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Students Young and Old Londonderry High School students Lukas Poulin, left, and Erika Tsetsilas, right, join in play with Matthew Thornton students Shawn D'Urso, Maddie Tufts, and Abigail Austen during the elementary school's Recess Academy. See story page 6. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Pettengill Road Connection to be Completed in Fall

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Pettengill Road connection from Industrial Drive to the Airport Access Road is to be completed in the fall, Public Works Director Janusz Czyzowski told the Town Council Monday

night.

He noted that when emergency response required a detour earlier this week, motor vehicles drove on the gravel on Pettengill Road headed west. "It was a wonderful first test," Czyzowski said. Continental Paving sub-

graded the base of the new road and surfaced it with gravel and crushed gravel. The intersection of Industrial Drive and Pettengill was also reconfigured for a new set of traffic lights to be installed in September.

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Smith Says Town Budget Back on Track After Spending Freeze

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Town expenditures are back on track after a nearly three-month, department-wide spending freeze, Town Manager Kevin Smith told the Budget Committee last week.

"Town-wide, on the expenditure side, we should be just over 91 percent expended at the end of May, and we're at 90 percent today. It's better than what we were looking at when the freeze was put in place. We were anticipating at the end of May being 3 to 4 percent overexpended," Finance Director Doug Smith said

at the Committee's May 28 meeting.

When the spending freeze was implemented in March, the Town was overexpended by 4 to 5 percent.

Post spending freeze, expenditures are "trending pretty nicely" on a town-wide basis, Smith said.

And although June tends to be a month where employees use vacation time, Smith said Fire Chief Darren O'Brien is optimistic that overtime expenses for the department, which significantly contributed to the need for the spending freeze, are trending well.

On the revenue side, Smith said the Town will have no issues in FY15.

"We're at 97 percent for the end of May. We'll clearly be over our total town-wide revenue estimate for this year," he said, noting the estimate doesn't include the amount the Town will receive for Land Use Change Tax. The Conservation Commission now shares that tax with the general fund for 60 percent of funds exceeding \$100,000.

Smith said the excess revenues are due in large part to building department revenues, which are

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Natural Resources Management Plan Proposed for Musquash

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission discussed the need for a comprehensive natural resources management plan for the Musquash Conservation area.

Town Forester Charlie Moreno said much of the work has already been completed, and further studies would help update the management plan.

Content could include a comprehensive ecological assessment of the forest, wildlife, wetlands and soils; as well as public uses, management objectives and recommendations of the Commission, according to Moreno.

"We could map out all

the wetlands and talk about the hydrology in there," he said. "There's a lot that can be brought into the ecological assessment, and it would serve as a good baseline for the future."

Moreno also suggested an inventory of timber in the Musquash, detailing species composition.

"For this much land, we could make it really detailed, or make it a medium-sized plan," he said.

The plan would reveal what the property may look like 25 to 35 years in the future, which would help the Commission with decision-making moving forward.

"To me this is like a shopping list and each

has dollar value. If we're going to pay for it, how will we use it?" Commissioner Mike Considine asked. "We don't do anything with soils now."

"This information about the forest and having an understanding of what it is today, and why, and where it's naturally going adds background for all civic and cultural decisions we'll be making," Commissioner Mike Speltz

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Governor Opens Revitalized Exit 5 Travel Plaza

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Gov. Maggie Hassan at a ribbon cutting ceremony last week praised the revitalized Exit 5 Travel Plaza on Rockingham Road as a great example of a public-private partnership, creating jobs and promoting tourism in New Hampshire.

"This is also a great example of all the work we're doing in New Hampshire to make sure we are encouraging people to come to New Hampshire," she said. "We are growing our travel and tourism business every single year, and we're trying to

invest smartly and strategically in the state budget for travel and tourism promotion. And boy, does it help when we have a great travel tourism center like this one."

Located at 137 Rockingham Road just off Interstate 93, the new Londonderry Travel Plaza features 19 fueling stations, a Sunoco Travel Center with a 3,000-square-foot convenience store, parking for trucks, tour buses and recreational vehicles, a new State Liquor and Wine Outlet and a 24-hour Red Arrow Diner.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said at the Thurs-

day, May 28 ribbon cutting that re-development of the plaza is good for the Town of Londonderry because it will spur further economic development in the area and boost surrounding property values.

"Re-development like this begets other development, because it brings traffic in," Smith said.

"This is now the anchor for Exit 5 and for the redevelopment surrounding the entire area, which will enhance everyone's property values," Town Council Chairman John Farrell said. "All the way up this road, it's commercial properties - this is



Governor Maggie Hassan, center, hoists the scissors at the ribbon cutting for the Exit 5 Travel Plaza on Rockingham Road. At her right is State Senator Sharon Carson, R-Londonderry. Photo by Chris Paul

going to help them."

"Twin Smoke Shop is moving up the road, and that property becomes all the more valuable because of what's right here, across the street," Smith said. "I think Exit 5 has been on the cusp for a while of really blowing out economically. Especially with all the im-

provements they made to the highway and improving Route 28 here, I think it's only going to continue to develop over the next decade."

Smith and Farrell noted future development of another small plaza featuring a 50,000-square-foot supermarket and pharmacy has been pro-

posed down the road on the other side of Exit 5 on Route 28.

"This will probably help them and open up more opportunities for people to have more services near Exit 5, and they won't have to travel to Route 102 to get more services in town," Farrell said.

Spending

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approaching \$500,000.

"It's a sign the economy is doing well in Londonderry," he said.

Member Dana Coons asked Smith if they have any thoughts on putting surplus money in a rainy day fund.

Smith said any surplus to the Town's undesignated fund balance is essentially a rainy day fund for a catastrophic event.

"I don't think we've ever used it to offset the budget," he said. "You don't want to have the big swings in the tax rate. That fund is usually used for one-time expenditures."

Smith noted restricting use of the undesignated fund balance to offset the budget also forces department heads to effectively manage their budgets.

The spending freeze has not yet been lifted, but Smith said he planned to meet with department heads this week to review the numbers and determine the appropriate course of action.

Additionally, the Town Manager said they plan to begin preparing for the FY17 budget.

"We're going to internally start our process earlier than we have done in the past so we can do forensic looking at all the line items moving for-

ward, particularly as it relates to the default budget. Some departments pay electricity costs that have remained flat, or in this case have gone up," he said. "Department heads have said some lines need adjustment based on inflation and costs going up. We will be looking historically at line items in each department to see if they have been trending over or under. If in the last five years an item has been performing 10 percent under budget, we shouldn't keep funding it at the full rate; or if something is tipping over, we can reallocate the money elsewhere."

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Auditorium Committee Report Goes to School Board

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board was to consider at its June 2 meeting a final report the Community Auditorium Committee submitted late last month.

Presentation of the report at this week's meeting, which took place after the Londonderry Times went to press, was continued from the Board's May 19 meeting due to time constraints. That meeting ran well past 11 p.m.

In his report, a copy of which was included in the May 19 agenda packet submitted to the Board and published on the School District website, Committee chairman Tony DeFrancesco thanked the board for its support of the project and took personal responsibility for failing to bring a positive vote on the auditorium project.

DeFrancesco cited voter apathy and the Committee's failure to properly market and promote the project as the key reasons voters did not approve architecture and engineering costs for the auditorium.

Asked about the report by the Londonderry Times, DeFrancesco said he could not comment on a report he had not yet presented to the Board.

School Board Chair Steve Young said because the warrant article to pay for architecture and engineering for the proposed auditorium failed in March, the Board cannot spend any money on architecture and engineering for the auditorium this year.

When asked if the Board could fund construction of the auditorium, Young said "that

would be insane.

"Let's say next year people come in and instead of teaching aides, they want to modify the budget up to \$10 million for an auditorium and spend it all in one year. That's certainly possible, but that would just bring the Town to its knees," he said. "As a business person, you don't spend expense money for capital improvements, you bond capital improvement money."

Young said he thinks it's very likely the Town will see the auditorium back on the ballot.

"There are many projects that took two votes," he said. "The South School renovations to get rid of the portables lost by seven votes, and it was brought up the following

year and passed that year. And the Maintenance Trust Fund failed last year. It was re-presented this year, it wasn't even repackaged, and it passed."

In moving forward with presenting the audi-

torium project to the voters again, DeFrancesco wrote of a need to address concerns he heard from people at the polls related to parking, the two-step process of funding the architecture and

engineering costs for the auditorium before funding construction, a perceived lack of fundraising for the project, and the nature of the auditorium's use.

"An auditorium needs

to be built at Londonderry High School, and I hope that as a school board you agree and will, in the near future, continue the quest to figure out a way to get one built," he wrote.

Musquash

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said. "Having a good understanding of layouts of habitat will help pull together the interfacing species of concern. Basic mapping of wetlands, soils, and natural communities is an add-on, it's not absolutely necessary to have that. This is something to fall back on so when our friends from (Eversource) come with proposals, we can answer

the question of whether there will be impacts. Or if there's policy about tree stands or bear baiting, we have this background to fall back on.

"It will help us justify the decisions we make," Speltz said. "To me that's the key use to this, to understand in detail what's out there and how a proposed action would impact it."

With the assessment of the land, the Commission should also include in the management plan a

better definition of the objectives for the property, Moreno noted.

"You may see other opportunities or objectives that are more general, you may have a recreational use you're going to devote part of the forest to," he said. "The first part of the plan is determining what's out there, the second part is what do you want to do with it, how should we get it done and what does it take to make it happen?"

Moreno said he could

begin assessments in the Musquash in the fall, completing the work in the winter or spring of next year.

The Commission asked Moreno to come back with an estimate of costs for the work and the number of hours it will take to complete.

Moreno said he would return with multiple proposals detailing the labor and cost for a comprehensive plan and a streamlined plan.

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Editorial

In Our Thoughts Always

Now that Memorial Day is a memory, with the flags and bunting stored away until the Fourth of July rolls around, most people are back to focusing on their own lives and are content to leave the honoring of service men and women until Veterans Day.

Right? But it shouldn't be.

As the Vietnam War showed us, it's never too late to say thanks for the service provided by so many young men and women who received the opposite of a welcome home when they returned stateside.

And we have plenty of military serving in war zones right now, people we need to keep in our thoughts and wishes for a safe return home.

Last week, the Derry Rotary and Derry Village Rotary clubs joined together for their annual Veterans' Barbecue. Each year the Rotarians host a big meal, complete with gifts and plenty of thanks. In a lot of ways, the thanks rank at the top.

James Hall, drafted in 1968, attended the banquet and said his Vietnam experience was "trying to stay alive...hoping everything came out okay." That could be said of military fighting all wars.

