LHS Alumni Reunion

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Welcome back, Laconia Sachems!

We are honored to welcome you to this year’s Laconia High School Homecoming! Because you are a real part of the history of this school, you are aware of the great pride that we have in our school and community. Homecoming is a chance for us to showcase our pride reconnect with Sachems across the years.

Laconia High School celebrated its 137th Commencement this past June. For many reasons, we took great pride in our school and community — 5 to 7 p.m. Homecoming is a chance to reconnect with Sachems! Those who participated had a great time, and many of you were looking forward to returning for this year’s alumni reunion to reconnect with even more classmates!

This being our fifth year, the LHS Annual Alumni Reunion continues to grow! With the weather cooperating, the homecoming parade was one of the highlights of last year’s LHS alumni reunion! Those who participated had a great time, and were looking forward to returning for this year’s alumni reunion to reconnect with even more classmates!

Since its inception, the LHS Alumni Scholarship Fund has awarded a total of $3,500 to LHS graduating seniors who were recommended by teachers and guidance counselors. These scholarships have been awarded from funds raised at the annual event, which netted $2,768 in 2014. To perpetuate alumni scholarships for future generations, the committee had originally voted to invest a portion of their fundraising proceeds in an endowment fund each year. After awarding $1,000 of the 2014 proceeds to two 2015 graduates, the unused portion was invested in the endowment fund, which has a market value of $7,185 as of June 2015. This year’s recipients were Emily Maddocks and Mitchell Bailey, they certainly show Sachem spirit!

If you haven’t had the chance to check out the new athletic stadium, take some time to head over to the field and see what all the talk is about!

This year’s reunion parade will again be in conjunction with the LHS Homecoming parade on Sept. 25. Antique cars organized by Warren Mitchell will be parked in the back parking lot in front of the athletic stadium.

Alumni who would like to ride in these cars should contact Janet Brough at 603-524-5710 or email jbrough@lacooniaschools.org to reserve a spot as spaces are limited. Lineup for the parade will begin on the front lawn of the high school at 3:30 p.m. We will again be marching in decades and encourage all alumni to participate.

The practice field directly below the athletic stadium will be the location of the welcome tent for a reception for socializing and reminiscing prior to the football game. The Classes of 1965 and 1975 will host this reception. Admission to the game will be $5 with all proceeds going to the LHS Alumni Scholarship Fund.

As always, the proceeds from the LHS Alumni Reunion will go to LHS Alumni Scholarship Fund administered through the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. Also, if you would like additional copies of this newsletter, please contact us. Again, thank you for all your generosity, support and ideas.

Janet Brough
Alumni Committee Member

Get ready for the reunion, LHS

This year in this bright red classic car.

CRUISING ALONG — The Class of 1952 was represented last year in this bright red classic car.

This year’s reunion schedule

Friday, Sept. 25

Homecoming Parade — 4 p.m.
LHS Alumni Reception, hosted by Class of 1965 and Class of 1975 at practice field directly in front of Bank of NH Athletic Stadium — 5 to 7 p.m.
LHS football vs. Hanover — 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Field hockey vs. Newport — 10 a.m., in the stadium
Volleyball vs. Kingswood
Junior Varsity at 11 a.m. and Varsity at 12:15 p.m., in LHS gym
Girls soccer vs. Raymond
Junior Varsity at noon and Varsity at 1:30 p.m., in the stadium
Boys Soccer vs. Prospect Mountain
Junior Varsity at 3 p.m. and Varsity at 4:30 p.m., in the stadium

To be part of the homecoming parade, contact Janet Brough at 603-524-5710 or email jbrough@lacooniaschools.org to reserve a spot as spaces are limited.
Help needed to preserve LHS history and achievements

Laconia High School has a rich history and tradition created by 137 graduating classes of men and women. Today, if you walk into the main entrance to our school, you will see banners with valedictorians, plaques identifying state champion and runner-up teams, and more plaques recognizing students for achieving greatness in many ways.

As an example of the ongoing work to recognize the excellent tradition that good ole LHS has, we created a display for our 24 members of the Laconia High School Athletic Hall of Fame last year. This year, we will recognize five new inductees into the Hall of Fame.

