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Londonderry High School Adult Education Student, Mackenzie Belisle, celebrates with Crystal Rich after receiving her diploma during the school's June Commencement. Photo by Chris Paul

Adult Education Program Graduates 40 Students

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School District held its June Commencement of the Adult Education Program, graduating 41 students, at the Londonderry High School gymnasium.

Forty of the forty-one graduates attended the ceremony, which was held on Wednesday, May 31, and was one of the

largest Spring classes ever conducted at the school. A number of those receiving diplomas that evening were also from the neighboring community of Litchfield-through Campbell High School.

Assistant Principal and Adult Education Director, Crystal Rich, was the main presenter at the event.

High School Principal, Jason
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Town Council Allow Gilcreast Road Plan to Move Forward

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Town Council meeting on Monday night, June 5, a large group of residents from The Nevins Community were in attendance to voice their concerns about a piece of property that has been controlled by the Conservation Commission for about 20-years and is now being looked at as a site for high-density homes.

The property is located at 35 Gilcreast

Road and it abuts the Nevins community behind Home Depot.

During the discussion to release the land of its Conservation Easement, Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, made it clear the land they were talking about was the land referred to as the "Orchard Lot" and not the land that directly buffers the Nevins from the orchard.

Malaguti said, "There is no proposal to develop or can this area be developed. It is to

remain as open space."

He also made it clear that there is about 640-feet between the Nevins and the nearest property line of the land they will be discussing.

It was also stated that there was a fence being asked for by the Nevins Board of Directors, between the lot being sold by the town and the Nevins buffer property. A prohibition on garden-style apartments was also requested to be written into the
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Heritage Commission Hear Historic Home Owner Plea

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When Richard Flier bought 2 Litchfield Road, he knew at the time it had a historic preservation easement deed attached to it.

Now Flier is hoping the town will remove the covenant as he hopes to sell the property. He said right now it's been difficult to sell the property due to the restrictions.

Flier explained that the easement is for the outside and the inside of the property, which provides controls over historical items, but said all historical items have been removed from the rooms.

Another concern

Flier pointed to is that one section of the house had "bouncy floors" and said the walls aren't insulated.

Flier also said that if they were to have someone live there, they would have to do some work in the kitchen to make it a "real kitchen". He stated that the Democratic Party had been paying to rent it, but said, "They recently ran out of funding," and that he wasn't collecting any rent for it.

According to Flier, based on the condition of the property it likely wouldn't qualify for historical funding.

Flier said they had a number of commercial potential tenants like law firms and a manage-

ment companies to possibly rent the property, however, they weren't interested based on the agreement.

At one point Flier said they were looking to add a bank there and to restore it, but it was ultimately shut down.

Ex-Officio, Jim Butler, who was one of the commissioners who inspected the property, said it could be difficult to sell it.

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ALICE Training To Be Part of New School Staff Training

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the agenda items during the May 23 School Board was in regards to a request from Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, regarding a request to release funds from various capital reserve funds.

It was explained by McKenney that each year they ask voters to approve appropriations for various funds and then at the end of the year they ask for the funds to be released.

For the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund, voters approved appropriating \$620,000 for FY 23 to the fund and the district has spent \$564,117.99, which was used for various projects like Phase 1 upgrades at Londonderry Middle School, which was a 2022 project that was delayed due to sup-

ply chain issues. With the expenses, the fund currently has a total of \$169,105.92, which includes a carryover amount of \$113,244.

Another capital reserve fund the district has is for the District Information Technology Infrastructure Fund, which had an appropriation of \$125,000 for FY 23.

McKenney said they only spent just over \$28,000 this year because of supply chain issues and when items become available they would be purchasing them. The fund currently has a balance of about \$146,000, which includes a carryover of \$49,577.18.

For the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, there was a FY 23 appropriation of \$50,000 and had a crossover balance of \$44,205.51. McKenney said they spent \$42,433.50 and have

\$51,762.01 left in the fund currently.

A total of \$75,000 was appropriated in FY 23 for the Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund and a total of \$101,695 was spent in the fiscal year. McKenney added that the fund had a carryover balance of \$56,789.32 meaning the fund currently has just over \$30,000 available.

The School Board approved the funding withdrawal requests.

Also during the meeting, the School Board received an update from Superintendent, Dan Black, regarding the school district's emergency operation plan committee.

One of the items noted by Black was that they would be having a district wide reunification training on June 21 and 22 for all their administrators. He added that other school

districts would be joining as well.

"There are actually two other school district's that are joining us as well, so we think this is a really good event," Black said.

In August, Black stated that they would incorporate their ALICE training into their new staff orientation and for any staff that began later in the year this year.

One concern pointed out by Black was two evacuations that happened earlier in the month at Londonderry Middle School because of old fire alarms.

"The age and condition of the alarm system caused the alarm to go off in both situations. We are researching quotes for a new system that could be incorporated into a future capital

reserve request," Black said.

Black told the board that the Alertus buttons are installed at North School and Moose Hill and the rest of the district would be completed during the summer.

He told the School Board they are expected to have another EOP committee update during their August school board meeting.



Red Stars Londonderry's Morgan Torre, back left, and Emily Cowette, back right, will be representing the USA at the International Baton Twirling Federation World Championships in Liverpool, England, this summer. The two LHS graduates will be competing in the Senior Division of the be competing in the Womens Artistic Pairs competition. Cowette is going into her second year as The Purdue University Golden Girl leads the Purdue All-American Marching Band. She was also fourth runner up to Miss Majorette of America in 2022. *Courtesy photo*

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High School Granted Continued Accreditation By NEASC

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received a report regarding the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Decennial visit during their May 23 meeting.

"It's something we value," Londonderry High School Principal, Jason Parent, said.

After visiting from March 5-6, the high school was awarded continued Accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

As part of the process, it was explained that they essentially do a self assessment as a school and then NEASC comes and does an evaluation to verify all the information provided is correct.

"The school community completed a Self-Reflection that clearly identified the school's strengths and areas of need, hosted a Collaborative Conference, developed an improvement/growth plan, and completed a Summary Report," NEASC wrote in their report. "The time and effort dedicated to the Accreditation process, school improve-

ment/growth, the Summary Report, and the preparation for the visit ensured a successful Initial/Decennial Accreditation visit."

It was noted that accreditation is an important aspect for when students apply for colleges.

One of the priority growth areas put forth in the school's plan was to develop a curriculum map template "that is consistent across all classes and departments, reflecting competency-based learning and instructional strategies and complete written curriculums in a consistent format for all courses in all departments that includes units of study with guiding/essential questions, concepts, content, and skills and integrates the school's vision of the graduate."

Anthony Cariello, a science teacher at the high school and co-chair of the steering committee, said that it helped them to determine what's most important and they have about 75% of the curriculum maps ready.

Another goal is to provide "sufficient formal time for educators to engage in ongoing

reflection, collaboration, and professional development."

Cariello said they are working towards this goal by having departments having time off together. For example, all the science teachers have the same free period so they can have time to work together.

Also as part of the report, the school was given a number of recommendations about how to continue to meet their growth plan.

One of the recom-

mendations was to "evaluate the extent to which existing teacher evaluation and new teacher mentorship programs are in line with the school and district vision for teaching and learning, including the portrait of a graduate, core competencies, and the Life of a Lancer."

Another recommendation was to "continue to pursue options for an appropriate performance/presentation space in order to provide a comprehensive learning expe-

rience for all students."

As part of the next steps, the high school will be required to provide routine three and six year reports of progress and planning,

which describes the school's progress in implementing the priority areas.

They will also need to submit updated improvement/growth plans.

OBITUARY

Richard F. Carle



Richard F. Carle, 90, of Londonderry, NH died Saturday May 27, 2023. He was born on Dec. 28, 1932 in Hinsdale, IL, a son of the late Dr. Nicholas and Eleanor (Hills) Carle. He had been a resident of Derry for 51 years before moving to Londonderry seven years ago.

He graduated from Swarthmore College, and after serving two years with the US Army in Japan, received a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He was an Assistant Professor at Boston University before joining Sanders Associates of Nashua, NH where he served as corporate manager of education and training and organizational planning. He finished as a consultant in that field.