South School in Londonderry held a Memorial Day ceremony that brought military parents into their children's classrooms, and remind-

ed everyone that in addition to the sacrifice made by a service man or woman, the family makes sacrifices as well when a parent is called to overseas duty. The students with parents in the military shared their thoughts, and gave thanks for their military parents spending time with them, and for telling them why they have to leave and how long they will be away.

And Pinkerton Academy brought the message of Memorial Day down to the personal level with a presentation about Paul Demeo, a Pinkerton Class of 2007 graduate who died while serving as an Army Ranger.

We all know people who have served, whether during the intense patriotism of World War II, the tumultuous years of Vietnam, or the many wars that followed and continue to this day.

While Memorial Day has passed, remembering those who serve and sacrifice is relevant every day of the year. Today there are men and women – often very young – serving overseas in dangerous conditions, and there are parents and spouses and children at home who are clinging to any hope they can for their loved one's safe return. Our thoughts should go with all of them, along with our thanks for their sacrifices, every day of the year.

Letters

Staff Appreciation

To the editor:

On behalf of the entire Matthew Thornton School staff I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the MTPTA.

Throughout Staff Appreciation Week we were given a tremendous array of treats. We would like to especially thank Shawna Carroll for organizing such a wonderful week. She cleverly designed an entire week that followed the theme "How Sweet It Is To Be Taught By You!"

The staff enjoyed smoothies, lunches, a candy bar, a visit from the Kona Ice Truck, a raffle, and gifts. The week was filled with color, creativity, and many kind words. We were overwhelmed by the amount of gratitude that was

expressed by our families throughout the week.

Thank you for your continuous kindness and support.

Shannon Rheault
Matthew Thornton
Parent Teacher
Association Teacher
Liaison
Londonderry

Parade Thanks

To the editor:

Post 27 would like to thank the citizens of Londonderry for coming out to this year's Memorial Day parade. The turnout was the largest in recent memory!

We couldn't have made the parade happen without the help of the town, police and fire departments. Thanks to

the audio visual department for providing us with a microphone and speakers so everyone can hear the ceremony.

We'd like to thank the LHS band for doing another great job playing for us! We were also assisted by Boy Scout Troop 521 and Cub Scout Pak 521.

Prior to the parade the LHS Pay-It-Forward team helped place flags on the graves of veterans buried in town.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Post 27 Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, who were instrumental in making the day a success.

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Commander
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Londonderry

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Town Council OKs Expenditures

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council approved at their Monday night meeting several expenditures for various departments, including a \$47,327 withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department equipment.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien said the funds will be used to purchase a power stretcher to replace the Department's last remaining manual stretcher.

The stretcher will be used on the third replacement ambulance the De-

partment purchased from American Emergency Vehicles, following a Request for Proposals.

O'Brien said the new ambulance is expected to arrive in Londonderry in eight to nine months.

The department will also purchase a five-year extended warranty from Zoll to maintain automated external defibrillator (AED) devices.

Additionally, the Council approved with a 4-0 vote the expenditure of \$5,641 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for repairs at Town

Hall and the Senior Center, as well as the installation of infrastructure to support a new lighting system for the bandstand on the Town Common, which cost \$4,139 (see related story page 8).

Councilor John Farrell was not present for the meeting.

The Council also approved the expenditure of \$2,500 from the Cemetery, Acquisitions, Maintenance and Repairs Reserve Fund for the removal of a dead maple tree in the Valley Cemetery.

Pettengill

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Moving forward, crews will construct sewer that will service the Prologis Distribution Center at 52 Pettengill Road, and eventually, a pumping station.

Headed east on Pettengill Road, signalized lights are also to be installed at the intersections of Harvey Road and Airport Access Road.

"We don't want to

install lights now in case it will have to be a different design," said Czyzowski, who recommended installing all infrastructure for the traffic lights except the bases and lights themselves and putting the Town's required \$250,000 contribution, raised through the Airport Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District, in escrow in the meantime.

Funds remaining in the Road Maintenance Trust Fund will be used to

repave sections of Industrial Drive and Harvey Road that Czyzowski said are falling apart.

"There's a section of Industrial Drive that's cracking pretty badly," he said, adding he hopes one day to close the loop between Interstate 93 and the Everett Turnpike.

"I always believed this is the bread basket for Londonderry - to bring access to the Everett Turnpike, and I see it happening," he said.

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Conservation OKs Conditional Use Permit for Eversource Wetlands Boring

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission voted 5-0 to recommend with no objections the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Eversource for geotechnical boring in emergent wetlands.

The work will provide information on the physical properties of soil and rock at the proposed sites of towers being installed in Londonderry as part of the Merrimack Reliability project, a transmission line project from the Scobie Pond substation to Tewksbury, Mass.

The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was filed on May 14 with the Planning Board.

The transmission line project is to be approved through the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC), but Eversource is pursuing local and state wetlands permits for the geotechnical boring work, which must be completed to finalize design of the project, according to Sherrie Trefry, director of energy services for VHB engineering consultants in Bedford.

Trefry said at the Commission's Tuesday, May 26 meeting that they don't anticipate any of the towers will require founda-

tions, but the boring work is required to support that design.

"Not all the transmission projects require borings," she said. "In this case, some of the structures are quite large and designing the foundation will be based on the condition of the wetlands. Given the size of this project and level of design they need to finalize the application, the borings need to be completed. The project needs to be in service by 2017. If they wait to do the geotechnical borings and don't get the bid out for the foundation and steel, they won't make this end date."

Trefry noted Eversource is working to notify abutters of the boring that is to be conducted to ensure they understand it's not work to install new towers.

"We tried to be liberal with the notifications - particularly being sensitive this has been described as a long process, so people are aware that there will be equipment on the right-of-way separate from the overall project," she said. "Once the engineering work is done, the SEC filing will be completed at the end of June. Once that's filed, they will come back for another round of open houses.

They will use the open houses to get feedback from local communities as to their concerns related to the project."

Impacts to wetlands resulting from the boring are expected to be minimal. The probe used to investigate the locations is about 4 inches in diameter, according to Trefry.

There will be one boring, or probe, at each structure location, and crews will use existing access as much as possible, she said, adding, "There are some locations that are in forested areas, where there may be some minimal clearing of vegetation to get in among the trees and get the borings in. We will do our best to not disturb as much as possible."

Swamp matting is to be used where necessary, and equipment will be brought in on tracks to avoid impacts to the wetlands as they enter the emergent wetland areas.

In terms of restoration, the matting won't be in the wetlands for longer than a day in most cases, according to Trefry.

"Usually, when we lay swamp mats down, emergent marsh vegetation pops back up," she said. "They will not be creating any rutting because the matting disperses the weight enough."

In planning the location of new towers, Trefry said pole sites have been shifted, in some cases, to reduce impacts that would affect rare species.

"At one site we learned there was a vernal pool where a rare turtle appeared to be living. In some places the poles are in wetlands because they have to be," she said.

Commissioner Mike Considine asked if the towers will look different from what's already in the wetlands.

Eversource spokesman Elizabeth LaRocca said the towers will look similar to existing structures, with the tallest structures proposed to reach 106 feet.

Work in Londonderry is expected to include the construction of about 75 new structures, with the average height anticipated to be 88 feet above

ground.

The new, 24-mile, overhead transmission line will pass through Londonderry, Hudson, Windham and Pelham. A total of 18.1 miles of the transmission line will run through New Hampshire, with 8.1 miles to run through Londonderry.

LaRocca told the Commission the purpose of the proposed transmission line is to address a growing demand for electricity in the region, preventing potential overloads on existing transmission lines.

Commissioner Mike Speltz said the Commission has discussed installing a parking lot at the end of Hickory Hill, on Eversource's easement, near the location of proposed construction for the new transmission line.

"What's Eversource's position on that?" he asked.

"As the underlying landowner, you could do what you wanted as long as the parking lot meets clearance requirements," LaRocca said. "We realize the Musquash is an important resource for the

Town of Londonderry. If there's any way we can accommodate what you're trying to do, we'd like to facilitate that."

LaRocca told the Commission she would take their comments to the team working on the project in Londonderry and see if they can help.

"I'd be happy to move this forward for you," she said.

Eversource held a public information session May 6 as part of its application process with the SEC and the company must hold a joint public information session with National Grid in each county affected by the project within 45 days after their application is filed. The SEC will hold additional public hearings within 90 days of its application's being accepted.

Residents may contact Eversource with questions and concerns related to the project by phone at (844) 646-8427 or by email at info@MA-NHSolutions.org. For more information, visit the project's website at www.MA-NHSolution.com.

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Recess Academy Boosts Sportsmanship, Fun on Playground

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Matthew Thornton Elementary School's first Recess Academy concluded last week with a visit from high school students to check in and see how rules they established in the fall are making a difference on the playground.

"It brings it all full circle," Principal Sharon Putney said of the May 27 event.

Recess Academy was created to help prevent feuds over the rules to popular games played at recess and to level the playing field so all students can participate in the fun.

Matthew Thornton Physical Education teacher Dan Wrubleski created a set of rules for all the popular games students play at recess; then, guidance counselors, teachers, and a group of 35 athletes from the high school implemented the program early in the school year.

As part of Recess Academy Part II, 28 students who have been following

the rules and acting as leaders at recess, encouraging good sportsmanship among their classmates, were awarded the Principal Sportsmanship Award and were treated to a pizza luncheon with their high school mentors. The lunch was sponsored by Josh Dube of Horace Mann Investors.

High school students spent the day playing with students and observing their improvement from the beginning of the year.

"This visit was more interactive and hands on," Londonderry High School senior Nick Barbera said.

And while playing with the students, senior Jackie Curtin said she could see an increase in sportsmanship since their last visit, when the new rules were implemented.

"They're not pushing and shoving as much, and they're monitoring each other," she said.

Senior Lukas Charbonneau said the students seemed to appreciate that the rules make their games fair.



Rachel Stevens, a Londonderry High School senior, hangs out with Brooke Eacrett on the swings at Matthew Thornton School.



LHS student Casey Bracket coaches a group of Matthew Thornton second graders as they play soccer during Recess Academy at the elementary school. Photos by Chris Paul

"Before, it would be one kid who would have the football the whole time," he said.

Kyle Rondeau, a fourth grader who earned the Principal Sportsmanship Award, said games at recess are more fun with the new rules, especially

kickball.

For example, the rule eliminating captains provides students more freedom to play, according to Rondeau.

