ride," Winslow said. "There isn't another

place like this in town."

"My favorite part of the event is seeing the kids and families who may just be getting out on their bikes for the first time this season. Lots of kids wear the cutest helmets with rabbit ears and other decorations on them," Winslow said. "When I see that, I think, 'This is why we built this.'"

The trail gives back to the community in a number of ways, from allowing those who use it to explore all different parts of the town - wooded areas, marsh, and even under the highway, to being extremely versatile for anyone who wants to use it. Those with trouble

walking on bumpy, elevated trails can walk here on a flat surface, and those who want to run or cycle long distance can do so as well.

The future of the trail is exciting, as it will be extending into both Manchester and Derry within the coming years. "We hope that the longer the trail is, the more people will go further and see more. We're part of a mindset of people that want to get outside, get exercise, and explore the outdoors," said Winslow.

For more information on Londonderry Trailways or their Rail Trail Family and Friends Fun Day, please visit www.londonderrytrails.com.

Facility Plans

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that new births lead to kindergarten enrollment five years hence. The district compares the number of births five years ago to the current year enrollment to determine the approximate ratio of births to future enrollment. By looking at data

over the years, this model predicts 240 new students for every 150 births five years ago.

Even with the model, enrollment can be unpredictable due to factors like new high-density housing and housing turnover in town as people without school aged kids sell their houses to newcomers with children.

To try to account for this uncertainty, the District works closely with the Town to understand home sale transactions. They also started including a flyer that management companies at apartment and condo complexes can hand out to new renters urging them to reach out to the District if they may have kids to enroll in the future.

Laliberte also shared that North School is getting close to full, with only one spare classroom available. He also said

that across the district it is getting to the point that adaptable space will soon be gone. Adaptable space examples include using libraries, conference rooms and teacher workrooms as classroom instructional space.

The Budget Committee asked when the School District offices would move to their new location on Kitty Hawk Drive. Laliberte said the move would happen during the week of July 4. He also expressed gratitude to the town for supporting the move to a location that provides a healthy work environment.

In other business, the Budget Committee reviewed a first draft of new guidelines for allocating the town's charitable budget to organizations that serve Londonderry residents. The hope is that the guidelines will provide a more structured, rigorous process.

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South School Recognizes Active Soldiers and Retired Veterans

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As residents of Londonderry sought to honor and respect those who served and sacrificed in the U.S. military last weekend, most will agree that it is important to show our children at a young age just how important the work of these men and women is.

In order to help them understand this, South School Elementary recently held a Memorial Day ceremony on May 25.

The ceremony was attended by the students and staff of the school, more importantly; students were encouraged to invite family members from Londonderry and nearby towns to attend the event. As a result, numerous service members were in attendance that day, giving the students a showcase of men and women from all branches of the military

that defended the freedoms they have. Principal Linda Boyd noted that the ceremony has been going on for over a decade. Following the death of Londonderry resident Peter Sohm, a member of the Air Force, in 2011; Boyd felt the need to ramp up the ceremony, allowing the children to invite veterans in their families and giving these soldiers the chance to connect with students, wanting to help the students understand what it means to serve.

The ceremony had the veterans, staff and other attendees seated along the outer area of the gym, students sat in the middle, surrounding a circular area where several guest speakers would stand and give their thoughts on what Memorial Day meant to them. The students were not simply there to observe, as many members of the student body sang and performed a

number of patriotic songs to honor the veterans in attendance.

The ceremony kicked off with the school's marching band parading into and around the gym while carrying the school banner and playing "When The Saints Come Marching In". The school chorus sang the anthems of all five branches, with veterans of each branch standing when their branch's anthem was played. Members of all five grades sang more songs throughout the ceremony, such as the first graders singing 'Grand Old Flag' and the fourth graders singing 'America the Beautiful'.

Guest speakers spoke throughout the ceremony as well, starting with Retired Air Force Sergeant John Webster.

After thanking and commending South School staff for the ceremony, Webster reminded the students in attendance that

regardless of what branch a soldier hails from, they are all equally important in the task of defending America. Also being an artist, he showcased a lunchbox that he had painted to pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 before donating it to the school. "Being a veteran is simply being a part of a team", Webster noted.

Sergeant First Class Michael Owens of the U.S. Army National Guard, noted how he did not always fully understand the purpose of Memorial Day, but soon realized it as he grew up, which is what motivated him to join the National Guard. Finally, United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Cadet Joseph Gagnon spoke to the students about what motivated him to join the military. He went on to tell those in attendance that the contributions and recognition that they give



South School Principal Linda Boyd thanks John Webster for a gift he presented the school during its annual Memorial Day ceremony.

to soldiers are incredibly meaningful to servicemen and women and help to give them a reason to serve. "I want you guys to know that what you are doing is huge", Gagnon stated. Once the ceremony

had finished, the students were asked to return to their classes silently out of respect for the veterans, both living and dead, while former South School student Brendan Morrison played "Taps".