He had an interest in the theater and had acting roles from college, summer stock to Armed Forces theater, and was a faculty advisor to the Boston University Drama Club. During the 1960's he helped found non-profit organizations dedicated to civil rights and community development. He served as a trustee at Pinkerton Academy, was an avid reader and life-long Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. Family was the center of his life and always the most important to him.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Caryl (Slanetz) Carle of Londonderry, his daughter, Sarah Brennan and partner David of Fairview, UT, two grandsons, Jeffery Brennan and wife Hazuki, and Andrew Brennan, his sister, Marilyn Carle of Hinsdale, IL, and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Norma Slanetz of Keene, NH, and Lyn Slanetz of Concrete, WA. He was predeceased by his son, Andrew M. Carle.

Following cremation, there will be a gathering of family to honor his life. Memorial donations may be made to the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, 6 W. Broadway, Unit 6, Derry, NH 03038. The Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARY

Ajit "Jack" Kumar



Ajit "Jack" Kumar, PhD, of Londonderry, NH passed away on Friday May 26, 2023 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Ajit was born in 1949, in Prayagraj (formerly Allahabad) India, a son of the late Mahabir and Sundari (Devi) Verma and had been a resident of the United States since 1981 and the Windham/Londonderry area since 1991.

Jack was a self-employed Chemical Engineer, who received his PhD from Penn State University. He enjoyed gardening, working out and walking and spending time with his kids and grandkids.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Lalba Rani; two daughters, Shalini Verma and her husband Michael Radosevich, and Swati Sabita Verma; two grandsons, Nikhil and Vikash; two brothers, Chandra K. Verma, and Suman Verma; four sisters, Shobha Verma, Usha Saini, Deepa Sharma and Rekha Saini. Ajit was predeceased by two brothers, Gagan and Bhuvan Verma and a sister, Abha Verma.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, June 3, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A funeral service will be held during the visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to Sonshine Soup Kitchen, 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH 0303.

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Editorial

Graduation Wishes

We all have defining moments in our lives that help shape our future as well as our memories. Some happen by chance, but others are eagerly anticipated parts of life like marriage, the birth of a child, and graduation from high school.

Londonderry High School's ceremonies will take place on June 9th, this year. This will be sending a multitude of students into the next phase of their lives. Graduation is an ending, no question, but it's also a commencement, which perhaps states it better - it's a remarkable beginning, a stepping-stone to a new adventure in life.

From a parent's perspective, graduation is an in-your-face reminder of the passage of time. The trusting eyes of a newborn or the small hand held on the first day of school now belong to a young adult - likely taller than his or her parents - soon to wear a cap and gown and walk confidently across the Verizon Arena stage to accept a high school diploma and head out into the world.

We rarely see ourselves getting older until something momentous happens; there's no denying that hearing the name of your child announced as a member of the graduating class is one such occasion. Causing us to get that proud parent feeling as we realize that our baby has grown up.

For the graduates themselves, this moment marks the end of "child-

hood". While they may never have it so good again, the graduates are now officially on the path to building a life of their own, making some big decisions, whether the next step involves college, work, travel, or military service. They're responsible for their own decisions and for what the rest of their life becomes.

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

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

Our advice to the graduates; consider where you want to go, literally and metaphorically, as well as where you've been. Think of what has brought you to this wonderful occasion. Most of all, be safe, be bold, and remember mistakes are inevitable. But don't be afraid to take that leap into your dreams. You have your whole life, live it with no regrets, just put yourself out there and be you.

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

Letters

Words Matter

To the editor,
I am not "offended" or "disappointed" by the Dodgers' decision to honor nun-mocking big-ots, but I do condemn their choice in the strongest terms because it is reprehensible. It is wrong to ape religious sisters with ugly makeup and perverted skits. It is wrong to depict Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary as lewd and lascivious characters. It is wrong to give a platform - much less praise - to depravity and desecration.

"WRONG (adj) 1. Not in accordance with morality, goodness or truth; evil."

Find yourself a big ol' printed dictionary from the last century and keep it forever. Use it often. Our common language is now contorted beyond all recognition by an energetic minority in a desperate bid to buttress a relativistic worldview that elsewhere hangs on nothing but falsity and self-indulgence. Meanwhile, good people stand idly by in the futile hope of avoiding conflict. How else could anyone sell such a monstrous absurdity as a "Community Hero" award for a modern-day minstrel show?

Speak up, speak out, and reclaim our common language. It is essential to civil society.

Laura El-Azem
Londonderry

Antiques Appraisal Day will be held this Sunday, June 11 in the Parmenter Barn on the Morrison House Museum grounds at 140 Pillsbury Road.

We'll have another great afternoon featuring your antiques, collectibles & family treasures with Daniel F. Reidy, appraiser/antiques dealer/auctioneer. Reidy has 35+ years experience and is the owner of Discerning Eye, an estate appraisal and disposition planning business.

The event runs from 1 - 3 p.m. with doors opening at 12:30 p.m. to begin pre-registering all items to be appraised. Appraisals are \$10 per item, 3 for \$25. Any types of items can be evaluated, but for extremely large ones, clear photographs can be provided. A dolly and hand truck will be available for transferring items on site.

We had such a wonderful experience learning about all the interesting items everyone brought in the past, that we're really looking forward to seeing what you bring in on Sunday and having a really great time! We'll also have refreshments for you to enjoy while you're here.

Come join us this Sunday, June 11, for our 2023 Antiques Appraisal Day!

Ann Chiampa
Londonderry
Historical Society

The True Facts

To the editor,
In response to the Letter to the Editor from Londonderry Democratic Committee Chairman, Paul Skudlarek, in the

June 1, 2023 Londonderry Times, I encourage you to watch the video of the meeting to obtain the facts for yourself.

www.youtube.com/live/jlvSj7BEUVY?feature=share

Thank you,
Christine Fitzgerald

Dissappointing Display

To the editor,
I have always believed that to be an elected official is to be included in an honorable profession. To work in government at any and all levels is to be a public servant and is to do the people's business in a serious, thoughtful, civil, and professional manner. We are all apart of the "grand experiment" which began in Lexington and Concord and which depends on all of us, as both government public servants and involved citizens to do our jobs in good faith, decently and with respect.

I was raised in Lexington, MA and every year watched my father in his 60s to 90s and my brother stand their ground at the re-enactment of the start of the American revolution. I began my political career at 6 years old campaigning for John F. Kennedy and spent 42 years as an EPA public servant. My father tirelessly worked at every level of government (paid and volunteer) from President Kennedy's White House to Lexington town meeting member for more than 80 years. Wearing his Minuteman farmer clothes on Lexington green, he gave his Har-

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This Sunday - Antiques Appraisals!

To the Editor,
The Londonderry Historical Society is thrilled that it's back- our 2023

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Gilcreast

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sales agreement by the Nevins board.

Malaguti stated that both of these requirements are currently in the sales agreement.

Malaguti explained that discussions originally began around 2003 with Mesiti Development when they were planning to construct a 361-unit development spread across both properties, including where The Nevins is now. At that point the town voted to purchase the land for \$2.9 million and impose certain development rights in exchange of Gilcreast discontinuing the 361-unit plan. The Nevins Community sits on a significant section of the

property.

Malaguti added that there is no access to the property along Gilcreast Road currently and there is some level of contamination on the lot from the use of pesticides being used on fruit trees.

The agreement that was originally drawn up when the town purchased the development rights states that the town can revoke the easement at any time.

He said it states, "The town, by appropriate town vote, may amend or revoke the conservation easement in part or in entirety."

In 2022, a Warrant Article was proposed by the town to release the easement on the property for no less than \$2.65 million. Another was to

take \$750,000 of that transaction and require land of equal or greater value with the remaining money to be used for the town's general purposes. The two articles were passed by the Londonderry voters and Malguti added that the Conservation Commission supports the sale of the property.

The discussion on Monday night was to have the Town Council approve the release of the conservation land or to make change recommendations.

Council Chair, John Farrell, allowed some discussion from the public at the meeting.

Kristen Haroian, an abutter to the property, asked about the contamination on the property, concerned that these

contaminates might become airborne.

Farrell explained that a number of inches of topsoil would need to be taken from the site and mitigated, but didn't know if contaminants would become airborne.

Malaguti further explained that the mitigation would be controlled at the Planning Board stages of the plan.