"With captains, all the boys playing wouldn't pick the girls. This way, no one gets picked last

and it's more fair," said fourth grader Amanda Fawcett, who also earned the sportsmanship award.

Implementation of the Recess Academy at Matthew Thornton was not in response to any particular issue with conflict on the playground, but was

an opportunity to help prevent issues and teach children how to respond to disagreements appropriately, Putnam said.

"It teaches good life skills, like communication and working together," Barbera said of the program.

Conservation Commission May Ask Voters to Fund Land Steward

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission will pursue establishing a full-time land steward position to monitor conservation properties throughout town.

Chairman Marge Badois said at the Commission's May 26 meeting that she has spoken with Town Manager Kevin Smith, and he has recommended the group put the paid position to the Town for a vote.

Including the position in the Town's budget would ensure funding would be

available even in years where there is no land use change tax, she said.

In total, Commissioner Mike Speltz estimates the land steward would be responsible for 552 hours of work annually. Responsibilities would include walking and monitoring

conservation parcels as well as coordinating with the town forester on a management plan, maintaining records, checking town-owned properties for illegal uses, easement monitoring and dispute resolution.

Property monitoring includes walking the boundaries of the site, making sure abutters aren't encroaching, and ensuring there aren't any activities on the property that

aren't permitted.

Additionally, a land steward would assist with maintaining relationships with conservation property owners.

Speltz noted that having discussed as a Commission installing a picnic area off South Road, the land steward could also monitor the space to ensure it's free of litter and illicit activity.

The land steward could offer dedicated monitoring

of conservation and recreation areas the police are unable to, Badois said.

Speltz asked if the employee would be deputized to issue summonses, but Eugene Harrington said generally a land steward or ranger calls the police if illegal activity is observed.

The group agreed to consider at its next meeting a detailed job description for the land steward position to present to Smith.

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North Fourth Graders Highlight Their Science Experiments



Ana Georgopoulos shows third grade teacher Dianne Hammond her science project, which observed how a flower is affected by sound.



Fourth graders Bridget Myron and Jillian Donlan pose in front of their experiments with Alexis Morin, a third grader. Photos by Chris Paul

SIERRA BALDWIN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Fourth-graders at North Elementary School answered a series of unconventional questions at the annual science fair on Friday, May 29.

Teachers Kris Francoeur and Niccole Martinez had their classes set up in the cafeteria, where students displayed their work on tri-folds and gave brief presentations.

Students worked individually and covered a wide variety of topics.

Ana Georgopoulos, a student in Martinez' class, observed how a flower is affected by noise and silence. She conducted the experiment over 15 weeks, leaving one flower-pot alone and playing the

violin to the other.

"I thought that flowers were kind of like people and would like all of the noise," Ana said. "But it turned out that it grew better in the silence."

She said she liked taking care of the flowers and having her own responsibility.

Another one of Martinez' students, Bridget Myron, discovered which popcorn brand produces the most kernels. She considered Orville Redenbacher, Jolly Time and Pop Secret in her experiment.

After making three bags of each brand and counting the kernels, Bridget concluded that Jolly Time yields the greatest amount.

Other students also used food in their projects.

Aaron Owre, a student in Francoeur's class, analyzed the effects of an egg placed in different liquids over a period of four weeks. He used vinegar, Sprite and water and documented the changes through photographs.

"The vinegar took the shell off of the egg," Aaron said. "Nothing really happened with Sprite or water."

He said he would like to see what happens to the egg if he uses Coca-Cola instead of Sprite.

The science fair proved to be a learning experience for many students.

Jillian Donlan of Martinez' class studied which metals were magnetic. She said she had some difficulty in decorating her tri-fold with magnets, but she never lost interest in the topic.

"I learned that not all metals are magnetic, but

certain objects are more magnetic than others," Jillian said. She tested this theory with earrings, paperclips and nuts and bolts.

"(Martinez) told us to choose a topic we were really interested in," she said. "And magnets have always been interesting to me."

In a different part of the building, three other fourth grade classes held science expositions - but these projects involved

magic. Students wore black top hats to appear as magicians and answered questions about bouncing eggs, invisible ink and mind reading.

One of the teachers, Sue Raymond, said she was happy with her students' effort in their projects. She said the magic element added a fun and interesting aspect to their topics.

"The kids really enjoy doing it," Raymond said.


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Phillips Color Kinetics Donation to Light Up Concerts on Common

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A substantial donation from Phillips Color Kinetics will light up the Londonderry Arts Council's Concerts on the Common series this summer.

Stephen Lee, principal mechanical engineer at Phillips Color Kinetics and a member of the Arts Council, developed with his co-workers the lighting design for the bandstand as part of a seven-week course led by their Lighting Designer in Residence, Etta Dannemann.

"This is our 14th season of Concerts on the

Common. We realized early on the lighting could be a lot better. The lights there are really behind the performers. It's a difficult stage to light because the stage goes past the roof," Lee said. "It did make it a little challenging."

Everyone who participated in Dannemann's training was tasked with designing their own lighting of the bandstand and presenting their ideas to the group.

"Some designs were very theatrical, with spot lighting; some were white washing. It was one extreme to the other and

everything in between," Lee said. "(Dannemann) really did the final design, then we did an on-site mock-up in April. We gathered the lights we picked for the design and had to wire them up. We were out there with ladders, holding lights up and seeing if they were doing what we thought they were going to do."

The Town helped by hiring an electrician to wire the bandstand, installing six branch circuits, along with 35 electrical boxes at a cost of \$4,139.

Electrical junction boxes on the bandstand are ready for the multi-pur-

pose, outdoor, architectural lights Phillips is donating to the Town, which Lee said he hopes to install before the third concert in this summer's series.

The new lighting design features white light on all the performers, with color lighting on the side, ceiling and back wall that's programmable and controllable, according to Lee.

"Performers on stage will always be in different types of white light," he said. "It will be really cool once we get it going."

The design also features lighting that will wash the trees behind the

bandstand with a white glow.

The programming of the lights will be user-friendly and accessible to high school students interested in learning about lighting.

Lee hopes the new lighting will not only enhance performances on the Common, but also bring attention to the summer concert series.

"There are still so many people who are unaware of the Concerts

on the Common. It's such a great facility and a great venue where people can bring their families. Kids are out throwing balls and Frisbees, while others are listening to music," he said. "The new lighting will definitely make the concerts more interesting."

For more information about Concerts on the Commons and a schedule of performances, visit www.londonderryartscouncil.org/wordpress/ and see calendar item on page 20.

OBITUARY

Judith "Judy" Powers

Judith A. "Judy" Powers, 67, of Londonderry died surrounded by family on May 27, 2015.

She was born Nov. 16, 1947, in Philadelphia, Penn., a daughter of the late Dr. Paul and Dorothy (Seymour) Pettit. She was a graduate of Duke University, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science.

She worked for the Internal Revenue Service for over 30 years, retiring in 2009 from the Andover, Mass., branch as Chief for Planning and Analysis Staff. While working at the IRS, she met Pat and Alice, and they became known as the "Three Musketeers." They enjoyed traveling together and visiting casinos.

She enjoyed her usual staples: Original Cheerios, Skippy peanut butter, and Cherry Pepsi. An avid reader and contract bridge player, she was a member of the Londonderry Rotary Club. She enjoyed the annual summer trip with her family to Ocean City, NJ, where she had grown up.

She is survived by one daughter, Jennifer Judge of Londonderry; one grandson, Christopher Judge of Londonderry; one sister, Barbara (Pettit) Prash of Canton, Ga.; two brothers, Dr. Paul Pettit of Loudon, Tenn., and Randy Pettit of Marietta, Ga.; and many nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be Saturday, June 6, from 1 to 3 p.m., with a memorial service at 3 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Londonderry Rotary Club, Londonderry, NH 03053 or Londonderry Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 473, Londonderry, NH 03053. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Constance Gosselin

Constance P. Gosselin, 76, of Londonderry died May 27, 2015 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon after a lengthy battle with Leukemia.

She was born Jan. 15, 1939 in Nashua, the daughter of Armand and Rosilda Ivon.

She was raised and educated in Nashua and had been a resident of Londonderry since 1973.

Mrs. Gosselin had been employed as a bookkeeper with Klev-Bro Shoes of Derry for many years.

She was a communicant of St. Jude Parish of Londonderry, where she acted as an usher and was a longtime member of the women's guild. She was also a member of the Londonderry Senior Citizens.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Priscilla Lavoie of Merrimack; two brothers-in-law, George Gosselin of Franconia and Jean Gosselin and his wife, Louise, of Goffstown; her god-child, Nicholas Gosselin; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 47 years, Leo O. Gosselin, in 1933.

Calling hours were May 31 at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Londonderry. A Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated June 1 at St. Jude Parish, Londonderry, with burial at St. Frances Cemetery of Nashua. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Jude Building Fund, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053 or the Sisters of Holy Cross Development Office, 377 Island Pond Road, Manchester, NH 03109. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Patricia "Patty" Anne Goodwin

Patricia Anne "Patty" (Osgood) Goodwin, of Nashua NH, formerly of Needham, died peacefully after a short illness on May 24, 2015 at the Greenbriar Terrace Healthcare Facility in Nashua NH. She was born to Ernest H. Osgood and Katherine H. Arnold on November 6, 1925 in West Roxbury, MA and later they moved to Needham, MA where she grew up. She graduated Needham High School and attended Katherine Gibbs School in Boston.

During her life, she was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church, Needham, where she had once taught Sunday school. It was there she met and married her husband, Roger D. Goodwin, also of Needham, MA. Patty loved to cook and entertain; she had a beautiful voice and sang with several Episcopal Church choirs. Patty's greatest joy came from her family and many cherished friends. She was always cheerful, supportive, and extremely proud of each and everyone's accomplishments no matter how trivial.

Patty was preceded in death by her husband, her half-brother Ernest H. Osgood, Jr., and beloved son, William A. Goodwin.