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North School Helps in Ending Child Poverty One Nose At A Time

GABBY GUERARD
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A crowd of hundreds paraded through the hallways, singing along to music echoing from the speaker system and bouncing off the walls. Students and staff together formed a sea of red shirts and smiles. Although each person was uniquely different, for one day, they were equally united by a single characteristic: a bright, round, red nose.

This was the scene of North Elementary School, Thursday, May 24, as it hosted its first annual Red Nose Day. The event, sponsored by the student council, was a fundraiser to help end child poverty.

The Bear's goal was simple: for every North School staff member and student to have a red nose, resulting in a \$516 donation. Not only did they accomplish their goal, they doubled it, with

a total of over \$1,000.

But Red Nose Day is much larger than the efforts of just one school; it is a global movement to help end child poverty, and has been actively engaged for years. The fundraising campaign, run by the non-profit organization Comic Relief Inc., began in the UK in 1988 and has since raised a total of over \$1 billion globally. Red Nose Day was launched in the US by 2015 and in just three years, has contributed over \$100 million to that total, providing help to 800 million children.

As the organization continues to grow throughout the US, the idea was brought to North School by the members of its student council.

"They brainstormed ideas that they wanted to do and this was one of them, because they wanted to help fight childhood poverty," explained stu-

dent council advisor Toni Carballeira. "We've been doing fundraising all year for different events but they really wanted to end the year with this one."

This cause is one that resonates with the student population. Given their young age, students are especially conscious of the fact that child poverty directly affects their peers. Of the 15.5 million children in the US living in poverty, 265,000 live in N.H.

"It is a big problem in the world, and we want to help end child poverty, so that we're never in it," said student council member Avik Singh.

The student leaders devoted a lot of time and effort into planning the event, but it paid off. The hundreds of red noses donned by everyone from students, to teachers, to office staff, to even crossing guards, were all donated to the school. Without

needing to purchase the noses, this meant that 100 percent of the money raised was donated to the Red Nose Day organization, an aspect that left the students thrilled.

"We doubled our goal!" exclaimed student council member Ryan Palmer. "It's for a great cause, so it's really nice to see."

The passions of the student council members ran deep during event. They all led the school by not only wearing red noses and red shirts, but also adding bright red curly wigs.

"I thought that it would just add to the fun of Red Nose Day," explained Singh, who came up with the idea.

This simple addition embodied exactly what Red Nose Day represents. Because poverty is composed of many issues, such as shelter, food, education, safety, vaccines, water, medical services,



Members of the North Elementary School Student Council make their way through the hallways on Red Nose Day. Photo by Chris Paul

and gender equality, the non-profit relies on the simplicity of a red nose to help make the concept easier to understand. According to the organization, "Simple yet power-

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Lady Lancer Softball Squad Winds Up Blistering Hot

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's time to ask that question again. Is this the year that the Londonderry High softball squad claims the first state championship in its program's history?

LHS has had many extremely good teams since the program's in-

ception in the late 1970's, but perhaps none better than the one which long-time coach Wayne MacDougall has fielded this spring.

MacDougall's 2018 mob finished up its regular season last week with a pretty astounding 18-1 record, having won no less than 17 consecutive

contests.

Consecutive wins numbers 16 and 17 came last week against Manchester Memorial and Nashua North, and the Lady Lancers headed into the state tourney with a truly massive head of steam.

The locals kept their winning ways rolling forward last Wednesday, May 23, with a big 10-3 trouncing of the host Manchester Memorial Lady Crusaders on that opponent's home field in Saint Anthony's Park in the Queen City.

"The offensive spark came from my number nine hitter Miranda Galan, who launched two home runs," said proud coach MacDougall. "The big blast was a three-run homer turning a 3-1 deficit into a 4-3 lead that we did not relinquish. We scored five (runs) in the seventh to ice it."

Along with Galan's offensive heroics, the Lancers received three hits from Cassidy Raza and two hits and two runs batted in from Ila Brown.

Lefty pitcher Nina Perry got the start against the scuffling Memorial mob and did fairly well.