Resident, Dan Bouchard, who has spoken about the plan on a number of occasions in the past, asked about what the town paid versus what they'll be getting back.

It was explained that

the town paid for the entire lot and they are only selling about \$1.23 million of that land.

Bouchard also explained that from what he has heard, there is going to be a minimum of 96, three-bedroom units put on the property. He was concerned about the number of children being added to the school system.

He was told that the number of children brought to town from a 96-unit development would be 16.

Bouchard added that right now the property is not costing the town any money, but when it

developed, it will. He asked the council to examine how much that would be.

Another resident, Ray Breslin, also had a number of concerns on what would be done with the contaminated soil taken from the site.

He was told that the Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection Agency would be responsible for that.

The consensus from the Town Council was to move forward with the sales agreement. It will be discussed at the next Conservation Commission meeting.

CONGRATS Graduates!



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Heritage

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"There is a problem. There is a major problem here," Butler said.

Vice Chair, Art Rugg, said the owner previous-

ly wanted to maintain the house as a historical property.

"I think we all love that building, its part of the town in a very visible location," Rugg said.

Town Manager, Mike

Malaguti, said that himself and Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, have spoken with Flier

He stated that the Town Council would ultimately have to approve any changes to the deed

restrictions, unless Flier decided to go to court, but wanted to bring it in front of the Heritage Commission as a first step.

Malaguti said it made sense to at least explore looking at changing the restriction.

"You can't have historic preservation in this case without commercial viability," Malaguti said.

Malaguti said they would at a minimum have a public hearing before any decisions are made in order to give people in the public to provide input.

"I don't think this is something that should be rushed," Malaguti said.

Following the meeting, Chris Paul, who was

the previous owner of the property, said his wife Deb and himself spent hundreds of hours working on the property when it was used as their newspaper publishing office.

While owning the property, Paul said he resided the house, painted it several times, replaced the roof and furnace, resurfaced floors, repainted every room in the house, repaired the kitchen fix-

tures, and replaced cabinets. He added that they never put a stove inside the house because he was told by the town that it would then require sprinklers throughout the entire house then.

The Heritage Commission agreed to have staff work with their attorney and Town Council to explore what would need to be done to make the property commercially viable.



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OBITUARY

Frank J. Zietowski, Jr.



Frank J. Zietowski, Jr., the self-proclaimed "luckiest man in the world," passed from this life on Monday, May 29, 2023, at age 91. Born in 1932, Frank grew up in Stratford, CT and graduated from Stratford High School in 1950. In 1954, he met his sweetheart, the love of his life, and his wife of 65 years, Joan Francescone, in New York City, and never looked back. He adored Joan and credited her (and his left-handedness) as the reason for everything he achieved in life. Frank proudly served in the US Army on the island of Okinawa from 1955-1957. Frank and Joan lived in Stratford, and later Trumbull, and Shelton, CT for most of their lives, before moving to Londonderry, NH to be closer to family.

Son of the late Frank J. Zietowski, Sr. and Mae Ignatowski Zietowski, Frank was predeceased by his sister, Theresa Zietowski Ontko. He is survived by his wife, Joan, his children Susan (and Anthony) Matrumalo, David (and Gretchen) Zietowski, and Janet (and Paul) Reynolds. He had eleven cherished grandchildren: Christopher (Kristin), Anthony (Lindsay), Sarah (Roel) Gyasi, Emily, and Vincent Matrumalo; Maes, Joseph, and Jenna Zietowski; Joshua, Benjamin, and Nathaniel Reynolds; and eight great-grandchildren: Amadora, Kalia and Lincoln Coraccio, Sawyer and Lyla Matrumalo, Matteo Matrumalo, and Elijah and Benjamin Gyasi. Frank's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren brought him immense joy. He was so very proud of each and every one of them.

Frank left a legacy of love and ended every chance meeting with a cheerful affirmation to "Enjoy everything!" He was a true original who always looked forward to the future, never looked back, and never had regrets. The family thanks all of the caregivers and healthcare professionals - "his angels" - who attended to him over the final year of his life.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 5, at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, followed by burial at Forest Hill Cemetery in Derry. Memorial donations may be made to End68HoursofHunger.org, noting it as a tribute gift to Frank Zietowski in the memo.



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A Look Back at the Use of PFAS/PFOS in the Spotlight

GABE CROGNALE
SUBMISSION

In any discussion concerning PFAS and its detrimental impact upon drinking water in New Hampshire, specifically southern New Hampshire, one industry in particular that stands out is Saint Gobain Performance Plastics, located in Merrimack, NH. From previous published works – some of which are referenced herein – and from our extensive phone interviews with some affected local individuals and documents that they graciously shared, the PFAS and PFOA contamination emanating from

the St. Gobain facility had been affecting nearby residents for quite some time, without any knowledge that their drinking water sources were being affected by the company's manufacturing processes.

It took a concerted effort by many dedicated individuals to bring the Saint Gobain contamination to light, as well as reporting on the issue by a number of journalists from various on-line and print publications.

According to a news item written by Tom Perkins in the Guardian, www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/aug/05/saint-gobain-textile-

company-toxic-pfas, the company had been treating its plastics products with PFOA, one type of PFAS, to make them stronger for decades. The company would then release PFOA from its smokestacks into the atmosphere, and as they precipitated onto the ground, the substance would then percolate through the soil via rain or snow melt, and then travel through the soil layers, and mix with the groundwater that would eventually contaminate the underlying aquifers.

Perkins article further pointed out various discrepancies in what Saint Gobain officials

had told NH state officials about the concentration of PFAS being used at their Merrimack facility, beginning with their understanding that they had been using a diluted mixture of about 2% of PFAS, and later revised their statement to read, "...and in 2014 told the EPA "it is not and never has been a ... user of PFOA per se anywhere in the United States."

Despite these claims by the company denying that they had never used these toxic chemicals, a group of state lawmakers and public health advocates later charged that Saint Gobain misled regulators

about the amount of toxic substance it used.

The company later admitted its use of PFAS was much greater than regulators had previously believed, and thus increasing the likelihood that a much larger contaminant footprint (contamination zone) may be adversely affecting many more residents than previously known residing beyond the established contamination zone's boundaries.

That level and degree of contamination of PFAS that eventually found its way into the ground and surface waters in the area, could have led to some residents possibly drinking

PFAS contaminated water, since it had been identified in a sample of tap water that Saint-Gobain had previously collected inside their facility. Of note, that tap water at Saint-Gobain came from the public water system operated by the Merrimack Village District, which obtains groundwater from a network of water supply wells. We encourage our readers to review the additional facts regarding NHDES's investigation into Saint Gobain's PFAS contamination actions at: www.pfas.des.nh.gov/pfas-occurrences/saint-gobain-performance-plastics.

Heritage Commission Question How Many Openings Group Has

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the end of the May 25 meeting of the Heritage Commission, a question was raised of whether or not

they had any open positions on the commission.

Town Council liaison, Jim Butler, asked if they had any more openings.

"I don't believe so,"

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, said when asked.

Vice Chair, Art Rugg, noted that they had an alternative position.

Malaguti also ques-

tioned if Lee Jeffers, an alternate member, was still on the commission or not.

Chair, Krystopher Kenney, noted that he had only been to one or two meetings so far.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said they may want to look at that situation.

"Perhaps the commission should consider what you may want to do about that," Caron said.

Malaguti said they would get an up to date roster and determine if there are any openings.

Ex-Officio, Butler,

said he would want to talk to David Ellis, a resident in town who has attended a number of meetings and has raised points regarding historical properties in town, about trying to become a member if there are any openings.

Rugg said he has talked to him and he's considering it.

It was also noted by Rugg that Ellis had written to the Heritage Commission in April about historical resources in town. He added that they are supposed to update the historic properties list and he

thinks it would make sense for them to review it at that time.

"There's a disagreement between what the state considers historic and what the town considers historic and a lot of what the town considered historic at the time was probably more practical," Rugg said, noting that it was entirely volunteered then and they didn't have many staff members to review the properties.

The next Heritage Commission meeting is slated to take place on July 27, starting at 7 p.m.

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vard Kennedy School students from all over the world an on the ground history tour of how and who shaped the creation of our government. So so many have worked, died and suffered so that we can live with and under this grand experiment.