We are telling some of the story of LHS but we KNOW there is more to tell. To that end, we have developed a vision of creating a “Legacy Hall” in the high school that proudly displays the rich history of this high school and our community.

Our dream includes the building of cabinets that would serve as a display of memorabilia and information from each era, creating a more complete story of the significant role the school has played in Laconia.

These cabinets will be a museum exhibit that would focus on the history of athletics AND academics, both having rich traditions of excellence that go back before the turn of the 20th century.

To make this dream a reality, we need to raise about $30,000 and more memorabilia from our school community to put on permanent display.

As you return to your roots to relive your time here at LHS with friends and family, please consider donating in an effort to celebrate our storied past.

Checks can be made out to “Laconia High School Museum Project.”

Thank you for your consideration and returning home. It is because of people like you that our school community, pride, and tradition is so great.

For more information, contact Steve Tucker at Laconia High School – (603) 524-3350 or email stucker@laconiaschools.org.

Best Wishes to all Laconia High School Alumni!

Willard G. Martin, Jr
LHS Class of 1955

Steven B. Goss
LHS Class of 1966

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Six decades of scholarships awarded through Lakes Region

By JOAN CORMIER
Executive Director

Our official 60th anniversary will be February 16, 2016, but this year marks SIX DECADES of scholarships being awarded through the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, bringing the total awards given over $5.2 million, helping more than 4,600 students from 1956 through 2015. We are so grateful to all our donors who deserve the credit for this proud record of supporting college-bound students. And then there are the thousands who have contributed to specific memorial funds or special fundraisers, such as the following Laconia High School Alumni, which we wish to recognize.

Over the years, many in individual LHS classes have raised scholarship funds to celebrate benchmark anniversary reunions, to commemerate classmates that have passed, and to recognize the school system and teachers responsible for their education.


Also, the following classes chose to donate directly to the LHS Alumni fund to support the homecoming event or the scholarship fund: 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1975, and 1979. All of these combined LHS classes generated a total of $130,800 in scholarships from 1960 through 2015.

It all began with the LHS Class of 1910 – the very first high school class to establish a scholarship fund through LRSF in celebration of their 50th reunion! Their initial gift of $3,000 grew over the years with subsequent anniversary donations and bequests. From 1960 through 2015, over $41,800 has been awarded to 96 local college-bound students. Thanks to the dedication and determination of this small group of far sighted and youth-oriented classmates. And it’s still going!

Folks wonder how is it possible that a 105 year-old graduating class can manage to continue its awards after 45 years. And the answer is: A perpetual endowment fund. Please read their interesting story below, as well as nine other impressive classes that have established permanent funds that currently have a market value of $129,000, including the LHS Alumni Fund.

Laconia High School Class of 1910

On the occasion of their 50th anniversary, the LHS Class of 1910 established a scholarship endowment fund. To quote its treasurer, Charles O. Duke: “The inspiration for this gift came from the deep sense of gratitude felt by the class membership to the city and school officials, the faculty and citizens of the city of Laconia for providing them with the means of acquiring a high school education. For some of us, this has meant a step toward a college degree. For most of us, it has meant a higher standard of living. To all of us it has meant a broader and richer and infinitely more rewarding pattern of existence. And for all of us, it is profusely grateful.”

The last surviving member of the LHS Class of 1910, Madeline Whelan, died in 1997. The remarkable Miss Whelan experienced nearly 105 years of life to its fullest until she peacefully passed away. She was considered by friends and family as “a great lady, a vibrant woman who was really fun to be with, a marvelous personality.” Like her classmates, she was intensely interested in the educational future of young people and would follow the progress of scholarship recipients of the Laconia High School Class of 1910.

Laconia High School Class of 1933

Edwin “Sonny” Chertok and Gertrude Stone Gilman, of the Scholarship Committee, spoke with pride of their fellow classmates, their school, and their accomplishments – especially as graduates of an economically depressed generation. This scholarship was established in honor of their 65th class reunion.