She is survived by her remaining three children: Roger D. Goodwin, Jr. and his wife Barbara of Gaithersburg, MD, Diana K. Meloni and her husband Gregg of Fairhaven, MA, and Janet C. Singh and her husband Darshan, of Londonderry, NH, as well as her daughter-in-law Susan Goodwin, of Manchester, CT. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren: Justin, Chandra, Caitlin, Jessica, Sarah, Emily, Claire, Alex, Michael, Bryan, Zachary, and Nikki, and by five great-grandchildren: Kathryn, Keira, C.J., Aidan, and Julia, as well as two brothers: John A. Osgood and his late wife Mary, of Phoenix, AZ, and Geoffrey H. Osgood and his wife Carolyn, of Monson, MA and many nieces and nephews. Her giving spirit and love for all will be greatly missed. Visiting hours will be held in the Eaton Funeral Home, 1351 Highland Ave, Needham on Sunday, May 31st from 4-7 PM. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. A Funeral Service will be held in Christ Episcopal Church, 1132 Highland Ave Needham on Monday, June 1st at 10:00 AM. Interment will take place at Needham Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in Patty's name may be made to Friends of Music c/o Christ Episcopal Church, 1132 Highland Ave Needham MA 02494. For obit, directions or to share a memory of Patty please visit www.eatonfuneralhomes.com

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Matthew Thornton Student Council Brings in Money for Charities

SIERRA BALDWIN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Matthew Thornton Elementary School student council, made up of fourth and fifth graders, raised over \$1,000 for various charities during their first year as an organization.

The students chose fundraisers at monthly meetings and held events for Beautify Londonderry, the Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry, Earth Day and breast cancer.

The most recent fundraiser was for the National Eczema Association and took place Friday, May 29. Council member Paige Boyon, who has a younger

brother affected by the condition, presented the idea. Throughout the school day, students were encouraged to dress up as their favorite character and donate a dollar to support the charity. All donors were entered into a raffle for a gift card to Sweet Kiwi Frozen Yogurt. The council raised \$220 in donations, which Boyon's father's business matched.

"Student council has provided a really great leadership opportunity for a lot of our students," Katie Miller, one of two advisers of the council, said. "They feel more connected to our school community."

Council president Ben Martin said the organization gives students a vote and an opinion.

With 24 members, the council is made up of two representatives from each fourth and fifth grade class. Six members are officers and hold the positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, publicist and historian.

Miller explained that the students run the meetings themselves, and they needed to be elected in order to be in the organization.

All officers are fifth graders and were required to give speeches before the election.

Vice president Colby Lynch recalls asking the council to stand and sit down during his speech. Once everyone was sitting, he said, "See? I am a leader. I asked everyone to stand, and you stood. I asked everyone to sit, and you sat."

He also used a motto during his campaign: "Don't be a Grinch. Vote for Lynch."

Ben Martin explained that while he was running for president, he placed a "Vote for Ben Martin" sign among those of professional politicians like Frank Guinta. When he grows up, he aspires to become a politician or a judge.

Miller was impressed by the sportsmanship of the students during and after the campaign. She said she saw both Martin and Lynch shake their opponents' hands and commend them for their hard work after the



Matthew Thornton Student Council Vice President Colby Lynch and President Ben Martin are pictured with fellow councilor Paige Boyon, who suggested a fundraiser for the National Eczema Association.

Photo by Sierra Baldwin

results were revealed.

Adviser Ann Smith said the students are more than just leaders in the school, and she is proud of all their hard work.

"The kids all work really well together," Smith said. "And they're so earnest too. The philanthropy in this school is amazing."

As the school year is coming to a close, the

council is beginning to think about new officers and representatives. Elections will take place in early October, and none of the current members are guaranteed a spot.

Miller said there will be big shoes to fill next year, and Lynch jokingly responded, "But I don't really have big shoes. I'm only a four and a half."

Londonderry Firefighters Model in Ad Campaign With Positive Return

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry firefighters posed this week for an ad campaign for Zoll, the department's automated external defibrillator (AED) devices provider.

Lt. Don Waldron and Firefighters Jeff Anders and Mike Bucu are featured in photos that will be used to promote the company's products, and

their efforts earned the department a couple of new AED devices valued around \$5,000.

The new devices are a welcome addition as some of the department's apparatus are outdated.

It's not the first time a town department has earned equipment by participating in a marketing campaign for a provider - Police Det. Chris Olson modeled for Segway last

year, earning the department a patroller Segway valued at more than \$10,000 for use at the airport.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien said Londonderry firefighters were selected to participate in the marketing campaign because the department has a good relationship with Zoll, having been one of the first departments in the state to switch to the company's AED device model.

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COPD is usually caused by smoking. Over time, breathing tobacco smoke irritates the airways and destroys the stretchy fibers in the lungs. Other things that may put you at risk include breathing chemical fumes, dust, or air pollution over a long period. Secondhand smoke is also bad. It usually takes many years for the lung damage to start causing symptoms, so COPD is most common in people who are older than 60. You may be more likely to get COPD if you had many serious lung infections when you were a child. People who get emphysema in their 30s or 40s may have a disorder that runs in families, called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency. However, this is rare.

The main symptoms are a long-lasting (chronic) cough, mucus that comes up when you cough shortness of breath that gets worse when you exercise. As COPD gets worse, you may be short of breath even when you do simple things like get dressed or fix a meal. It gets harder to eat or exercise, and breathing takes much more energy. People often lose weight and get weaker. At times, your symptoms may suddenly flare up and get much worse. This is called a COPD exacerbation.

An exacerbation can range from mild to life threatening. The longer you have COPD, the more severe these flare-ups will be.

The only way to slow COPD is to quit smoking. This is the most important thing you can do. It is never too late to quit. No matter how long you have smoked or how serious your COPD is, quitting smoking can help stop the damage to your lungs. If there is a chance you could have COPD, it is very important to find out as soon as you can. This gives you time to take steps to slow the damage to your lungs. Your doctor can prescribe treatments that may help you manage your symptoms and feel better.

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Hazard Mitigation Committee to Draft Final Report

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Town officials working to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan ranked increasing and improving radio communications in Londonderry at the top of several future projects to be included in the plan.

With the projects ranked, the Hazard Mitigation Committee will begin to draft the final report, which will be submitted to Homeland Security. The

Hazard Mitigation Plan is developed before disasters occur in an effort to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property.

Mitigation includes not only avoiding the development of vulnerable sections of the community, but also making existing development in hazard-prone areas safer. For example, a community could identify areas that are susceptible to damage from natural disasters and take steps to make

these areas less vulnerable. It could also steer growth to less risky areas, according to a press release from the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC).

The SNHPC is assisting the Town with updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is a requirement of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for pre-disaster funding to mitigate hazardous events and must be updated every five year.

Other projects include updating the school's emergency plan, mobile truck safety inspection issues and constructing fire lanes, such as an emergency access into the Musquash.

In discussing the construction of emergency roads, Fire Chief Darren O'Brien said creating an access road to a central location in the Musquash would not only make it easier for the Department to bring a wildfire under control, but also to treat

someone having a medical emergency on one of the trails.

At its May 30 meeting, the committee discussed consulting with the School District on updating the school's emergency plan and agreed to delete several projects from the list that have been completed, including developing a local sheltering plan, upgrading inadequate culverts, adopting new FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)/Airport Authority noise overlay zoning

codes and prioritizing and upgrading Class VI roads; as well as developing a water resource and protection management plan, which GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Manager John Vogl said is a project Londonderry isn't responsible for completing.

Moving forward, the Committee will hold another meeting to consider a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan before it is presented to the Town Council for adoption.

North School Adopts Family of Ducklings and Their Mom

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The North School community welcomed a new addition last week - 11 fluffy ducklings that are being carefully guarded by their vigilant mother in the school's courtyard.

Watching from the windows of classrooms and the library, students are enjoying a unique opportunity to observe science and nature as it unfolds, Principal Paul Dutton said.

"The little ducklings

try to poke their heads out, but their mother pushes them back in under her," third grader Brooke Secor said as she watched the family from the library on Tuesday, June 2.

"They're cute," third grader Genna Greene said.

Staff first noticed the mother duck was hanging around the courtyard a few weeks ago.

Dutton discovered her little hatchlings when he arrived at school on Monday, May 25.

"I called Fish and Game

and they said we could leave them where they are," he said.

The school custodian brought in a small, green

pool to serve as a pond of sorts, so that the ducklings have access to water and can practice their swimming. And teachers

have been leaving food for the family to eat.

The school is even watching out for the safety of the little ones - the school custodian covered a drain in the courtyard to ensure none of the ducklings would fall in, and Dutton checked on the family over the weekend.

"They will probably stay for the rest of the school year. It will be about nine to 11 weeks

before the ducklings can fly," Dutton said.

Although this is the first time the school is aware of a mother duck laying her eggs in the school courtyard, imprinting in ducks makes it likely they will return for future visits, according to Dutton.

"We have adopted them here at the school," he said.



A mother mallard is raising 11 ducklings in North School's courtyard, and students and staff are enjoying watching their daily progress from classroom windows. Courtesy photo

Firefighters to the Rescue for Trapped Ducklings

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry firefighters responded to the Manchester Boston Regional Airport last week when a concerned resident reported finding ducklings trapped in a manhole cover.

Using the Fire Department's "Duckling Rescue Kits," the firefighters lifted the ducklings to safety using long poles with baskets attached at the end,

according to Battalion Chief Kevin Zins.

A full report of the incident wasn't available when the Londonderry Times went to print, but Zins said the firefighters would have attempted to reunite the ducklings with their family, if possible.

"If Mom's close by, we put them in the direction she's going so they can reunite with the parent," he said.

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North Second Graders Honored at Young Author's Night

SIERRA BALDWIN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Nancy Shamberger sat at her granddaughter's desk and flipped through a collection of watercolors and words at North Elementary School's Young Author's Night on Wednesday, May 27.

"It's all beautiful," Shamberger said, stopping at a page with two paper hearts, decorated with antennae and legs to look like butterflies. In the upper left corner, a crayon message read: "It used to be a heart, but now it's a but-

terfly."

Shamberger explained that butterflies have a special meaning to her family, especially to her granddaughter, Ryhan Kelley, a second grader.

"Whenever (Ryhan) sees butterflies, she says 'that reminds me of Mom,' or 'Mom's sending us a message,'" Shamberger said. "Hearts always turned into butterflies, and butterflies are how she remembers her mom."

Ryhan said it was nice to have her grandparents and other visitors come to the school and see her

work.

"I like having it displayed because it's pretty and neat," she said.

Ryhan's teacher, Connie Murabito, was one of two teachers hosting the event.

"We collect writing and artwork that second graders do in the classroom throughout the entire year, and this is the culmination for the parents," Murabito said. Her classroom was decorated with books and drawings made by her students.

She explained that writing is not usually pop-

ular among students initially, but that changes by the end of the year. She said many students now have secret journals and want to write all the time.

"Seeing their expressions when they see their finished products...it's really awesome," Murabito said. "I have goosebumps just thinking about it."

In a different hallway, Kristy Cardin was also holding a Young Author's Night for her students.

Tables were filled with student-made books on numerous subjects, including bats, mascots and

deserts.