The Londonderry Town meeting last evening was an incredi-

bly sad disappointment and definitely does not represent what our local government has been and can be. A public government setting and public servants should never use their position to personally debase a citizen. We can strongly but respectfully agree and disagree over issues, but to personally attack and attempt to ruin anyone's reputation is truly appalling. Our grand experiment will

not last if this direction continues. This behavior does not honor our forefathers and foremothers and is in no way helpful or constructive to this community.

The back and forth personal attacks NEED to stop and stop now if we expect to discuss and solve local government problems and live in a civil town.

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Adult Ed

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Parent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to start the event, followed by Superintendent, Dan Black, and School Board Chairman, Bob Slater, both giving congratulatory remarks at the beginning of the service.

Rich thanked all those involved in the Adult Education Program, as well as school administrators and family members of the graduates, noting that many of the students persevered through the issues created during the pandemic.

Mackenzie Belisle was introduced as the LHS Adult Education Student speaker and was asked to address the class during the ceremony.

She said, "Our diplomas will be a passport to higher learning and protection against economic times."

She talked about her achievements, saying that she appreciated the Adult Ed Program and the help from the community. She also thanked Crystal Rich for her support through the program and for being a "second mom to all of us." She also praised a number of the teachers involved in helping her through the program as well as thanks to friends and family members.

Molly Dwyer, the Campbell High School Student Speaker, also shared a few thought.

Dwyer made a very brief statement, "I owe my gratitude to a lot of people. Thank you for believing in me."

Graduate, Christopher Kegley, will be



Chyanne Terburgh receives her diploma and is congratulated by the Director of Adult Education, Crystal Rich. Photo by Chris Paul

entering the Navy after he graduates. He was brought to the stage and presented with a gift

from two members of the LHS "Blue Star Lancers." Adult Education

teacher, Amy Cohen, then took the stage as the Staff Speaker.

She started by congratulating the graduates then shared a story of when she first started at the high school in the special education department. She told those attending that during that time, she met a young man that she knew was really struggling and was told, "He just needs more time," and thought, "He needs more than just time." But after a year, the students excelled beyond her expectations.

From there, she applied what she had seen to her own goals in life and began her "next step" to higher learning by entering college.

Cohan told the graduates, "When you struggle, just remember, maybe you just need more time."

The Class Song was sung by Adult Ed student, Kayleigh Feener, and was accompanied on piano by music teacher, Danielle Loschavo. She performed a beautiful rendition of Billy Joel's, "Vienna."

After the performance, a number of scholarships were presented, then the 40 students marched across the stage, one by one, to receive their diplomas and were congratulated by staff members as they exited the stage.

Each student was also presented the book, "You're Here for a Reason," by Nancy Tillman. This book presentation has become a tradition of the Adult Ed Program."

The commencement ended with the graduates being presented to the audience as the "Class of 2023."

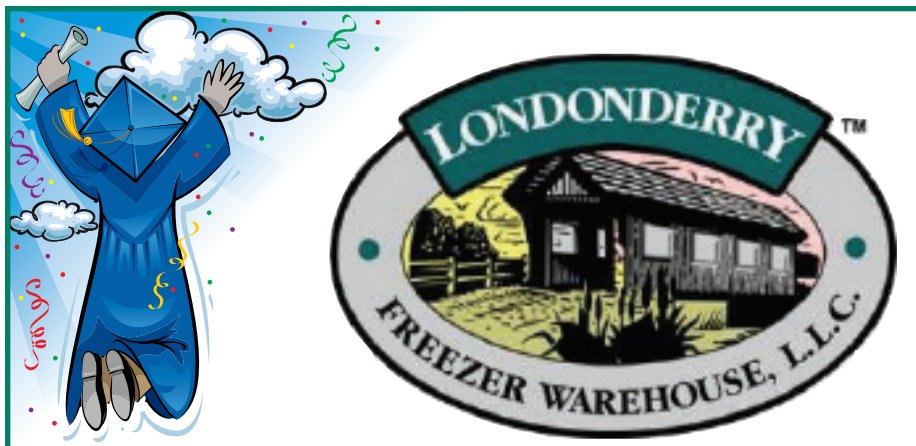
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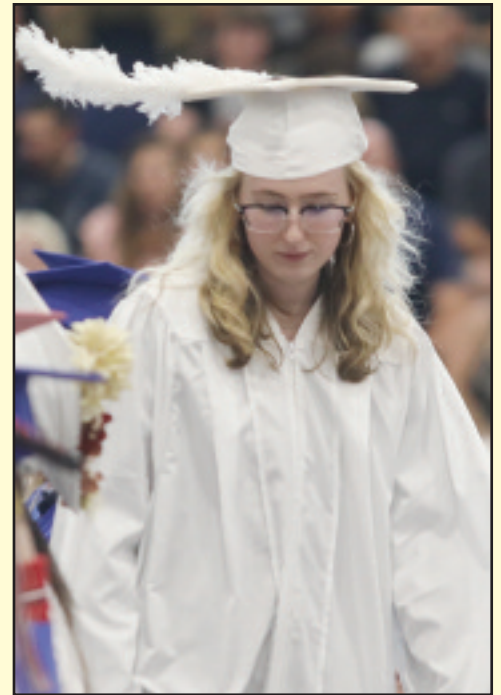


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The weekly Concerts on the Common series will feature the Windham Community Swing Band on Wednesday June 14, on the Londonderry Town Common, 265 Mammoth Road, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The neighboring town to our south has a fabulous community band - the Windham Community Swing Band. They have performed for us many times in the past, and they will be back on the bandstand again this summer. The Band is a volunteer non-profit organization serv-

ing musicians from Windham, Derry, Londonderry, Salem, Methuen, Hudson, Manchester, Nashua, and other area communities. Musicians of all ages may participate. We always have feedback of high praise when they perform for Concerts on the Common, so please come down to welcome them back - and enjoy a great evening of toe-tapping music!

For a complete schedule and more details visit: concertsonthecommon.org

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featuring quality music in a family friendly environment. For more information please visit: facebook.com/concertsonthecommon; www.concertsonthecommon.org;

or email: concertsonthecommon@gmail.com
Weather Policy: We always have a concert. If it's raining or bad weather, we move indoors to one of the schools near

the Town Common. To determine the exact location, check our Facebook page or Web site after 2 p.m. on the day of the concert more for details.

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Natalia G. BarNoy

Londonderry High School
Natalia will be a member of the Honors Program at Bridgewater State University, majoring in Geosciences. She will also be riding with the BSU Varsity Equestrian Team. Talia, we are so proud of all you've achieved! Grab those reins, ride like the wind, and manifest your roses! We love you!

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Kiera Batherwich

Londonderry High School
Kiera, we are so proud of all you've accomplished, & have loved every minute of watching you in the drumline. UNH is lucky to have you & we're excited to see your next chapter! Go get em' kiddo! We love you! Mom, Dad, Nicole & Talia

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Logan Bower

Londonderry High School
Congratulations on an amazing high school performance, Logan! National Honors Society, Tri-M and Hockey Coaches' Award, you excel in all your passions. We're so proud of you and can't wait to see you further your music dreams at Belmont University.

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Olivia Colliton-Savina

Londonderry High School
Olivia Colliton-Savina, your parents are proud of all your hard work at school, at Hannaford's, in your volunteer work, and in field hockey. Can't wait to be impressed as you tackle American in DC and beyond! Love you loads!

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Joey Czekanski

Londonderry High School
Congratulations Joey!
We are so excited to watch your future at UNH and with the Air Force ROTC. You are making all your dreams a reality. We are so proud of you We love you. Love Dad, Mom and Caitlyn

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Dominic DeLeo

Londonderry High School
We are so proud of you! You should be very proud of your accomplishments. Wishing you the best as you head to SNHU, can't wait to see the things you will do!

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Owen Evans

Londonderry High School
Owen we are so proud you. We are going to miss watching you play soccer & volleyball. We wish you the best at Plymouth State College Always make good choices and be safe. Love Mom & Dad

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Isabella Elguezabal

Londonderry High School
We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished. NHS, Foreign Language HS, Community Service Club, Big Buddies, Best Buddies & Varsity Volleyball. You are an amazing young lady, with a bright future and plentiful opportunities! Love, Mom, Dad, Alex & Victor

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Victor Elguezabal

Londonderry High School
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments: NHS, Foreign Language HS, Big Buddies and Varsity Volleyball. You're such a smart, thoughtful and caring young man. You will have a bright future with wonderful opportunities! Love, Mom, Dad, Alex & Bella

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Landon LaFlamme

Londonderry High School
Write up: We are so proud of you. Some said that you wouldn't make it, but here you are. Great job. We can't wait to see what you do next. Keep up the good work. Love Mom and Dad.