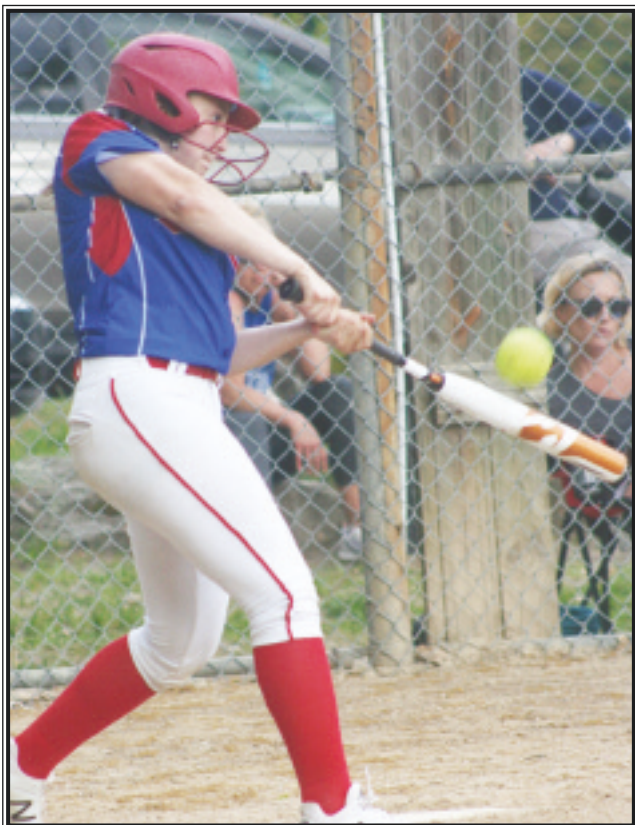
"She went 4 1/3 before I brought in (star hurler) Ila to finish," said MacDougall. "We were up 5-3 and Memorial had a runner on third with one out and she pitched out of it. She struck out 7 of 10 that she faced."

The LHS crew - which got the top tourney seed - capped off its regular season with a 7-2 trouncing of Nashua North in Londonderry on Friday May 25, with Emily Nelson thumping a three-run homer and Raza hammering four hits in four trips to the dish. Sarah Fawcett contributed two safeties, including a solo homer,



LHS catcher Emily Nelson frames a pitch for the ump during the Memorial game.

and star hurler Brown holding the Titans to six bagged another win by hits while striking out 11.



Londonderry's Gia Komst makes rock-solid contact with the ball during her team's recent win over Manchester Memorial. Photos by Chris Pantazis

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Lancer Track Squads Get Some Standout Efforts at D-I Finals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Neither of Londonderry High School's outdoor track and field squads was able to manage a top-three team finish - as was so often the case in years past - at the Division I championship meet at Merrimack High School last Friday, May 25.

But that certainly didn't mean that no Lancer males or Lady Lancers stood out of the huge crowds of competitors there that day. Au contraire.

Coach Matt Smith's Lancer guys had star weight events competitor Patrick Hagearty win two events, and Lady Lancers' longtime mentor Sue Johnson saw her crew bag victories in one of the relays and the pole vault as well.

BOYS

The Pinkerton Acade-

my Astros repeated as D-I champions by notching some 121 points to easily outdistance the runner-up contingent from Concord (94) as well as the other 15 competing teams. Londonderry placed near the middle of the pack, in ninth, with 22 points.

Lancers' junior standout Hagearty proved unbeatable in the shot put with a performance of 49 feet, 8 3/4 inches and in the discus with an effort of 155 feet.

Londonderry also got a point from Jared Barton with his sixth place in the discus (125'9") and from Will Heenan with his sixth in the 1,600-meter run (4 minutes, 30.92 seconds).

GIRLS

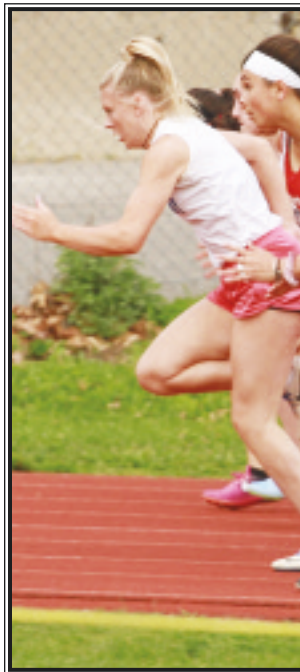
The Exeter High Lady Blackbirds ended the Bedford High girls' long, five-year run of state titles by winning with a total of 109 points. Nashua South was a close second (103) with

Pinkerton third (66) and Londonderry's Lady Lancers a very respectable sixth (30) out of 17 competing squads.

The Lady Lancers received yet another stellar effort in the pole vault from junior Suzie Moore, whose performance of 10 feet made her a state champion.

Senior Jessica Brien was also a power for her LHS crew, helping her side to some 17 points on the day. Brien was a member of the Londonderry 4x100 relay squad along with Brittany Fernandez, Ashley Griffin, and Kaylie Longua which took a first place with its time of 49.77 seconds.

Brien also bagged six points with her third place in the 200-meter dash (26.51) and worked with her 4x400 relay teammates Jasmine Brown, Gillian Vilela, and Longua for a sixth place and one



Kaylie Longua worked with LHS teammates on several relay successes.