Malia Sivigny, a student in the class, said her favorite was a self-portrait book, which included individual photographs of students throughout the semester.

Although Malia doesn't think that she's changed, her mother, Christine, said the pictures show how her daughter is growing up, little by little.

Connor Ward, one of Malia's classmates, said he thinks his smile is one of the only things about him that is different from the beginning of the year.

His mother, Sarah, disagrees. She said Connor used to misspell words that he now writes correctly, and she is proud of her son and his accomplishments.

According to Cardin, the self-portrait book shows how her students are getting bigger and smarter over the course of the school year.

"Everything changes," Cardin said. "Their handwriting, their confidence... it's amazing."

Other classrooms will hold their Young Author's Night at a later date.

Master Plan Implementation Discusses Meeting Less Often

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Master Plan Implementation Committee discussed at a sparsely attended meeting last week the need to hold meetings less frequently and to find a way to increase engagement.

GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Manager John Vogl suggested meeting annually or bi-annually to update the Comprehensive Master Plan Recommendations list.

"I think monthly is definitely too often," he said. "These projects take so long to get done. The zon-

ing audit is a six-month to a year process. Items will sit here at 10 percent (complete) for the next six months."

Member Mike Speltz recommended meetings focus more on updating the list, rather than on policy.

Priorities the Committee agreed to consider, based on various aspects of the Master Plan, include promotion of urban agriculture and agro-tourism, energy efficiency, Conservation transfer of development rights, promotion of bicycle transportation and complete streets, improving

intersections in the North Village area, beginning studies recommended in the Master Plan as a basis for further planning - especially studies on water quality and quantity and sewer capacity over time; and allowing accessory dwelling units.

Vogl noted at the Committee's May 27 meeting that providing for accessory dwelling units was covered in affordable housing updates presented to the Planning Board.

The Committee also discussed as priorities implementing rules and requirements to build a comprehensive network

of sidewalks, paths and passage ways that make walking more convenient and enjoyable; and continuing town wide the fundraising campaign to build the rail trail.

About two-thirds of the

recommendations in the Committee's Comprehensive Master Plan are in some stage of process - 55 percent are 10 percent under way, 8 percent are 50 percent under way, and 27 percent of the recommen-

dations have yet to be considered, according to Vogl.

The Committee's annual report to the Planning Board is almost complete and is to be presented at the Board's June 10 meeting.

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Leach Library Artist Shares Personal Views of Londonderry

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With more time to dedicate to her craft, Londonderry painter Christine Samolyk is enjoying a new phase in her journey as an artist and rediscovering the beauty of the town through her work.

As the Leach Library's featured artist for June, Samolyk's work will be on display for residents to enjoy over the coming weeks.

In paintings like "Mack's Welcomes Spring" and "Spring on Pillsbury," both of which are featured in her exhibit, Samolyk shares a unique perspective on popular locations throughout Londonderry.

"I like views that are just a little different," she said.

For example, her painting "Spring on Pillsbury" illustrates an obscured

view of the church as she was coming up a hill on the road.

With art having always been her passion, Samolyk, who was a Fine Art major at Providence College, said she has found a way to use her gift throughout her career.

Starting as a bullpen artist in New York City drawing ads, Samolyk's art matured and she moved on to a computer company where she created an in-house ad agency,

"I began to move more towards marketing. Every artist has another side; mine is math and logic," she said.

Samolyk ended her career in marketing with Hewlett Packard, where her role was focused on verbal and written communication.

After starting a family with her husband, Brian, Samolyk left her career for the next chapter of her

life as a mother and homeschooled her children, whom she calls her "great love."

Now that her daughter has moved on to her own home and career and her teenage son is heading off to college in the fall, Samolyk said she has found herself in a transitional time that has provided her with the opportunity to reconnect with her gift and passion for exploring new places through her art.

"My art focuses on places I have been or things I have done that were really meaningful to me," she said. "I happen to be somewhere that makes my heart just flip, and I have to paint it. Art is an experience to me."

In her painting "Mother's Day at Woodmont," one of her favorites, Samolyk captures her emotions on a special day when her children took



The Leach Library's featured artist in June, Christina Samolyk, displays her oil painting "Mount Vernon Garden." Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

her to the farm to see the apple blossoms.

"It was so special," she said. "While we were there, I just had one of those incredibly happy mom moments."

Although she is not actively marketing her work, Samolyk, who took classes with artist Elaine Farmer, said she is open to the idea of making her artwork a second career.

"I'm thrilled to be

showing at the library, because it's one step towards marketing my work. But it's nice to do something for the joy of it," she said. "Any artist will tell you that when they're marketing, they're not painting. And when they're painting, they're not marketing."

Other pieces Samolyk plans to share in her exhibit are "Golden Fields," acrylic; "Golden Fields II,"

watercolor; "Katie and Sammy," an oil of her daughter as a toddler sharing a special moment with her friend; "Waiting for the Rowers," oil; "A Weekend in Rye," oil; and "Mount Vernon Garden," oil.

Samolyk installed her work earlier this week and the pieces will remain on display until the end of June.

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Split of Matches Leaves Lady Lancers' Lax at 10-6

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Lady Lancers wound up being one of three Division I squads with a record of 10-6 when their regular season came to a close following a 20-5 hammering of the Nashua North Lady Titans and a 9-8 defeat at the hands of the defending D-I champs from Pinkerton Academy last week.

The LHS crew went 3-2 in its final five matches of the regular season to end up at 10-6 along with both Merrimack and Bedford. But the LHS squad has every reason to feel good about the fact that they pushed the defending champs from PA to the limit both times they played the Astros this spring.

"The way we've competed has shown the girls they can beat any one of the top five teams," said coach Bob Slater. "We just need to finish and commit a few less turnovers. I couldn't be more proud of the way the team has played and come together this season. Our program is back on track and the future is looking great."

It was at this time last year that the Londonderry squad underwent an emotional and controversial coaching change, and Slater stepped back into the fold for the 2015 campaign and has returned

stability and optimism.

The veteran coach saw his Lady Lancer trounce the North Lady Titans by a 20-5 tally in Londonderry Tuesday, May 26, leading 7-4 at halftime and then outscoring their guests by a 13-1 count in the second half to win going away.

Senior Sarah Bell scored five times, her fellow 12th grader Noelle Lambert was good for five points on two goals and three assists, Chelsea Lewis scored four goals, Dominique Breault was good for three scores, Breda Holland contributed two goals and one helper, and Niki Skov, Jill McIntyre, Emily Holland, and Gabby Morris each potted one goal. Goalie Michaela Kewley racked up six saves in the win.

Then Friday, May 29, Londonderry hosted a rematch with the rivals from Pinkerton. Their match went down to the wire, with the Astros heading home with a 9-8

victory.

"Great game. It could have gone either way. Each team played hard," said Slater.

The academy side led by a single goal at 5-4 at halftime, but the contest was a long way from being decided.

Pinkerton got the first two goals of the second half to push its lead up to 7-4, but after Slater called a timeout to rally his troops and the Lady Lancers kicked into high gear netting four unanswered goals to go up by one at 8-7 with a little less than four minutes remaining.

Avery Drouin knotted the score at 8-8 soon thereafter and PA senior star Maggie McCarthy scored what proved to be the game-winning goal with 1:23 left to play. The Lady Lancers worked hard to bag the equalizer but didn't manage to do so.

"What a game," said Slater. "We have now lost to Pinkerton, Souhegan, and Bishop Guertin by

one goal. It has been a great season so far, but we are not done. We believe we can be in it at the end."

For the second consecutive game, Bell rang up a five-goal effort, Holland contributed two goals and one assist, and June Cranmer notched the other LHS tally. Emily Dickerson and Lambert each registered assists, and keeper Kewley was good for six more stops in her net.

The Lancers wound up earning the number five seed in the Division I tourney and were subsequently placed in a quarterfinal-round battle with the fourth-ranked Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks in Exeter Wednesday, June 3, after Londonderry Times press time.



Londonderry High senior lacrosse standout Sarah Bell weaves her way past Pinkerton defenders during the Lady Lancers' slim, regular season-ending loss to PA late last week.

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CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's boys' and girls' outdoor track and field squads both put forth strong performances at the Division I championships at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton Friday, May 29. And as a result, both talented crews brought home runner-up trophies from the seacoast.

The LHS guys tallied 77 points to finish just four points behind the new D-I champs from Nashua North High. The Lancers ended up 10 points ahead of the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros, who came into Friday's action as the defending divisional champions.

And the Lady Lancers collected 75 points to finish behind only the new D-I female champions from Bedford High (116.50).

BOYS

Lancers' senior star Starlin Ortiz showed why he has been one of the most electrifying talents in New Hampshire track and field over the last

four years by winning three events and snaring second place in a fourth. And his performances helped lead the LHS guys to their strong team finish.

Ortiz won the 110-meter hurdles (15.10 seconds), the high jump (6 feet, 4 inches), and the triple jump (43'2 3/4"), and placed second in the long jump.

The locals also received victories from Trevor Guay in the 300 hurdles (39.65) and their 4x400 relay quartet, which included Guay, Derek Davies, Keith Perry, and Lukas Charbonneau (3 minutes, 26.78 seconds).

Other point-scoring performances bagged by Lancers came from Eric Fairweather in the 110 hurdles (third) and the high jump (third), the 4x800 relay team (third), and Kyle Foden in the shot put (sixth).

GIRLS

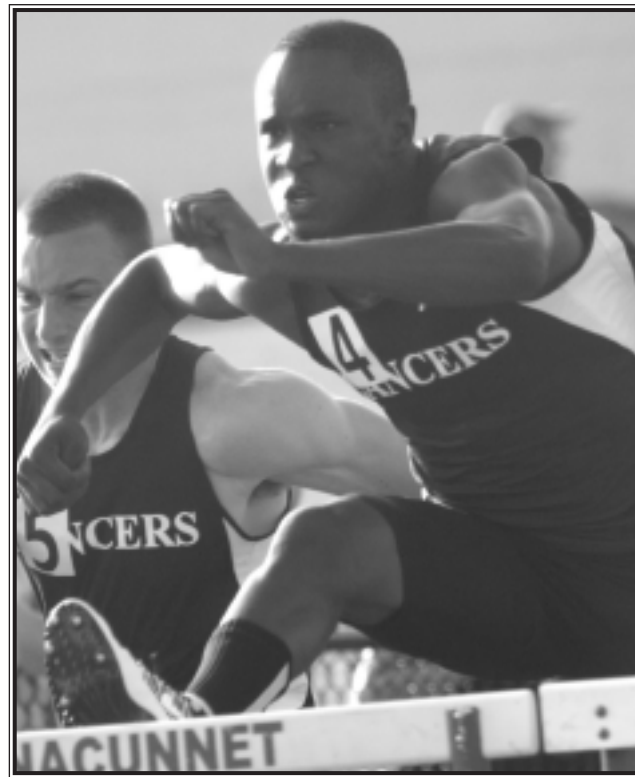
Starlin Ortiz's younger sister - junior Yorgelis Ortiz - and senior Natalie Howes were the big point-getters for the Lady Lancers as they snared



After winning the javelin and the pole vault, Lady Lancers' senior Natalie Howes helped her team's 4x100 relay quartet to a second place at the D-I championships in Hampton last Friday.

the second team spot impressively.