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Jordon Furlong

Londonderry High School
ConGRADulations! We are all so proud of you & your accomplishments. Recipient of NH Scholar Award, you excelled at Basketball, Field Hockey & Unified Track/Field. You found time to be a Best Buddy, a member of Bring Change to Mind Club and a part of LHS Leadership Council. "Nothing can dim your light that shines from within" Best wishes, Essex Court neighbours.

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Susan Kim

Londonderry High School
Susan Kim, your friends are amazed by all you've accomplished! Well done! Good luck at Northeastern next Fall. In the meantime, we hope you get lots of rest and relaxation during the summer months! Your friends love you!

Budget Committee Learn of School District Budget Process

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Budget Committee received a presentation from School District Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, about how the budget process works on the school district side during their May 25 meeting.

McKenney explained that in the beginning of November they begin to have final discussions about what the final numbers will be for the proposed budget, which usually gets presented to the School Board on

the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

After Thanksgiving break, they then have a number of budget hearings where they are able to discuss the individual department budgets.

In January, they have a budget hearing and the School Board makes a final decision on what they are going to bring forward on the warrant.

Budget Committee Chair, Patrick Cassidy, said unlike the school district, the Town Council has it all in one day for the town on a Saturday as the different

departments discuss their budgets.

McKenney said the first day of the budget hearings is usually a general overview of the budget given by the superintendent and then the roughly 500 page budget books are distributed to give people time to review it during the Thanksgiving break.

"You can dive as deep into it as you want," McKenney said.

She said that Budget Committee members could look at the budget line item by line item for the most details if they

want, but they could also read the summary pages instead.

One thing that was pointed out by McKenney is that only recently have school districts been able to keep a fund balance and previously it would all have to be given back to the town in order to reduce the tax rate.

She stated that around August they go in front of the School Board and they determine what they should retain to the fund balance and what they should return to the tax-

payers.

"That's a school board decision," McKenney said.

McKenney also explained how the dining services fund works. She explained that if dining services were to lose money then they would have to pay for it through the general operating budget.

She said in a perfect world the fund should be balanced every year where the district doesn't lose or make any money off of the fund. However, due to lunch being free for all stu-

dents during the pandemic and the higher reimbursements they received from the federal government, the district ended up with an over \$800,000 fund balance, which needs to be lowered based on state guidelines.

McKenney noted that they aren't able to use those funds for anything other than dining services.

"When money is raised for a particular purpose it can only be used for that purpose," McKenney said.

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Ashley C. Lynch

Bio-Medical Regenerative Medicine

Ashley Lynch, daughter of Sarah Lynch, of Londonderry, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Bio-Medical Engineering, from Northeastern University with distinguished honors. Ashley's specialty is regenerative medicine, cell and tissue engineering. While at Northeastern, Ashley served as a teacher associated for the biology department and was employed as a research scientist at a Boston bio-medical firm. Ashley will further her career on the west coast of California.

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Sarah Peckham

Londonderry High School

Sarah, we are so proud of the woman you have become in your 18 years. We can't wait to see what your future holds. Congratulations on being accepted at Penn State!! Love, Dad, Mom, and Stephanie

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Morgyn Proulx

Londonderry High School

We are so proud of you, Morgyn! We look forward to all of your future achievements, and the next 4 years at SNHU. We love you, our olive oil and bread dipping girl! Love, Mom, Dad, Brandyn and Kyle

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Bridget Root

Londonderry High School

Congratulations, Bridget! We're so proud of all of your accomplishments at LHS, where your perseverance and sense of humor have served you well. We can't wait for you to make your mark on the Windy City! Love Mom and Dad

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Eliana Rosen

Londonderry High School

We are so proud of all that Ellie has accomplished: NHS Publicist, Best Buddies Officer, Tri-M, Chamber Choir, JV/Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track. She will be attending Trinity College. We cannot wait to see where her next adventure takes her! We love you, Ellie!

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Dylan Sabin

Londonderry High School

Londonderry High School!! Congratulations Dylan we are so proud of you!! Can't wait to see what your future holds!! Love, Mom and Dad

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Ava Seaman

Londonderry High School

We are so excited to celebrate you & all the excitement that lies ahead. We will miss you like crazy but we are so proud that you are following your dreams to UNCC. You are genuine and compassionate & will make a wonderful nurse. We love you, Ava Roo! Congratulations! Mom, Dad, Lucas and Jameson.

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Jason Senus

Londonderry High School

Congrats to our amazing son! We are so beyond proud of the man you are becoming! A true friend and a scholar athlete. We know success will follow you at Bryant University!! Best of luck on your new chapter. Love Mom & Dad

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Julia Senus

Londonderry High School

You are an exceptional daughter! Couldn't be prouder of how hard you worked to excel in your schoolwork, athletics & making lifelong friendships. You have a strong will about you and will do amazing things! Good luck at Bryant University! Love Mon & Dad

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Megan St. Germain

Londonderry High School

The St. Germain family is proud to celebrate the graduation of their daughter Megan from Londonderry High School. While at LHS she was a member of the NHS, Tri-M, winter percussion & served as drum captain in the band. Megan will attend Wentworth Institute of Technology in the fall majoring in architecture.

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2023



Olivia Witkop

Londonderry High School

Olivia Witkop is graduating from LHS and will be attending DePaul University in Chicago where she will be majoring in Psychology. Your hard work and perseverance has paid off. You are full of so much potential and we are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Katie, and Logan

Londonderry GREEN Team Holds Third Annual Plant Sale

The Londonderry GREEN Team hosted its third annual Plant Sale at the Lions Pavillion on Saturday, June 3 and despite the rain had a very successful effort in raising some funds for the local non-profit.

The group had hundreds of locally grown plants for people to buy

along with dozens of gardening tools to purchase that were donated to the team. The group has been working on a pollinator garden near Moose Hill School which they hope to expand on every year. They encourage residents to swing by over the summer to see the wide variety of flowers they've planted over the past few years.



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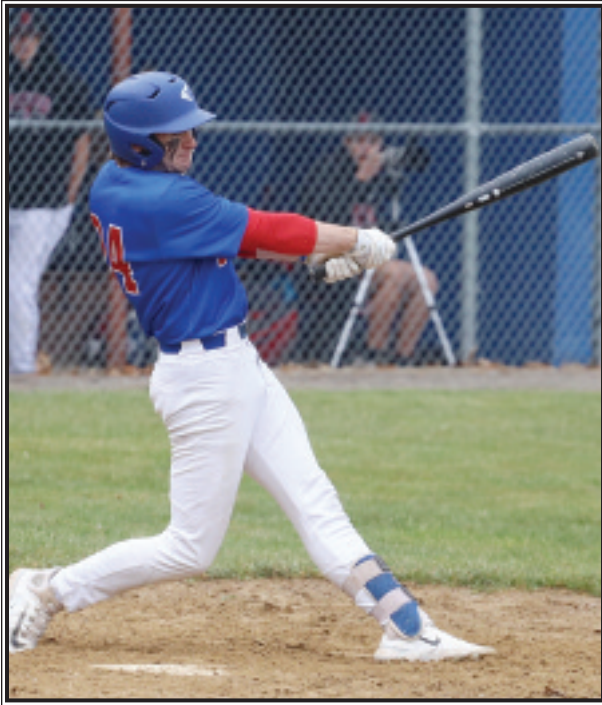
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Baseball Head to Semis After Extra Innings Win



Lancer senior Kevin Rourke had a pinch-hitter line-drive single to drive in the game-tying run to send the game into extra innings.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Baseball team's quarterfinal game in the Division I Championship against the Bedford Bulldogs concluded in the second extra inning, with a dramatic, game ending base hit, by senior Drew Heenan leading to a 2-1 victory.