Weight events standout Patrick Hagearty proved unbeatable in both the discus and the shot put at the D-I finals last week. Photos by Chris Paul

more point (4:13.81).

The locals also got a fifth place from Akolam Wambu in the discus (93'3") and a sixth from Seana Kelly in the 100-

meter hurdles (17.26).

Londonderry's top competitors will next test their mettle against the very best track and field athletes in all of the Gran-

ite State at the Meet of Champions right back there at Merrimack High School this Saturday, June 2. Champs aim to continue to be champs.

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LHS Lancer Laxmen Finish Off Their Regular Season Strong

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' lacrosse team ended its 2018 regular season pretty darn warm last week, having won six of its last seven matches and some five in a row.

Consecutive win number five came in the form of a 7-3 road success in Hanover last Thursday, May 24, leaving first-year varsity coach Roger

Sampson's team with the fifth seed in the forthcoming Division I tournament thanks to its excellent 11-6 record. Sampson's squad will play the number four Bedford High Bulldogs in Bedford in Division I quarterfinal-round tournament action this coming Saturday, June 2 at 5 p.m.

In the victory over 7-10 Hanover, Londonderry raced out to a 3-1 lead in the first period. The

locals led 4-1 at the half and 5-2 after three quarters on the way to the 7-3 success. The Lancers zipped some 18 total shots on Marauders' goalie Mason Winter.

The victorious LHS crew had Anthony Federico equal Hanover's offensive output by scoring three times himself. Jeff Wiedenfeld tallied three points on two goals and an assist, Jake Holland collected a goal and a

helper, and Aidan Dennis bagged the other Londonderry goal.

Goalie Ross Carroll made seven saves to contribute to the victory.

Coach Sampson and his charges then learned this past Tuesday afternoon that they'd earned the fifth seed in D-I and would face off against fourth-ranked Bedford on the Bulldogs' field in first-round tourney play this Saturday at 5 p.m.



Junior standout Anthony Federico and the Lancer laxmen play a tourney match at Bedford Saturday.

Ex-Lancers Played in the Division III Baseball World Series

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Former Londonderry High baseball players Nick Musto and Jonny Meskell and their college teammates rose to the heights of playing in the 2018 National Junior College Athletic Association Division III World Series in Tennessee this past weekend.

Musto and Meskell had made significant contributions to the successes of the Northern Essex Community College hardball squad from Haverhill, Mass. this spring, and those successes recently included dramatic Region 21 and District F championships which garnered them the trip to the world



Jonny Meskell



Nick Musto

series in Greenville, Tenn.

The Northern Essex squad played its first game the national tournament Saturday, May 26, and took a 10-2 loss on the chin from the Tyler Junior College contingent from Tyler, Texas.

The next night the Knights battled with the

Saint Cloud Technical Community College crew from Minnesota - and rainy weather delayed action - and played quite late into the night before dropping a 12-7 decision.

Lefty pitcher Musto made a relief appearance in the seventh inning of that latter game.

The two LHS grads, who both played for coach Brent Demas' 2014 Division I state title-winning Lancer crew, helped their Northern Essex Knights post a 26-14 record in their first 40 contests to reach the series.

Sophomore pitcher Musto toed the rubber in 10 games for the Knights through the initial 40 contests, posting a 4-2 record and hurling some 27 1/3 innings as his team won the right to head to Ten-

nessee.

Freshman infielder Meskell saw action in 21 games, hitting at a .269 clip with 12 runs batted in and 17 runs scored.

The Knights played in the Region 21 championships over Mother's Day weekend and bested three opponents, and those successes included an extra-inning victory over Quinsigamond in which lefty Musto pitched two superb innings of relief - under high-pres-

sure conditions - with the score knotted up at 4-4.

The regional tourney win marked the sixth straight time the Knights have bagged that regional title.

The following weekend the Knights had to beat a familiar Suffolk County, NY contingent not once but twice to advance to the world series, and they managed that feat in a 9-0 shutout and then a come-backing 7-5 victory.

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Red-Hot LHS Baseball Squad Busts Into Tourney on a Winning Streak

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Every coach in every sport wants their team to be playing its best going into post-season play. And that's why if you see Londonderry High baseball coach Brent Demas these days he'll no doubt be wearing a grin.

After waging a losing battle with consistency through its first 10 games

this season - posting a sub-par 3-7 record - the Lancers caught fire and carried the accompanying heat to a 9-1 record through their next 10 games en route to a 12-8 regular season record and the sixth seed in the forthcoming Division I playoffs.

The Lancers won their sixth and seventh consecutive contests last week to end the regular cam-

paign feeling good about themselves with the first round of the tourney in the offing this Thursday, May 31.