The younger Ortiz won the 100-meter dash (12.59), the 200 dash (26.22), and the long jump (17'5 1/2"), and Howes proved unbeatable in the javelin (136'7") and the pole vault (10'6"). And



LHS senior track and field star Starlin Ortiz won three events, including a hurdling one, and snagged second place in another in helping his Lancers to a runner-up finish at the D-I championships.

both young women helped their 4x100 relay team to a second-place finish.

"It feels really good to win," said seasoned veteran Howes of her two early victories, which had the Lady Lancers in the running for the team championship in the initial segments of the meet. "I've

been working for four years to win here, and it feels really good." Along with Howes' victory in the pole vault, the Lady Lancers snared second and third in that event thanks to the efforts of Jordan Dufresne and Rachel Larkin respectively.

Other point-scoring efforts were delivered by Dufresne in the triple jump (fifth) and the squad's 4x800 quartet (sixth).

The Londonderry teams will next play host to the state Meet of Champions on their home track this Saturday, June 6.

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Sprague, LHS Softball Squad Pound Into D-I Tournament

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With senior pitcher Melissa Sprague performing like Nolan Ryan doing his best imitation of Cy Young, the Londonderry High softball team powered its way to blowout wins in its last several regular season games last week and into the Division I tournament with a head of steam.

Sprague threw a pair of sterling one-hitters and struck out a combined total of 32 batters in leading her Lady Lancers to a 7-0 blanking of Manchester Memorial, followed by a 7-1 knockout of Nashua North, as the Londonderry crew finished the 2015 regular season with a 14-5 record. The local crew won its final three games of the regular campaign

and nine of its last 10.

In its Tuesday, May 26, mauling of Memorial at LHS, the Londonderry bunch had hurler Sprague hold the struggling Lady Crusaders to just an infield hit in the fourth inning. She struck out 18 Memorial batters and walked nobody in a complete-game performance.

In her support, the Lady Lancers offense bash-

ed out 14 hits, with freshman Lauren Misiaszek knocking three of them and driving in two runs.

Sprague aided her own cause by thumping two hits, as did Justine McElman, Maryellen Leach, and Katrina Rivard.

Sprague closed out the regular season Friday, May 29, with an exceptional 12-2 personal record by whiffing 14 Nashua

North batters in the 7-1 LHS win in the Gate City.

The team started and ended well, plating two runs in the first inning, single markers in the fourth and fifth frames, and then three more in the seventh in rolling to victory.

Sprague and Rivard each drove in two runs, Summer Vose smacked three hits, and Anna Mag-

gio knocked two as the Lady Lancers ended the regular season in superb fashion.

The Lancers wound up being the number six tournament seed in Division I and were slated to host the number 11 Nashua North Lady Titans in the opening round of the tourney Wednesday, June 3, after Londonderry Times press time.

Lancer Laxmen Finish Season Hot, Nab a 13-4 Record

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There are few things a team's coach likes better than to have his squad put together a long winning streak just before the start of the playoffs.

And after watching his charges win nine consecutive matches and 11 of their last 12 regular sea-

son contests, Londonderry High School's first-year boys' varsity lacrosse coach Sean LeBlanc has plenty of reasons to be pleased with where his squad stands as the Division I tourney begins.

The Lancers tallied consecutive victory number nine Wednesday, May 27, at home with a 16-2, Senior Day slamming of

the Salem High Blue Devils to finish the regular campaign with a 13-4 overall mark. And that fine finish placed Londonderry among the top handful of squads in the tough division.

"I think our recent success is mostly just due to my guys finally fully understanding and buying into our new sys-

tems," said LeBlanc. "The senior leadership, which includes 12 of them, has been great, and they have done a good job keeping the team focused. Also, we played a tough schedule up front so we are a battle-tested group at this point in the season."

In the 16-2 blasting of the Blue Devils - who finished the regular season under the .500 mark at 8-10 - LeBlanc's Lancers

received six points from Max Hastings (five goals, one assist), five goals from Devin Brunet, two goals and three assists from Dave Wiedenfeld, and one goal and two helpers from Lewis Carroll.

Additionally, Shayne Holland bagged a goal and an assist, single goals came from John Derhak, Scott Beedham, and John Galluzzo, and Tyler Grant

contributed an assist.

Chris Rowan made five saves in the Londonderry net and Alex Fawcett was good for three.

The Lancers claimed the number four seed in the D-I tournament and a first-round bye, which left them preparing for a quarterfinal-round match with number five Souhegan at LHS Saturday, June 6, at 5 p.m.



Winning Alliance

The Alliance Football Club - consisting of soccer players from Londonderry and Hooksett - beat the Ocean State FC of Rhode Island by a 1-0 score in the girls' U-11 championship game at the Amherst Memorial Day Classic Tournament. The Granite State group finished with a record of 3-0-1 over the weekend. The Londonderry girls on the title-winning team are Mia Stowell, Delaney O'Leary, Madison Leclair, Allie Curran, and Ashley Minor.

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LHS Baseball Ends Up at 12-8, Looks to Defend Crown

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Veteran coach Brent Demas and his 2015 Londonderry High baseball team knew they'd have their hands full this spring as they aim to defend their program's 2014 Division I championship.

Now, after posting a 12-8 regular season record but losing two of their last three regular

season games, Demas and his charges know they'll need to dial it up a bit if they're to be successful in their title defense.

The Londonderry bunch edged the Manchester Memorial Crusaders by a 3-2 tally at Gill Stadium Tuesday, May 26, but then dropped its last regular season game in a 6-2 decision to the Nashua North Titans at LHS three afternoons later.

The locals collected their 3-2 nipping of Memorial, thanks to the pinch-hitting heroics of Cam Fennell, who smacked an RBI single that gave his Lancers the winning run.

Londonderry received two hits apiece from Xander LaPlante and Brody Dupuis, but its offense as a whole wasn't on top of its game that afternoon.

However, LHS pitcher Nick Musto did strong

work on the hill in frustrating the Crusaders' offense at quite a few turns.

"Nick Musto improved to 6-0 on the year with a complete game win over a very good Memorial team. He had a rough first inning, but settled in to spin a gem," said Demas.

But Demas' dudes didn't end their regular season the way would have liked to last Friday, May

29, lacking the clutch hits they required and getting left frustrated by a North contingent that ended its regular campaign at 13-4 and with four straight victories.

"We put 10 men on base but failed to come up with that big hit to take the game," lamented the coach. "The boys didn't make adjustments at the plate until it was a bit too late, and North took

advantage of free bases."

As a result of its regular season finish, the LHS hardball squad ended up earning the ninth seed in the D-I tournament, which placed it in a first-round battle with the eighth-ranked Manchester Memorial Crusaders at Gill Stadium in the Queen City Thursday, June 4. That game was initially slated to be played at 4 p.m. but was moved to 7 p.m.

LHS Spikers Blanked by Struggling Souhegan Squad

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When the Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad made the road trip to

Amherst Wednesday, May 27, to take on the struggling Souhegan High Sabers on that opponent's home court, it looked like a good opportunity for

coach John Vaughn's Lancers to improve their standing in their tough division.

After all, the Sabers were in the midst of a five-

match losing streak and had seen their 2015 record slip to 5-8. Londonderry entered that match with a 5-9 record, so upward mobility in the standings appeared to be at stake.

But the host Sabers

were able to pull themselves out of their skid, at least temporarily, by besting the Lancers in three games to turn their fortunes around somewhat.

The Londonderry crew was then scheduled to close out its 2015 regular

season Tuesday, June 2, after the Londonderry Times went to press, by playing host to a Windham High School contingent that entered play with a 9-6 record and a three-game win streak rolling.

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Local Judo School Represents State at Annual Am-Can Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For the fourth consecutive year, Moreau's Training Center of Londonderry was the only New Hampshire judo school to compete at the prestigious 42nd annual American-Canadian International Judo Championships in Niagara, N.Y., over Memorial Day weekend.

The locals took their job seriously and did impressive work against some great competition.

The Londonderry center had youngsters Sophie Rench and Tommy Moreau Jr. compete in the youth events on the Saturday of that weekend, and

the next day the school's owner and head coach, Tom Moreau Sr., faced off against an impressive array of opponents in adult competition.

On Saturday, Saint Thomas Aquinas School fourth grader Sophie Rench competed in the youth girls' 37-kilogram advanced division.

The local 10-year-old enjoyed significant success on the day, finishing up with a bronze medal to show for her hard work.

"Sophie made a tactical error which cost her the gold," said Moreau. "(Judo) is an unforgiving sport/martial art, and we will use it to learn from and grow stronger physi-

cally and mentally."

Moreau's son Tommy - who has earned two gold medals and one silver in past years at the Can/Am event - wound up with the taste of defeat last year after failing to earn a trip to the awards podium.

"The loss stuck with him, and he wanted redemption," said the elder Moreau.

This time around, 12-year-old Tommy competed in the boys' 11-12 advanced open weight division and ended up making short work of all of his match-ups, defeating his opponents within the first minute of each bout on the way to gold medal success.

"Tommy had a very productive competitive and tactical day," said his proud dad. "Tommy controlled the gripping and pace of his match-ups. He dominated with quick wins."

The next day, coach Moreau got the chance to exhibit his own formidable skills. But there wouldn't be anything easy about the competition for the elder Moreau, who fought in both the men's masters (black belt ages 30-plus) and men's elite (black belt ages 18-plus) divisions.

The local man is normally an 81-kilogram competitor, so he knew he would be the smallest in the pair of 90-kg divisions.

And he also knew that he'd be battling world and national championship-level athletes from numerous nations.

Moreau ended up snar-

ing a gold medal in the master's division by posting a 4-0 record, and claiming the bronze medal in the elite division.

Athletes of the Week

For the Week of May 25



Starlin Ortiz, Senior, Boys' Track and Field

Competing in his last Division 1 championship meet, this standout won the high jump, triple jump, and 110-meter hurdles and finished second in the long jump in helping his team place second.