The game was played at Lancer Park, in cold, wet conditions on Saturday afternoon, June 3, and had both teams struggling to get base runners as pitchers Connor Fennell (LHS) and Aiden O'Connell (BHS) kept the game scoreless until the final regular

inning.

Fennell pitched nine innings for the Lancers, striking out 12 batters and allowing just six hits and one run.

O'Connell was equally tough on the Bedford mound, striking out 10 LHS batters, walking two, and allowing just three hits.

The wet field conditions led to two errors for both sides.

In the first inning, a one-out single by Bedford turned out to be harmless after two pop-up outs ended the first frame.

Londonderry's only base runner was junior Johan Pena, who got to

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Connor Fennell pitched a complete game against BHS, striking out 12 batters and allowing just six hits and one run. Photos by Chris Paul

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Lady Lancers Softball Title Hopes End in the Quarters

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Softball team's twelve-game winning streak ended on Saturday, June 3, in Salem, against the

Blue Devils in the Quarterfinals of the Division I State Championship.

The Lady Lancers entered the state tournament as the #5 seed, and had a first round shutout victory over the

Merrimack High School Tomahawks on Wednesday, May 31, but three days later, LHS had their season come to an end when they fell behind early and were never able to recover against Salem, the #4 seed.

In the team's final home game of the season, junior Olivia Cutuli had another outstanding game from both the pitching circle and the batters box.

Cutuli was in command from the rubber, pitching seven innings with 11 strikeouts, zero walks, and just two hits.

She was also 4-4 at the plate with two home runs, a double, and a single for five of the teams eight runs.

Merrimack's only two hits came in the fourth and seventh innings.

The Lancers first run came in the opening inning after a leadoff Cutuli single and a pass ball score.

In the second, Cutuli hit her first dinger, just over the left-center fence and drove in three

for an early 4-0 lead.

In the fourth, Cutuli factored into the scoring again, leading off with a double and having her courtesy runner, Hannah Ruggiero, score on a Lauren Laudani single.

In the fifth, Cutuli drove in two more runs with her second homer of the game.

The final run of the game came from freshman centerfielder, Riley Campo, in the sixth inning for the 8-0 final score.

Sophomore Sara Daniels had the only other double, while freshman Alison Chambers and senior catcher, Makenna True, both had singles.

In the team's final game of the championship, on Saturday, June 3, at Salem High School, the Lancers suffered a 6-15 loss to the Blue Devils and exited in the semifinals.

Cutuli only lasted three innings in this game, giving up 10 runs on 11 hits with one walk and three Ks.

Senior Mia Gaspie



Lancer shortstop, Zoey Nelson, tags out one of the few Tomahawks base-runners stealing.

took the rubber in the fourth and allowed five runs on four hits.

Salem had a grand slam in the very first inning and never looked back, scoring five runs in the first, one in the second, and four in the third before LHS finally got on the board in the fourth.

Doubles by Campo and Kaitlyn McHugh led to the first three Lancer runs.

Londonderry scored two in the fifth off singles by Cutuli, True and Nina Corvino.

The only other run score was with a leadoff home run by Campo in the sixth.



Londonderry junior, Olivia Cutuli, belts one of her two homeruns during the game against Merrimack last week. Photos by Chris Paul



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Lancers Volleyball Finish Regular Season Undefeated

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Volleyball Squad kept its perfect record in tact again last week with the final game of the regular season.

As most fans expected, the Lancers easily got by the John Stark Regional High School Generals in straight sets.

With the win, the Lancers put the cherry on top of a perfect regular season, winning all 16 games and notching 48 sets won to 10 sets lost.

The stellar finish

allowed the Londonderry squad to enter the Division I State Championship as the number one seed and a first-round bye.

The final game of the regular season took place on Tuesday, May 30, with the Generals coming close in two of the three sets, but the Lancers wound up winning 25-14, 25-23 and 25-22.

The game had 11 players contributing: Senior Spencer Brassard and junior Ethan Munro had five kills in the match; junior Crosby Nolan had four kills; senior Trevor Edmunds fin-

ished with four kills and two blocks; senior Colin Ness amassed 14 kills and two blocks; senior Brady Joncas had one dig; senior Owen Evans had six digs and an ace; senior Victor Elguezabal got three digs and an ace; junior Matt Doyle tallied eight digs, an assist, and an ace; senior Cam Normand was able to get three kills, two blocks, one dig, one ace, and 29 assists; and senior Kyle Rondeau had three kills, four digs, and two aces.

The Lancers were scheduled to face their first opponent in the Division I Championship



Lancers varsity volleyball squad finished the regular season at 16-0 then posed for a photo at the last win. Courtesy photo

on their home court in the quarterfinals against Keene High School. Keene beat Timberlane

3-0 in the first round of the playoffs.

Londonderry beat the Blackbirds in straight sets in the first match of the regular season back on April 10.

Baseball

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first with a walk.

The second inning had Fennell pitching his way out of runners on the corners with two out.

In the fifth, a Lancer error resulted in a man on second, with no one out, but a fly ball out and two dramatic catches by Heenan behind the plate kept the game scoreless.

The first run of the game came in the top of the seventh, after a lead-off line-drive single to

left field. Fennell struck out the following two batters, but gave up a single to the fourth batter of the inning and LHS trailed 1-0 heading into the bottom of the final inning.

Pena started the inning with a single to left for Londonderry's first hit of the game.

O'Connell then struck out the following LHS batter, but senior Kevin Rourke came in as a pinch-hitter to smack a line-drive single to center and drove in the

game-tying run.

Rourke also factored into the final game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth.

The senior reached on an error by the Bedford shortstop and advanced to second with one out. He remained on second through the second strikeout of the inning, but then was brought home by Heenan, who singled to left for the walk-off win.

The dramatic win game LHS their 20th win

and their 16th consecutive victory of the season.

They are now headed into a semi-final game against the Goffstown High School Grizzlies on Wednesday, June 7, at Holman Stadium in Nashua starting at 7 p.m.

The Grizzlies finished the regular season at 14-4 and were seeded as the #4 team in the championship.

Goffstown is also coming off an exciting one-run win in the quarterfinals, beating Winn-



Drew Heenan had a game-winning hit to end the game against Bedford on Saturday.

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Lancers Boys' Lacrosse Has Season End at Pinkerton

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Lacrosse team

headed into the Division I State Championship as the #6 seed and faced their rival Pinkerton Academy (#3 seed) for

the third time this season and lost 15-7 in quarterfinal game held Saturday afternoon, June 3, in Derry.

First year head coach and Londonderry alumni, Dave Wiedenfeld, and his Lancer squad finished the regular season at 8-8 and were hoping to be the spoiler in their first game of the playoffs, against the Astros.

Unfortunately, with Pinkerton winning just about every face off, LHS needed to rely on turnovers to get an upper hand, and although the Lancers were able to create a number of turnovers, they didn't have an answer for the speedy PA offense.

They also had to battle a very good Pinkerton goaltender. Astros Tyler LeBlanc turned away 14 attempts by the Londonderry offense in the game.

The Astros got on the board four times in the opening minutes of the game before Lancers

senior attacker, Brandon Robbins, got Londonderry's first goal of the game, at 5:09 in the first quarter, but LHS trailed 6-1 to start the second.

In period number two, senior Nate Pedrick had his first goal of the game, making it, 6-2 at 8:56.

Pedrick scored his second goal three minutes later, but the Astros had already scored two more times for the 8-3 lead.

Pedrick then made it 8-4 with his third goal of the quarter, but PA came back with two more to finish the first half at 10-4.

Pinkerton had an 11-5 lead heading into the final 12-minutes of the game and Londonderry was only able to get into the PA net two more times before the final buzzer.

Londonderry senior players were the team's only goal scorers in their final game as Lancers Pedrick finished with four goals, Robbins, Ben Padykula, and Cam Chicko each had one goal in their final game.

Despite the early exit from the playoffs, Wiedenfeld is planning on getting an early start next season after the late start for him this year.

Junior goaltender, Nathan Barrett, had nine saves in the game.

Wiedenfeld was disappointed with the outcome of the game, but looks forward to an earlier start next year.

He commented after the final game, "Our seniors had a fantastic season and I'm excited to return next Spring with a full off-season of work in store."



Senior Nate Pedrick scoring one of the Lancers goals against PA.