The senior-heavy LHS squad received an superb one-hit pitching performance from senior southpaw Anthony Pirolli in a 6-0 senior night blanking of the visiting Manchester Memorial Crusaders last Wednesday, May 23.

"We have 12 young men playing their last season in high school and are very proud of them," said Demas. "It's fitting that the win today was due in large part to the seniors taking charge and dominating."

Pirolli had a no-hitter

going into the seventh inning, and he was rolling.

"He had his pitches working and controlling both sides of the plate all day," said the coach. "With one out a Memorial batter fisted a bloop single into shallow center field to break up the (no-hit) bid. Pirolli didn't miss a beat as he proceeded to secure the last two outs. It was a masterful performance and his third straight great start."

At the plate, the victorious locals had Dakota Johnson knock the hit which broke the game open when he laced a two-run single in the sixth. Nate Sullivan tallied two hits, as did Jake

Bolduc.

"Offensively it was a team effort and one the boys continue to build on," added Demas.

And the locals capped off their stellar regular season-ending run by knocking off Nashua North by a 9-4 tally in the Gate City last Friday the 25th.

In that game, Londonderry received a fine pitching performance from Reece Manor (five innings, two earned runs, four strikeouts) with Johnson coming on to add to the Lancer bullpen's run of scoreless innings, which now sits at 15.

With their bats in

hand, the locals rapped out a lucky 13 hits with Sullivan, Anthony Ferraro, and Manor all lacing three. Sullivan also scored three runs and Manor, Ferraro, and Andy Ross each drove in two teammates apiece.

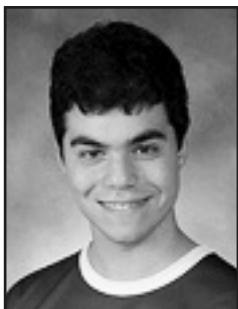
"Overall it was a great team win, and something to keep building on," said Demas. "It looks like we will be playing number 11 Keene at home on Thursday."

In the lone meeting between those two squads the Lancers absolutely pummeled the Keen Blackbirds by a 9-2 tally in Keene. That was Londonderry's fifth straight win.

Athletes of the Week

Week of May 21

Brandon Morani,
Sophomore,
Unified Track



This spirited young athlete has been a successful contributor in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes. He always has something positive to say to others and is a great teammate.

Jenna Bean,
Sophomore,
Unified Track



Soft-spoken but determined, Jenna is always running to beat her personal best in the 100-meter dash. She is a great teammate and supportive of everyone.

Student Athletes Supplied by Athletic Department

LHS Volleyball Crew Keeps Battling as the 2018 Season's End Nears

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While the 2018 season certainly hasn't been quite as successful as the Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad and its first-year coach Jon Buatti would have liked, the Lancers have continued to show all kinds of fight right to the end.

The locals were dealt their third consecutive 3-2 defeat by an opponent in falling to 2-13 on the campaign at LHS last

Wednesday, May 23. The opponent that night was the visiting Souhegan High Sabers' crew, which brought an end to its own seven-game losing skid in becoming 4-10 on the season.

The Sabers won game one by a 25-23 score, but Londonderry responded for a 25-17 victory in game two. Souhegan regained the match lead by taking set three in a 28-26 battle, but the Lancers evened the match score at 2-2 by tak-

ing a 25-18 win in game four. But the visitors decided the match in their favor by taking a 15-7 decision in tie-breaking game five.

The hosts ended up receiving a big 15 kills from James Buttafuoco and 10 service points and 10 assists from Patrick Cohen.

The Lancers can certainly take pride in taking three straight opponents to five games and exhibiting the determination and fight which any coach wants to see from

his charges.

Coach Buatti's bunch then brought its season to a close this Tuesday, May 29 - after Londonderry Times press time - with a road match against an 11-4 Windham contingent which had been dealt consecutive defeats by the defending Division I champions from Timberlane Regional of Plaistow and the Salem High Blue Devils.

Although it won't earn a tourney berth, Buatti's bunch has surely grown.

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Lady Lancer Lacrosse Crew Wins Two of its Last Three Matches

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' lacrosse squad had its up-and-down 2018 regular season end on something of a high note with victories in two of its last three matches.

The Lady Lancers - who wound up with a final regular season record of 7-11 - sandwiched victories over Nashua South and Salem around a loss to the Hanover High Lady Marauders.