The following quotes provide a stark contrast to today’s values and outlook on education: “We were the depression class of 1933. We remember that the school year was cut by two weeks because the City of Laconia ran out of money. We were the first class to wear caps and gowns that were rented for $1.50 because many could not afford jackets for graduation.” – Ed Chertok.

“School meant so much to us, especially Laconia High School.” – Alice Files.

In 2009, Mr. Chertok, the principal organizer and major donor to the Class of ’33 fund, passed away. Fittingly, memorial offerings were requested to perpetuate the scholarship fund he so enthusiastically promoted and supported over the years.

And we are delighted to report that Mrs. Gilman, who celebrated her 100th birthday this past January, has been proudly representing the Class of ’33, riding in a vintage auto in the homecoming parade since 2011.

Laconia High School Class of 1940

Known for its team spirit and enthusiasm, the Class of ’40 lived up to its reputation and donated generously to meet their objective of establishing a scholarship endowment fund as they celebrated their 50th anniversary. The class augmented the fund through further fundraising on the occasion of their 55th class reunion and their 60th anniversary by having “fund raising drives in conjunction with their reunion celebrations. Donations were frequently made in memory of deceased classmates and teachers.

It is especially noteworthy to mention that when classmate Priscilla Mazzaschi’s husband died in 2000, he had wanted to be remembered with contributions to the LHS Class of 1940. Although Al Mazzaschi never graduated from high school because of financial difficulties, he and Priscilla were staunch believers in the value of a college education. All seven of their children went to college and received scholarships.

When Priscilla died in 2003, further substantial donations were received in her memory. She was an original member of the Scholarship Committee for the Class of ’40 and was proud of her role in developing a scholarship fund to help future generations of needy and deserving students.

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Laconia High School Class of 1949

The last surviving member of the LHS Class of 1949, Madeline Whelan, died in 1997. The remarkable Miss Whelan experienced nearly 105 years of life to its fullest until she peacefully passed away. She was considered by friends and family as “a great lady, a vibrant woman who was really fun to be with, a marvelous personality.” Like her classmates, she was intensely interested in the educational future of young people and would follow the progress of scholarship recipients of the Laconia High School Class of 1949.

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Laconia High School Class of 1952

The LHS Class of 1952 has certainly carried the spirit of gratitude and sense of community to a higher level through this scholarship fund – and had a lot of fun doing it! The initial scholarship awarded by the Class of ’52 was to celebrate their 10th anniversary. In celebration of their 50th anniversary reunion in 2002, they voted to establish an endowment scholarship fund.

They wished to express their appreciation for the quality of their education, their dedicated instructors, and the friendship of fellow students by helping other Laconia High School graduates.

Sadly, most donations have also been made over the years in memory of deceased classmates. The “Ladies of ’52” maintains close ties, enjoying frequent luncheons and generating additional funds. In 2007, for their 55th anniversary a substantial addition was made to the fund, and again in 2012 for their 60th gathering, as well as supporting the fundraising efforts for Laconia High School renovations. Their generosity certainly lives on in this community.

Laconia High School and Sacred Heart High School Class of 1954

The combined Class of 1954 from Laconia High School and Sacred Heart High School chose to celebrate its 55th anniversary reunion by raising funds to

LAST YEAR – Future graduates of Laconia High School were happy to join in the festivities of Homecoming.
Scholarship Foundation

benefit a Laconia High School graduate in each of the next five years. The success of their fundraising efforts is a tribute to all the '54 classmates and a tangible expression of their giving forward to future generations of LHS college-bound grads.

This year’s scholarship award was given in memory of classmate, Dick Dearborn, a great benefactor of the Class of '54, to recognize his contributions to many people and organizations within the Lakes Region and to the Laconia High School Science Center.

Laconia High School Class of 1956

This is the first Laconia High School class to benefit from the founding of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. In 1956, 15 LHS graduates received scholarships totaling $2,650 from eight donors. The initial scholarship awarded by the Class of 1956 was to celebrate their 10th anniversary.

For their 50th anniversary in 2006, they chose to establish a permanent scholarship fund as a tribute to their school, their teachers, and their community.