Jordan Dufresne, Junior, Girls' Track and Field

This stalwart hit the money in the pole vault and then had a personal best in placing fifth in the triple jump. She was seeded 10th in the TJ, so her effort paid off big in helping her team finish second at the D-I meet.

Rowing Meeting at Londonderry High School Draws Quite a Crowd

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

An informational meeting to gauge interest in the sport of rowing within the Londonderry High School student body was held Thursday, May 28. And the folks looking to see if there's a future for the sport at the local school received a clear message.

"There was a full-house turnout in room 221 of, I would say, 50 to 60 students," said LHS athletic director Howard

Sobolov. "I would say we will offer club rowing beginning this fall. The program will be similar to Pinkerton's, administered through RowAmerica Manchester, and be based at Lake Massabesic."

Pinkerton Academy approached rowing in the same manner last year, got a great response from the initial informational meeting, and subsequently got its rowing program rolling.

The LHS program will have boys' and girls'

boats, with boats of eight and four rowers with coxswains (the steersman of a boat) and quads and doubles. The Lancer rowers will compete against other New Hampshire

rowing teams.

"This is a four-season sport with a big future," said Brenda Belanger of RowAmerica Manchester. "It's both fun and competitive."

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Swiss Foreign Exchange Student will March at Graduation

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Swiss foreign exchange student will get her “movie ending” to a full year in the United States when she marches at graduation to receive a certificate honoring her achievements.

Having spent years watching television shows and movies in English before coming to the U.S. to study at Londonderry High School, Alizée Frossard said she wanted to do everything “like in the movies.”

And with the nod from high school administration, Frossard will march with her host sister, Ashley Fatur, and participate in the American tradition of tossing her cap with her new friends.

“She’s really ingrained in the school,” said

Joanne Fatur, Frossard’s host mom. “This school year doesn’t count for her in Switzerland, but she made honor roll every quarter. She works extremely hard because she wants to do her best.”

Frossard, who loves skiing and started working as an instructor at the age of 15 in Switzerland, competed on the freestyle ski team at Loon Mountain, driving up to meet every weekend with her host family; she made the school’s junior varsity lacrosse team, which is undefeated; and she joined the school’s International and Culinary clubs.

She experienced an American Christmas in Pennsylvania with her host family, and took trips with them to Disney and Universal. She even followed her host family to a



Swiss foreign exchange student Alizée Frossard, left, poses with her host sister, Ashley Fatur.

destination wedding in Antigua.

“Talk about really having faith in us,” Fatur said of Frossard’s parents. “They do a background check and come to see the house, but it’s a leap

of faith. Alizée’s mother had (studied abroad), and her sister had done it, so it was comfortable for them. They’re a little more relaxed about that and they realize what a learning experience it is. Alizée’s dad was not used to that and she’s the youngest, so he had a hard time letting her go.”

“I was happy Skype exists. I Skyped my family every three days,” said Frossard, who arrived in Londonderry in August last year. She will return to Switzerland this coming August.

Of the transition to living with her host family, Frossard said she felt an immediate ease in their home.

“She told me she was pretty shy as a kid, and this was really putting herself out there to come here. I give her so much credit,” Fatur said. “She

would come and sit and talk to Tom (Fatur’s husband) and I for a long time. She thought she had to do that to take that step.”

But starting classes in a new school was harder.

“I was so scared about lunch at school, not knowing which table I would sit at,” she said.

Fatur arranged for her daughter, Ashley, to share lunch and their first class of the day with Frossard to ease the transition.

“We are really good friends, now, and acting like sisters,” Frossard said of Ashley, who plans to visit her host-sister in Switzerland in the fall.

Leaving Londonderry will be hard on both Frossard and her host family.

“She has told me on several occasions it will be really hard to leave. She has said, ‘I have a life here,’” Fatur said. “She really enjoyed herself.”

When asked what she will miss most about America that she is leaving behind, and what she has missed most about Switzerland that she is excited to return to, Frossard said the answer is the same for both.

“I’m sad to leave my friends and host family, and I’m excited to see my friends and family at home,” said Frossard, who plans to study English in the university, with hopes of teaching the language at the high school or college level in her

country.

Frossard said she is excited to take everything she has learned in America back home - including the art of making a S’more.

She said her English, which was strong before she arrived in the U.S., has improved markedly.

“I’m thinking in English now. And sometimes if I’m talking out loud, I will talk half in English and half in French,” Frossard said.

“She has been such a gem,” Fatur said. “She loves to cook, and she made us on various occasions Swiss meals. Her tomato and Swiss fondue is so awesome. She likes to bake too. She has been such a welcome addition.”

Fatur said the experience also brought her family of three closer together, and she highly recommends the American Field Service (AFS) Intercultural Program to other families.

“I can’t tell you how great an experience it was,” she said. “Londonderry doesn’t always have an exchange student, and it’s such an awesome experience.”

When asked what she would say to another student considering a foreign exchange opportunity, Frossard said, “Just do it, don’t think about it. You won’t regret it.”

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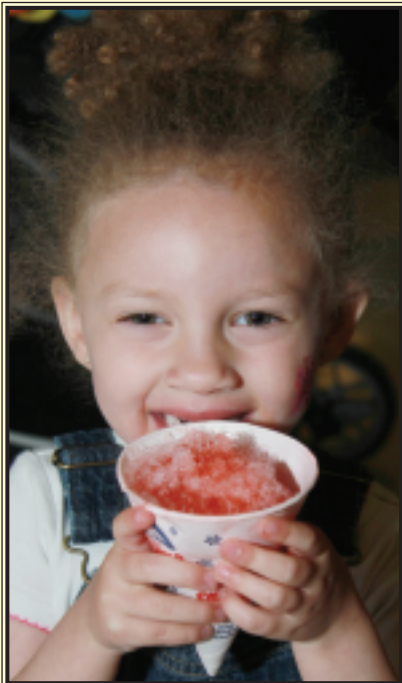


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Carnival Time



The annual South Elementary School Carnival took place recently, with two new additions to the festivities - a dunk tank and a petting zoo. As usual, there were plenty of fun activities for students and alumni, as well as lots of food and karaoke, a cake walk, outdoor games and face painting. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Concerts on Common

Londonderry Concerts on the Common features the Bruce Marshall Group with Blues, R&B, Rock and Southern Boogie on Wednesday, June 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Town Common. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School gym. Concerts on the Common are provided by the Londonderry Arts Council. For a complete schedule, visit www.ConcertsOnTheCommon.org.

Outdoor Service

Londonderry United Methodist Church holds its annual outdoor service on the Town Common across from the church at 258 Mammoth Road on Sunday, June 7, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share for the church-wide

picnic following the service. A limited number of folding chairs will be available; bring a chair or blanket if you can. Handicapped parking will be available on the Common. For questions, call 432-7083 or email: office@londonderryumc.org.

Call for Art

The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire seeks entries for a juried exhibition, open to all New Hampshire artists. Submissions are due at the museum, 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 3-8, and will be juried by painter Bruce McColl, director of the Currier Museum Art Center. The exhibit theme is "Celebrating Flight." Paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, mixed media, photography, and digital media will be accepted. Entry forms will

be on the museum's website and at the museum during delivery. A \$10 fee is charged per entry. For details, call 669-4820 or visit avmuseum@nhahs.org.

Book Bingo

Children are invited to play a picture version of Ocean Friends Book Bingo at the Leach Library on Monday, June 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. All participants will win and have a chance to select books from the library's selection tables. Advance registration is required and begins Monday, June 8, at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

Birdhouse Building

Children are invited to come to the Leach Library on Thursday, June 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. to create a birdhouse. Using markers, participants will decorate the sides and roof, then assemble the house. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, June 8. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

Adult Summer Reading

The sixth annual Adult Summer Reading Program at the Leach Library runs now through Aug. 31, with the theme "Escape the Ordinary." Participants may register at any time at the Reference Desk and will receive an information sheet and Tic-Tac-Toe card to be completed in summer. The first participants to register will also receive a sign-up incen-



Phase 2 Opens

The Phase 2 extension of the Londonderry Rail Trail officially opened May 27 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The extension connects to the 1-mile section of paved Rail Trail starting at North Elementary School and going to the Exit 5 Park and Ride. The new phase ends behind the Irving gas station at Independence and Liberty drives. Three major contributors made the paving possible without the use of taxpayer money - they are Hathaway Berkshire Home Services/Verani Realty, Derry Medical Center and Jeanette Fitzgibbons in memory of Jim Fitzgibbons. Pictured are, from left, Bob Rimol of Londonderry Trailways; Jimmy and Jeanette Fitzgibbons, Dr. John Daley representing Derry Medical Center; and Giovanni Verani.

Photo by Chris Paul

tive. For every book read after registering, participants will receive a ticket for a weekly raffle. Complete the game sheet and return it to the Reference Desk by June 30 for entry into a prize drawing. For details, call the library at 432-1132.

Young Adult Summer Reading

The Leach Library Young Adult Summer Reading Program theme is "Unmask." Participants entering grades 6-12 next September may sign up now through Aug. 10 at the library's main desk. The program concludes Aug. 13, with a Pizza Party and raffle. Those who sign up by June 15 and have read the most books by that date in accordance with the guidelines are eligible to win a gift basket. Raffles will be held as well. Read 12 books by Sept. 5 and earn a certificate for extra credit or a homework pass for those entering Grades 6 and 7 at Londonderry Middle School.

17th Century Life

On Thursday, June 11, at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host the free illustrated presentation "A House on the Bay: Life on 17th Century New Hampshire's Coastal Frontier," presented by Neill De Paoli in the lower-level meeting room. He has more than 25 years' experience studying the history and historical archaeology of early New England. Recently archaeologists discovered the home of Thomas Wiggin Jr. on Great Bay. With pictures of the archaeological site and artifacts, De Paoli will discuss how bay residents were far less isolated from the comforts of the more "civilized" world than traditionally thought.

Lions Program

The Londonderry Lions Club presents an evening of live entertainment featuring Ronnie J. and Step by Step as they perform "A Johnny Maestro Tribute," followed

by Mixabeat, a musical troupe performing live music and open mike Karaoke, from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the Lions Hall on Mammoth Road (Route 128). For tickets, call Barry at 432-8780. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 per couple.

Parents' Night Out

Parents Night Out, a free, three-hour monthly respite program for parents of children with special needs, takes place the second Friday of every month at Londonderry United Methodist Church from 6 to 9 p.m. The children and their siblings are welcomed for a pizza dinner, crafts, games, and activities. Parents are encouraged to enjoy a few hours away, but are welcome to stay. For more information, contact Pauline and Patrick McKivergan at 437-5114 or mckive9870@comcast.net.