Coach Scott Walden's LHS warriors downed

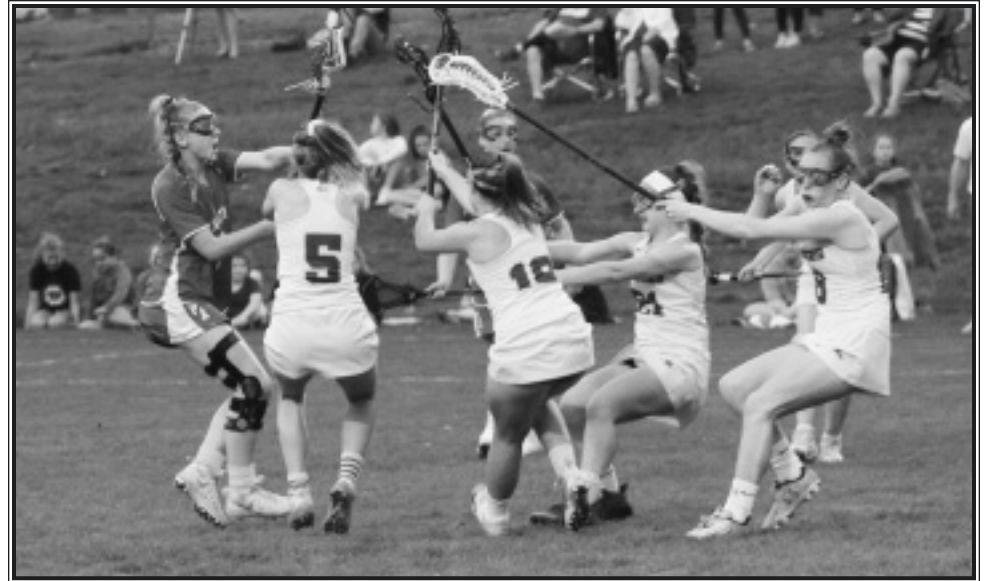
Nashua South's Lady Purple Panthers by a 9-5 tally in Londonderry on Tuesday, May 22, with Catie Derhak scoring three times, Allie Marsh and Kaitlyn Nartiff tallying twice, and Maddy Walden and Jenna Stowell each potting one shot. Shannon Fraser, Marsh, and Derhak each dealt out one assist, and goalie Hannah Paradis contributed some eight saves to her team's pleasing success.

The Lady Lancers didn't have the same level of success the next afternoon way out in Hanover,

where they were bested by their hosts by an 11-7 margin.

And the LHS laxers completed their regular season at Salem High on Friday, May 25 where they absolutely pummeled the host Lady Blue Devils by a 14-2 tally. The Salem squad finished its campaign having won just one match.

The LHS crew finished up eighth in Division I and then had to face number one Pinkerton in Derry in quarterfinal tourney play Wednesday, after Nutfield News press time.



The LHS girls lacrosse team will need to best the Pinkerton Astros in the first round of the Division I playoffs.

Competing for a Cause: 49th Special Olympic Games at UNH

GABBY GUERARD
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After ten weeks of practices, training, and preparation, nearly 800 athletes throughout the state will assemble at the University of New Hampshire (UNH), with their eyes locked on winning gold. Although the competitors will face off against one other during the events, together, they fight against a much bigger opponent: inactivity, injustice, and intolerance.

The 49 Annual Special Olympics New Hampshire State Summer Games will embody this powerful spirit, held Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2. Athletes will have the opportunity to compete in a variety of events, such as athletics, bocce, equestrian, powerlifting, sprint triathlon, and swimming.

Opening Ceremonies will take place at Wildcat

Stadium, Friday at 7:30 p.m. During this time, athletes will be highlighted, the "Flame of Hope" will arrive to ignite the cauldron, and all will be treated to a cruiser parade and fireworks display. Admission is free to the public.

The local community, comprised of Londonderry, Derry, Chester, Hampstead, and Sandown, will be thoroughly represented by 44 athletes competing in athletics, powerlifting, or swimming. Included are brothers Neal and Cory Remillard of Derry, who will compete in swimming and powerlifting, respectively.

Cory is a fierce competitor, who is considered one of the best in the state. As a veteran powerlifter, he is one of only 36 athletes to have been chosen to join Team New Hampshire at the upcoming Special Olympics USA Games, held from July 1

to 6 in Seattle, Washington. However before trekking across the country, he'll get to compete in Durham, surrounded by the familiar faces of his community.

To support Cory, Neal, and all the local athletes, there are a few ways to get involved. One option is to attend the games at UNH, located at 145 Main Street, Durham, and cheer on the athletes competing. Another way to help is registering as a volunteer for the event.

The Games will depend on the help of more than 1,000 volunteers spread among all aspects, including: timing races, serving food, taking pictures of the event, and handing out awards. The event, which is run by Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH), is still looking for volunteers to help on both days. Further information to sign

up can be found at www.sonh.org.

As an accredited program of Special Olympics International (SOI), SONH is part of an international global movement that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. The mechanism behind this movement: athletics.