Lancers Track & Field Members Place at Meet of Champions

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Londonderry High School Boys' and Girls' Track and Field Teams competed in the NHIAA Meet of Champions (MOCs) over the weekend and though they didn't have nearly the success as they did one week earlier at the Division I State Championship, a number of

Lancers finished in the top of the state.

The MOCs were held at Oyster River High School on Saturday, June 3, in some cold and wet conditions.

Senior runner, Sean Clegg, who was able to retain his title for the second straight year in the 400-Meter Dash at the Division I Championship with a time of 49.8 seconds, took sec-

ond at the MOCs with a time of 50.68, a half second behind Ty Dorow of Oyster River.

In the Long Jump, senior Andrew Kullman took second place with his final jump of 21'9.5." Kullman had a jump of 22'.75" for a first-place medal at the Division I Championship.

Kullman also had a sixth-place finish in the High Jump, although he

was short of his first-place finish at the DI Championship with the height of 6'4", Kullman had a 6-foot jump of Saturday.

Senior Ryan Fortin had a fifth-place finish in the 3,200-Meter Run with his time of 9:29.95. Fortin was third at the DIs a week earlier with his time of 9:36.75.

In the 4x100-Meter Relay, the Lancers team of Anthony Amaro, Seth Doyon, Jon Inglese and Andrew Kullman finished in eighth place with a time of 44.77.

Senior Donovan Gannon had a fourth-place finish in the Triple Jump at 40'5". Gannon reached 40'11.5" for his third place finish at the DI states.



Marline Fitzgerald

GIRLS

The Lancer Girls had a very good showing at the Pole Vault with four ladies finishing in the top six.

Senior Marline Fitzgerald finished in second at 9'9" in a Jump Off. Junior Amanda Robinson had a third place finish in the Jump Off at

9'6." Senior Ava Ruppel also reach a height of 9'6" and took third at the MOCs.

Fellow junior Lilly Haggett tied for sixth place with 9-feet.

In the Triple Jump, Robinson had a jump of 31'11.5" and got a tenth-place finish.

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Young Teams Hold Annual Parade to LAFA Complex



The annual LAFA baseball and Softball Parade was held on Saturday morning, and despite the rain putting some kinks in the organizations plans, young athletes made their way from the high school to the LAFA Complex for a number of activities taking place there. Dylan Torre-Moody kicked off things at LAFA with the National Anthem and LHS softball players Liv Cutuli, and Zoey Nelson along with graduate Madyson Bickford came out to help throw the ceremonial first pitches.

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Five Ways You Can Make Your Summer Greener

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As the weather warms and summer peeks around the corner, it's the perfect time to start thinking about the ways you can keep the environment in mind as you head outdoors. And do you know what's great about that? You don't need to make sweeping changes to your daily life to make a difference. Small changes have a big impact. Here are some small ways you can make positive changes:

Reuse

We all know the adage "reduce, reuse, recycle." Reusing is a simple and highly effective way to help the environment by cutting down on waste that

would otherwise be sitting in a landfill. Did you know that on average, 60 million plastic water bottles get thrown away every day? By using a reusable water bottle, you can help reduce that number. Another thing most people take for granted is plastic shopping bags. Bringing in your own reusable bags to stores with you when you hit the shops cuts down on plastic waste exponentially. Also, keep those plastic produce bags in mind at the grocery store. If you are heading in to pick up just a couple of produce items, you probably don't need those bags. But, we get it. You might be buying a lot of produce, or you simply like to keep those items together. In that case, be sure to grab some

reusable produce bags for your trip to the store.

Plant a Garden

Planting a garden is a great way to get outside and get your hands dirty – while keeping our environment clean. Grow your own produce by planting a vegetable garden for fresh veggies all summer long – and even better – veggies that haven't been treated with pesticides. Flower gardens are another great option, as they help our bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Consider using native plants in your garden, as they require less watering, fertilizers and pesticides. Native plants provide the right food for caterpillars, butterflies, moths, native bees, bats and

birds. Native nuts, seeds, and fruits feed all types of wildlife, while non-native plants do not provide the right food for local species. The added benefit of a beautiful outdoor space is pretty enticing, too. But you don't need to go crazy – rather than planting a whole garden, you could plant a tree. Trees have an incredibly positive impact on our environment. They absorb carbon dioxide, and other pollutants, and release oxygen which gives us cleaner air. Along rivers, hills and mountainsides, tree roots help to reduce erosion by holding soil in place. Shade can also provide energy saving benefits by helping keep your home cool, so you won't need to crank the air conditioning as much

in the warm months.

Compost

One way we can keep extra waste out of landfills is by composting. Certain natural waste, such as coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable scraps and eggshells, can be composted rather than tossed into the garbage bin. Not only are you preventing that waste from accumulating elsewhere, you are creating excellent, nutrient-rich fertilizer for your garden and house plants. By using a natural fertilizer, you are also preventing the release of chemicals to the environment.

Support Local Farms

Support local farms and restaurants by choosing to eat and shop locally. Local

restaurants typically source their ingredients from local farms, which not only means fresher foods but also means that the ingredients are not shipped from far away. This results in fewer harmful emissions for transporting the ingredients.

Walk, Bike or Carpool

Cutting down on the amount of time you spend in your car will help decrease carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere. Consider taking public transport or carpooling more often – even if it's one day per week. Riding a bike and even simply walking are great ways to get some exercise while also helping out the environment.

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Londonderry Historical Society Offers Three Events in June

The Londonderry Historical Society is pleased to announce its June 2023 programs. All of the following events are open to the public.

On Sunday June 11 from 1 - 3 pm the popular Antiques Appraisal Day returns to the Historical Society's Parmenter Barn at 140 Pillsbury Road.

Auctioneer/appraiser/antiques dealer Daniel F. Reidy, owner of Discerning Eye Antiques & Appraisals will be available to provide information on your family heirlooms and other antiques.

From the smallest piece of jewelry to the biggest piece of furniture (bring some good photos if the item is too big), Dan's 35 years of experience will shed light on the history and potential value of your

treasures. We'll have people to help you with your heavier items, and refreshments will be served. Doors open at 12:30 for registration. The cost is \$10 per item, or 3 for \$25. Londonderry Historical Society members pay \$8/\$20. To make sure that everyone has a chance to meet with Dan, there is a maximum of six discrete items per person.

On Monday, June 12, at 7 p.m., author and historian Glenn Knoblock will speak on "African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire in the Revolutionary War" at the Parmenter Barn at 140 Pillsbury Road. He will discuss the role that New Hampshire African Americans, both free and enslaved, played in the American Revolution. These men were key in manning state

militias and Continental Army units, as well as serving on the high seas in the Navy and on privately armed ships. Their service was crucial to the colonies gaining independence from Britain. The talk is in honor of Juneteenth, the holiday that commemorates the emancipation of the last enslaved people in the US in 1865. (On June 19, 1865, two months after the Civil War ended, Union Army troops marched into Galveston, Texas, to free the last enslaved Black Americans.) This program is sponsored by NH Humanities and is free to all.

On Wednesday, June 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. genealogist Jan McLaughlin will present a free workshop on using the Mormon Church's Family Search website to trace your family tree.



The event will take place in the meeting room of the Londonderry Leach Library. The Family Search database contains a wealth of information, but learning to use it can be intimidating. McLaughlin demystifies the process and will have you researching your family history in no time. Participants are asked to bring their own laptop or tablet computer to use during the class. The workshop

is limited to 20 participants, and advance registration is strongly suggested. To register, call 603 490-3136 or email info@londonderryhistory.org.

The Londonderry Historical Society's mission is to preserve the best of Londonderry's past for future generations. The society owns several buildings at its 140 Pillsbury Road site, including the c. 1760 Morrison House, the

1859 Parmenter Barn, the 1840 R.P. Clark Blacksmith Shop, and the Annis-Reynolds Carriage Shed. The Society meets regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The public is always welcome. The LHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax deductible. For more information, visit www.londonderryhistory.org or find LHS on Facebook.

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Annual Banquet

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Local Racquet Professional Receives National Certification

Jay Palmieri of Londonderry has passed the examination and satisfied the experience requirements to be named a Master Racquet Technician (MRT) by the US Racquet Stringers Association (USRSA) in Suwanee, GA. The MRT designation is the highest certification a racquet sports retailer can receive.