50-Plus Men's Softball

A Men's 50-plus Softball League will start this summer for Londonderry residents or those who are grandfathered in from the current Londonderry Men's Recreational Softball League. The league will start with pick-up games at the Londonderry Nelson Road softball field June 9. If there is enough interest, teams will be established and an eight-

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to 10-game regular season will be held Tuesday nights, with a playoff ending July 28. If interested, attend June 2 or 9, or contact Jim Edwards at jimedwards48@comcast.net or 432-5720.

Family Promise Open House

Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County's

holds an Open House and BBQ Saturday, June 6, from noon to 3 p.m. at its Day Center, Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. The carnival-themed event features hot dogs, popcorn, games with prizes, face painting, clowns, and a scavenger hunt. Family Promise is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to help local homeless families. It operates an Interfaith Hospitality Network, with

families housed overnight and fed in participating congregations on a rotating basis, and serves 16 towns. For details, visit www.familypromisegr.org, or contact Network Director Margaret Martin at 432-0400 or info@familypromisegr.org.

Social Security

Three sessions of a workshop on rules and strategies to help maximize Social Security benefits are

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The New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands reminds residents and visitors that it is illegal

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Hero Stories

Leach Library starts the Children's Summer Reading Program with a visit with Ladybug Girl, star of the Ladybug Girl series. Participants are invited to the library on Tuesday, June 23; Wednesday, June 24 or Thursday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to noon to hear the

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Around Town

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story of Ladybug Girl and her Bug Squad, as well as other heroes. Those who wish may come dressed as their favorite hero. Each participant will be entered into a raffle for a prize bag. Registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 18. To register, call 432-1127 or visit the Children’s Room.

Wacky Weather

The Leach Library presents “Wacky Weather” as part of the Children’s Summer Reading Program on Monday, June 29, from 11 a.m. to noon. Registration is required and begins at 9 a.m.

Thursday, June 25. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children’s Room.

HU Chant

A Community HU Chant is offered Sunday, June 14, at 9:40 a.m. and Thursday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

Eckankar Worship

An Eckankar Worship Service is offered Sunday, June 14, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and continuing the second Sunday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester NH. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit

www.eckankar-nh.org.

Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets June 5 at 10 a.m. at the Cutting Edge Hosta Farm, 97 Sky View Drive, Pelham. Carpooling is encouraged and members should bring a bag lunch. The committee will provide drinks and desserts. The program is a presentation on “Hostas and Designing with Foliage,” presented by Carolyn and Rodney Thompson, owners of the farm. The club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Garden Clubs.

Renew Clothing Giveaway

Renew Clothing Giveaway takes place from 8 to 10:30 a.m. June 13 at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive no later than 10 a.m. Derry residency is not required. Clothing is free, gently used apparel. Enter at the church marquee sign; Renew is at right. To make sure the newest items are available for everyone, each household is limited to no more than 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. No donations of money are accepted. Contact Renew Derry on Facebook, email renewclothing@yahoo.com or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, May 25

10:22 a.m. Two-year-old female struck by running board of slow moving truck on Mohawk Drive. Vehicle stopped immediately and child transported to hospital, where it determined she was not injured.

1:34 p.m. Criminal mischief to pool area at Woodland Village Condo Association,

Constitution Drive.

Wednesday, May 27

9:21 a.m. Attempted break-in overnight at Moose Hill Orchards, Mammoth Road. Lock damaged, no entry gained.

9:31 a.m. Theft of inspection sticker from vehicle on Holton circle.

4:46 p.m. Londonderry Fire responding to Santander

Bank, Orchard View Drive for explosion heard inside building. No power. Appears to have been a power surge; nothing found.

Thursday, May 28

4 p.m. Caller on Red Fern Circle reports gunshots from woods. Caller aware that target shooting takes place but thinks they sound closer than normal.

Friday, May 29

6:52 a.m. Caller on Tailwind Drive reported ducklings stuck in manhole cover. Directed to Londonderry Fire.

8:40 a.m. Robert C. Tenney, 28, 7 Country Club Drive, Apt. 3, Manchester arrested on warrant for Theft: All Other and Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another. He refused services of bail commissioner and was scheduled for June 1 arraignment at Derry District Court. Jonathan Alberto, 26, 145 High Plain Road, Andover,

Mass., arrested on warrant for Theft/Shoplifting. He refused services of bail commissioner and was scheduled for June 1 arraignment at Derry District Court. William Tinker, 15 Mammoth Road, Londonderry arrested on warrant for Registration of Sex Offenders: Failure to Comply. He refused services of bail commissioner and was scheduled for Derry District Court arraignment on June 1.

8:13 p.m. Caller at Mountain Home Estates Clubhouse, Fieldstone Drive

reported someone scratched car with key.

Sunday, May 31

1:06 a.m. David Raymond Dominguez, 21, 89A Litchfield Road, arrested for Domestic Violence Simple Assault and Resisting Arrest or Detention. He was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance bail, with Derry District Court date of June 30.

11:32 p.m. Londonderry Fire toned out for building fire on Birchwood Drive. LFD confirmed there is no fire in the house.

Locals Gear Up for Ride to Cure Parkinson's Disease

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Local residents are gearing up for one of the largest Parkinson's disease fundraisers in America, the New England Parkinson's Ride.

Susan Mollihan of Derry has organized multiple fundraisers for a cure and will participate in her third ride on Sept. 12.

"The first ride was very emotional for me," said Mollihan, who worked in education for 25 years - 15 years as a teacher and 10 years as an administrator at Alvirne High School. "They're all emotional. I cry every time I cross the finish line."

The New England Parkinson's Ride was founded when Chris Woods, an avid cyclist who lived in Merrimack when he was diagnosed with the disease at the age of 41, couldn't find an event by which to raise money and awareness for Parkinson's, a degenerative neurological disease that affects one in 100 people over the age of 60.

More and more cases of Parkinson's are presenting in people who are younger, according to Edna Woods, Chris' mother and president of the Board of Directors for the Ride.

Woods and his family decided to organize their own event at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, which has grown to feature 10-mile, 30-mile, 50-mile and 100-mile segments.

In only seven years, the event has raised over \$1 million for the Michael J. Fox Foundation and now draws hundreds of cyclists from states across the

county.

Mollihan, who has raised \$12,000 for Parkinson's research through various fundraising efforts, said participating in the event is not only satisfying in that it offers an opportunity for those with Parkinson's to stay active, but it's also a tool for fighting the disease.

To raise money for this year's ride, Mollihan will hold several fundraising events, starting with the June 6 launch of an exhibit of her photography at the Cask & Vine restaurant on East Broadway in Derry.

"I do photography as a hobby and the owner liked my work. He said I could have the month of June to display my work, and June 6 we will have an opening event for the exhibit from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the afternoon, which will include a showing of my photos," she said, noting all proceeds from sales of her framed photographs will go to the New England Parkinson's Ride through her team, Suzy's Shakers.

Mollihan has also used her photographs to create notecards she is selling at By the Olde Garden Gate consignment shop in Salem to fund raise for the Ride, and she is organizing her third annual Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction on Aug. 14 at Arena Sports Bar in Nashua.

"People say their cheeks hurt at the end of the night because they had so much fun," she said of the annual auction for the Ride.

Last year, the night before the ride, Mollihan said her former classmates at Lebanon High School



Chris Woods, founder of the New England Parkinson's Ride, waves to supporters while riding with fellow athletes during a past event. Courtesy photo

made individual donations totaling about \$1,500.

"As we were leaving to go to the spaghetti supper, I saw these emails coming in. When a donation is made on the website, you receive an email notification, and these emails kept coming in," she said. "About \$1,200 to \$1,500 came in from all my classmates - some I have not seen since graduation day. I started crying, I was so moved by that."

In addition to riding a segment of the 100-mile course, many choose to participate by manning rest stops along the way.

Don and Eileen Foley, who lived in Londonderry for 17 years, established a rest station about 12.5 miles from the start in honor of Don's brother when he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

"We have always been involved in all kinds of things - we were very involved in St. Mark's Church. Now, we're bringing that to the Parkinson's ride. Hopefully, some of our neighbors and friends in Londonderry would be interested in contacting Edna (Woods) to get involved," Eileen Foley said. "The thing that

amazes Don and I is how many people with Parkinson's are riding their bike 50, some 100 miles. They won't quit, they won't give up. They will continue fighting and want to be a part of this so when it's cured, they can say, 'we did it, too.'"

In addition to raising money and awareness for Parkinson's, Edna Woods said she is amazed by how powerful a resource the Ride has become - linking riders and volunteers who have Parkinson's to hundreds of others living with the disease and a wide variety of services.

The Ride also shows those who have been recently diagnosed that they can continue to lead fulfilling lives, and they can do something to make a difference for themselves and others.

"So many people, when they're first diagnosed,

don't know where to turn. It feels life-ending," Woods said.

"By getting involved, they feel like they're doing something for themselves," said Cindy Woods, Chris Woods' sister and a member of the Board. "It really changes people's lives."

At a recent event held by the Michael J. Fox Foundation to thank significant contributors, Chris Woods told those living with Parkinson's disease, "don't let the fear of tomorrow rob you of today."

"I may not know what my tomorrow is, but I do know what my today is," he said. "Enjoy today, every day, so when tomorrow comes, you have no regrets."

For more information about the New England Parkinson's Ride and opportunities to volunteer, visit the organization online at <http://neparkinsonsride.com>.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Londonderry, NH will meet Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road. Please note: the Board reserves the right to continue presentations, deliberations, and/or discussion to July 2, 2015 if the need arises.

Minutes 7:00 P.M.

Case No. 8/20/2014-2 (Continued)

Robert Casey requests a relief of administrative decision in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676:5. 26 Pine Street, 3-70, AR-I.

Case No. 6/17/2015-1

Michelle Sanborn requests a variance to allow livestock on a residential property with less than two acres as required by Section 2.3.1.4.A [Formerly Section 2.3.1.4.1]. 42 Clark Road, 15-93-3, AR-I.

This agenda was created with reference to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance dated February 20, 2015.

Sections noted in brackets reference the prior Zoning Ordinance of December, 2013.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Londonderry Administrative Review Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM in the Elwood Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

MINOR SITE PLAN

Riverview, LLC (Owner and Applicant), Map 6, Lot 37 - Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for formal review of a minor site plan application to facilitate a change of use from office to office/retail at 8 Mohawk Drive, Zoned C-I.

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