According to its website, SONH believes that, "Sports are a powerful

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The schedule for the various events is as follows: Athletics will take place at Wildcat Stadium & Bremner Field from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. Aquatics will be held at Swasey Pool from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, then 10:30 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. Saturday. Bocce will take place at Bremner Field from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, then 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Equestrian will be held at Light Horse Barn from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday. Powerlifting will take place at Jerry Azumah Performance Center from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday. Sprint Triathlon will start at UNH Campus Recreation Outdoor Pool at 6 p.m. and end at Wildcat Stadium by 7:30 p.m. Results for all events will be available at www.sonh.org.



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Additionally: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Blessing of Bikes

Londonderry United Methodist Church, blessing of the Bikes! Saturday June 2, at the Londonderry United Methodist Church 258 Mammoth Road, 8:30 a.m. Folks arrive for Breakfast Youth Group Fundraiser "Free will donation", the Blessing of the will start at 10 a.m. Bikes can head out for the day. Mark your calendar for this very special event. Wear your usual cycle clothing and bring your motorcycle, bike, skates, Segway or scooter. Pastor Amy will say a few kind words and then sprinkle our bikes with a prayer! There will be a moment of silence to remember those cyclists we've lost in the past year and a chance for everyone to honk their horns and ring their bells in celebration of all types of cycling, and we're gone. Please note that this event is meant to be wonderful but BRIEF, if you are even a little late, you'll miss it!

Derry Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club will be having its monthly meeting on June 8, at Maple Hill Gardens at 117 Ridge Road, Hollis, N.H. at 10 a.m. The meeting will start with a guided educational tour of the gardens that are part of the Beaver Brook Association. The business meeting

will be held in their barn where members can enjoy the bag lunches they brought with them. New potential members are welcome to attend.

Musquash Cellar Holes

On Saturday, June 9, 9:30 a.m. join the Londonderry Historical Society as we take our 2nd Musquash Cellar Hole Walk with tour guide/Musquash historian David J. Ellis on Saturday, June 9, 9:30 a.m. We'll be visiting more interesting former farm and home sites and learning about the families who once lived there. Dr. Ellis is the author of "Cellar Holes, Roads and Features in the Musquash" and continues his historical research on sites in and around the Musquash Conservation Area. We'll meet at the Musquash's Rolling Ridge Road Trail Head at the end of Rolling Ridge Road in Londonderry; expect it to take 2 hours for walking, discussions and exploring the sites. Good walking shoes are recommended, but remember to dress for the weather and surroundings, use bug & tick spray, and to bring a water bottle. A snack will be provided. We look forward to seeing you again! NOTE: Rain date Sunday, June 10, 9:30 a.m. Please check the Londonderry Historical Society's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety

book.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety for weather updates and for more information.

Derry Fun Night

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is held the second Friday night of each month, June 9, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar. September 7, 2018- Running a real trolley car

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Seniors Trip

Third Hampstead Seniors trip, will be going for a ride on the mail boat in Maine. Lunch will be on your own at the DiMillo's Floating Restaurant in Portland Maine. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27. The bus will be leaving St. Anne's parking lot 8 a.m. Sign up for the trip will be on Wednesday, June 13, at the Meeting House, 20 Emerson Avenue. Signup will be 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. The trip is cash only payable at the sign up and the cost per person is \$15 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Hampstead Seniors are given first choice and all others are placed on a waiting list. Proof of residency is required and age restriction is 62 years or older. For more information please call 603-489-1664.

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 renew-calvary@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 public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. 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.

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 Kennery 434-9624.

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 center, 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

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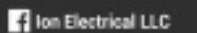


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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - May 21

2:51 a.m. Domestic disturbance reported on Elwood Road.

8:04 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

11:11 a.m. Services rendered for juvenile Offenses at Londonderry Middle School.

12 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

1:17 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Ash Street.

2:09 p.m. Three motor vehicles involved in accident on Mammoth Road.

3:20 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated at Hickory Woods Condominiums on Tavern Hill Road.

8:30 p.m. Four officers respond to disturbance which results in transport to hospital on Otterson Road.

9:07 p.m. Missing person investigated on Victoria Drive.

9:27 p.m. Peace restored after Juvenile Offenses on Falcon Road.

Tuesday - May 22

12:11 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on High Range Road.

7:32 a.m. Services rendered for juvenile offenses on Oakridge Drive.

12:16 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital from Lorraine Drive.

12:47 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Whittemore Road.

4:24 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:50 p.m. Motor vehicle check results in arrest at Burger King on Nashua Road.

Jeffrey Beliveau, 42, of Auburn charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Possession of Drugs (in A Motor Vehicle).
5:07 p.m. Keeping the peace on Fairway Road.