To be eligible for the MRT designation, Jay had to pass an exhaustive exam that tests knowledge of all facets of racquet. "The exam measures understanding of how to install string, how to select the optimum racquet for every player and how to resize handles, regrip racquets and customize weight and balance," says Bob Patterson, USRSA executive director. "An MRT must also



Jay Palmieri

demonstrate advanced knowledge of current frame and string technology and how that technology translates to player satisfaction."

The USRA is a professional organization of 7,000 racquet service technicians.

"I have been stringing racquets for over 25 years but when I researched the USRSA and saw the MRT certification, I thought 'Why not go for it,'" says Jay. "I was confident with the three

practical parts of the exam but studied for over two months for the written portion. There were over 100 questions and asked lots of technical questions about strings, grips, racquets, and how to customize racquets for different players."

Currently Jay is the only stringer in NH with the MRT status. There are less than 20 MRTs in New England and less than 1,000 worldwide.

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Summer Tennis Camp

The Londonderry Summer Tennis Camp is currently accepting registrations for children ages 7 and up. The camps are scheduled for the week of June 26-30 and Aug. 21-25, from 9 - 11 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$150 with early bird special pricing of \$135 if payment and registration is received by June 9 for the first session and

Aug. 4 for the second session. The summer camps teach the foundational skills of tennis, as well as, building on balance, coordination and speed needed for long-term athletic development. Players will be grouped by age and ability. If you have any questions or want to register your child, email Roberta Davis at londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com for information and registration forms.

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Trivia Night Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 6949 will be hosting their annual "Trivia Night 5.0." The dinner and event will be on June 17, after the 4 p.m., Mass at St. Jude's Parish Center, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets will again be \$20 per person (available after

all Masses and at the door), which includes an Italian dinner, dessert, soda/water/beer/wine (for a donation) and several rounds of Trivia Fun. Most walk away with prizes. All proceeds go to area charities. We urge purchasing tickets prior to the event, to help with food preparations. Call Bill Schenkelberg with questions, or to reserve tickets 603-275-0743.

Free Meals

There are several free community meals in June, there as follows. Lunch on June 11, from 2 - 3 p.m., Indoors at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("DECOFT"), 1 Hood Rd., Derry call 603-432-2120 for more information; To Go Lunch on June 17, from noon - 12:30 p.m., drive around to back of church St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, call 603-434-4767 for more information; Pick up Breakfast & Basic Needs Items on June 24, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., at Masonic Lodge Mecurio Family, Masonic Lodge, 58 East Broadway, Derry, call 603-475-3852 for more information; Lunch on June 25, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Indoors at St. Jude Parish Community, 435

Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, call 603-432-3333 for more information; To Go Dinner on June 30, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., parking lot at back door of First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 603-434-0628 for more information

Karaoke

On June 9, American Legion Post 27 will hold Karaoke with DJ Sharon from 7:30 - 11 p.m., at 6 Sergeant Rd., behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend as well.

Legion Meeting

On June 12, American Legion Post 27 will hold its Monthly General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Flag Day

On June 14 the American Legion Post 27 will host a Flag Day ceremony at 6 p.m., at 6 Sergeant Rd., behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd. please drop off unserviceable flags before the event.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - May 29

1:06 a.m. Arrest made by four officers after a motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road at Acropolis Avenue. Devin Duncan, 26, Hudson, charged with: Speeding 11-15 mph over the limit of 55 or Less; Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Open Container of Alcohol.

7:41 a.m. Sudden Death on Melody Lane investigated by five officers.

10:21 a.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on Brewster Road.

11:23 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Kelley Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Joshua Bernard, 37, of Londonderry, charged with: Disobeying an Officer; Reckless Operation; and Speeding 25 mph over a Limit of 55 or Less.

11:46 a.m. Services rendered for a Structure Fire on Elijah Hill Road.

12:40 p.m. Dog Bite Investigated by Animal Control on Winterwood Drive.

Tuesday - May 30

2:01 a.m. Peace restored during a Domestic Disturbance on Tranquil Drive.

12:44 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on High Range Road.

2:17 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:44 p.m. Three officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Fieldstone Drive, resulting in transport to a hospital.

Wednesday - May 31

9:44 a.m. Auto Theft investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:23 a.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

12:44 p.m. Services rendered for report of Auto Theft at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

1:31 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for Suspicious Activity on Elwood Road.

2:32 p.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Boulder Drive.

7:30 p.m. Peace Restored by three officers after a Disturbance at the McDonalds on Nashua Road.

Thursday - June 1

5:48 a.m. A Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport results in the transportation to a hospital.

8:56 a.m. Arrest made after a motor vehicle

stop on Nashua Road at Mammoth Road. Joshua Lee Pabon, 41, of Manchester, charged with: Drive After Revoked/Suspension for Driving Under the Influence.

10:41 a.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on Airport Road at Lot F.

4:45 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening at McDonalds on Nashua Road.

4:57 p.m. Arrest made by three officers after a Disturbance at McDonalds on Nashua Road. Jared Zander Melendez, 24, of Haverhill, MA., charged with Bench Warrants.

5:41 p.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance at Market Basket on Michels Way.

Friday - June 2

12:35 a.m. Motor vehicle stop made by three officers on Route 93 north, south of Exit 5, leads to an arrest. Mbambi Mbungu, 24, of Keene, charged with: Drive after Revoked/Suspension; Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Failure to Dim Lights.

6:57 a.m. Seventeen officers respond to Suspicious Activity on Mammoth Road and have vehicle towed.

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following items:

Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(a)
For a GOFERR Grant for a Boat Launch on Scobie Pond

Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(a)
For acceptance of unanticipated funds in excess of \$10,000, and RSA 31:95-e, acceptance of gifts valued in excess of \$5,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

The public hearings will occur on Monday, June 26 at 7 PM in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Around Town

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Kristine Perez will be available with information and to answer your questions: June 13, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Leach Library.

Antiques Appraisal

On Sunday, June 11, from 1 - 3 p.m., the Londonderry Historical Society is

hosting their 2023 Antiques Appraisal Day! Doors open at 12:30 p.m. to pre-register your items (\$10ea, 3/\$25) at the Morrison House Museum's, Parmenter Barn, 140 Pillsbury Rd. Daniel F. Reidy, appraiser, antiques dealer and auctioneer, will provide appraisals and approximate value items. Reidy has over 35 years experi-

ence and is the owner of Discerning Eye, an estate appraisal and disposition planning business based in Warner, NH. Refreshments will be provided.

How Israeli PBS Changed Israeli Public TV

On Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. Ra'anan de Haas, the Jewish Federation of NH Israeli Shaliach will

present the history of Israeli public broadcasting and its eventual downfall, rebirth, and effect on other networks. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot

Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Please visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Jewish Cemetery in US

On Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m., Rabbi Joshua L. Segal, Emeritus Congregation Betenu, Amherst, NH and author of A Field Guide to Visiting a Jewish Cemetery: A Spiritual Journey to the Past, Present, and Future - The Rabbi will speak about the evolution of cemetery history in the American Jewish community. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Please visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

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Police Log

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3:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store on Nashua Road.

3:37 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Jersey Street.

4:24 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Hall Road.

11:27 p.m. Four officers respond to Suspicious Activity on Kitty Hawk Landing.

Saturday - June 3
7:46 a.m. Criminal Mis-

chief investigated on Tanager Way.

7:57 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:53 a.m. Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite for on Fieldstone Drive.

11:49 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Litchfield Road.

3:03 p.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on West Road.

5:45 p.m. Suspicious Activity on Beacon Street investigated by

four officers.

7:07 p.m. Motor vehicle accident at TJ Maxx on Michels Way leads to an arrest made by six officers. Marlene Sanz-Rodriguez, 48, of Nashua, charged with Driving Under the Influence-Impairment.

Sunday - June 4

4:32 p.m. Welfare Check conducted at the Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road leads to arrest made by five officers. Michael Gagne, 47, of Lewiston, ME, charged with: Driving Under the Influence- Impair-

ment; Driving Under the Influence with Passenger Under 16; Endangering Welfare of a Child; and Open Container.

5:23 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Sunflower Lane.

6:30 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:03 p.m. Trespassing served on Birchwood Drive.

9:35 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Cell Tower on Kelley Road.

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