Wednesday - May 23

1:38 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Hall Road.

1:54 p.m. Recovered stolen motor vehicle on Cen-

tral Street.

6:47 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. and made arrest at Convenience Plus Londonderry on Rockingham Road.

7:14 a.m. Services rendered for domestic disturbance on Holly Lane.

8:11 a.m. Services rendered for juvenile offenses on Crestview Circle.

8:31 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Justin Circle.

2:20 p.m. Keeping the peace on Wilson Road.

5:20 p.m. Three officers assist Londonderry Fire Dept. and made Arrest on Pinyon Place. Bonnie Fritschy, 54, of Londonderry charged with Stalking,

Thursday - May 24

12:04 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Mammoth Road at Saint Judes Church.

7:25 a.m. Motor vehicle complaint results in arrest at Nutfield Country Store on Shasta Drive. Gloria Rossignol Santos, 51, of Londonderry charged

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ed with Endangering Welfare of Child/incompetent, Driving After Revocation or Suspension and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated.

11:40 a.m. Suspicious activity reported on Liberty Drive at Rail Trail.

11:53 a.m. Services rendered suspicious activity on Meetinghouse Drive.

12:05 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Orchard View Drive at GNC.

2:34 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Hardy Road at Pillsbury Road.

4:55 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Fairway Road.

6:01 p.m. Services rendered for trespassing Bayberry Lane.

6:36 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Baldwin Street, Haverhill, Mass. Sean Odowd, 49, of Haverhill, Mass. charged with Theft/Shoplifting.

Friday - May 25

2:19 a.m. Medical emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:49 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Longwood Avenue.

11:11 a.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Bartley Hill Road.

12:09 p.m. Criminal threatening investigated on Grove Street

2:26 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Litchfield Road.

3:14 p.m. Trespassing investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

4:09 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:58 p.m. Domestic disturbance investigated on Pinyon Place.

5:20 p.m. Overdose results in transport to hospital from Mcallister Drive.

6:51 p.m. Services rendered for drug offenses on Hardy Road.

8:40 p.m. Motor vehicle check results in arrests made on Independence Drive at Concrete Systems Inc. David Dooley, 18, and Ryan Girard, 19, of Londonderry charged with Theft.

9:33 p.m. Domestic disturbance investigated on Lorraine Drive.

Saturday - May 26

11:07 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Shasta Drive at Nutfield Country Store.

3:34 p.m. Fireworks complaint warning issued on Judy Drive.

3:49 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:56 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Catamount Road.

6:42 p.m. Six officers assist other police department with investigation at Derry Plaza on Nashua Road.

9:15 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Abbey Road.

Sunday - May 27

12:01 p.m. Services rendered for wires down on South Road.

7:38 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital from Nashua Road at Papa Gino's.

10:49 p.m. Drug offenses investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

Pets and Vets To Be Celebrated

NOELLE TARDIFF
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Saturday, June 2, the Greater Derry Humane Society and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Derry (VFW) will join together for a night of music, food, and drinks at its first ever Pets and Vets event. The event will be located at the VFW Post Hall, at 18 Railroad Avenue in Derry, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. There is a cover charge of \$15 per person, and admission will be on a first come, first serve basis for adults 21 years and older.

Food and drinks will be available to purchase at the event, and all proceeds from the night will be split between the Humane Society and the VFW. The VFW Auxiliary will serve food throughout the night as well, and entertainment will be provided by local, well-known bands.

Savoir Faire, an indie jazz band that will be

playing at the event, has also played at venues throughout New England, including Boston's Hard Rock Cafe. Sonic Blitze, a rock band, has also done various shows throughout the area.

Greater Derry Humane Society board member, Pam Michael, is especially excited to hear the bands perform, as her two twin daughters are both members of Savoir Faire. Both daughters have professions in Boston and perform in addition to performing together. Michael's friend is also the bass guitarist of Sonic Blitze.

"This is our first time teaming up with the VFW for this event, but we think it'll be a big hit," Michael explained. "I'm excited to see the organizations working together."

Everyone who helped to plan the event did so as a volunteer, and even the Humane Society's board is made up completely of volunteers. "Our volunteers do everything from designing graphics, becoming fosters for pets,

and organizing events like these," Michael said.

In addition to hosting fundraisers and events like Pets and Vets, the Humane Society is always looking for volunteers — especially fosters for cats and dogs. "It's a very rewarding experience," said Michael, "and we do it so that we can save lives and help pets have a second chance at life." For those interested in becoming a foster for pets, visit derryhumanesociety.com/home.html and fill out the application for fostering. The same can be done if you are interested in adopting.

Both organizations are excited about the event, and they hope that members of the community will join them for not one, but two great causes. "There are not causes closer to people's hearts," Michael said.

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