It is interesting to note that 60 years later LRSF awarded a total of $134,925 to 112 LHS graduates. Also, the Class of 1956, also held a very profitable auction — both of which were very successful, raising sufficient monies to establish an endowed scholarship fund, perpetuating this enthusiastic group's commitment to their hometown, their high school and future generations of LHS students.

Laconia High School Class of 1960

How the members of the LHS Class of 1960 have channeled a series of tragic events and untimely losses to help the youths of their community is inspiring. In 1967, they began collecting donations for a Class of '60 scholarship fund in memory of those classmates lost in Vietnam, in particular, and any other classmates who had passed on. Generous donations came from the families of Bob Ahern and Peter Morrison and many other friends and families and their first annual scholarship was awarded in 1968.

While planning its 50th anniversary, the reunion committee voted to turn over the balance of their scholarship funds to LRSF to establish a perpetuating endowment and invited their classmates to continue their support with additional donations.

Through this scholarship fund, the LHS Class of 1960 extends its legacy to the community and honors the memory of their deceased classmates and encourages future graduating LHS classes to create their own scholarship funds.

Laconia High School Class of 1965

The Laconia High School Class of 1965 celebrated their 10th and 25th anniversaries by awarding scholarships. While planning for their 40th high school reunion, the Class of '65 resolved they wanted to show appreciation to their community and their high school by giving an ongoing gift to future college-bound students. They succeeded in establishing the Laconia High School Class of 1965 endowment scholarship fund — a wise decision, which will honor the memory of their classmates and perpetuate the class spirit of giving in the community for generations to come. The Class of '65 has also supported the LHS Alumni Fund homecoming reunion.

Laconia High School Class of 1980

Bradner I. Walker Memorial Scholarship

Brad Walker, a graduate of the Laconia High School Class of 1980, was a zealous athlete. He played baseball and ice hockey and was the captain of the PeeWee Hockey Team that won the Class B State Championship in 1974. To memorialize his untimely death in 2009 and to recognize the 30th anniversary of his graduation, Brad’s family, friends and classmates contributed toward a scholarship in his honor, which was awarded in 2010, and continues to be funded by his parents and friends.

LHS Alumni Fund and Future Reunion Fundraisers

On behalf of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, I extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved with the LHS Alumni Scholarship fundraiser as part of the Laconia High School Homecoming event and Alumni Reunion.

We are so grateful to the LHS Alumni Committee, in particular Judge James M. Carroll, its founder and chair; and Janet Brought, its steadfast coordinator; the Laconia School Board; and all the school officials and volunteers who give so generously of their time and enthusiasm to make this a successful fundraising event.

You see there are so many ways to honor your high school, your teachers, your lost classmates and help future generations of graduates fulfill their educational and career goals. Through the LHS Alumni Fund or specifically named class funds, which may be permanently endowed, one-time donations, memorial gifts, periodic or annual awards.

If you wish more information, please contact John Cormier at 603-527-3533 or scholarship@metrocast.net. A list of all our donor funds is available on our website: www.lrscholarship.org under the donor section.

THANK YOU!
Alumni of the LHS Band have joined forces to create an LHS Band Alumni Association. Their first order of business has been to organize a reunion for all LHS Alumni of various LHS music-related programs over the years. The reunion will be open to all class years, but will have a special focus on Debbi Gibson and her 27 years at LHS as she prepares to retire from her position at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

The reunion will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Laconia High School, on Fitzgerald Field at Bank of New Hampshire Stadium. The anticipated schedule of events includes three different alumni concerts: Band, Jazz Band and Chorus. Debbi Gibson will choose songs from her list of favorites over the years and present these to the groups at the reunion to perform for the first time together that night.

When Gibson first came to LHS in 1989, the band was composed of 18 students. Her enthusiasm, creativity and warmth helped the band grow quickly, and she has maintained a steady enrollment of 40 to 50 band students during her 27 years at LHS. The Alumni Association is still in the process of gathering names and contact information, but it is expected that there are well over 1,000 students that performed under the direction of Mrs. Gibson during her time at LHS.

The Alumni Association has created a website and a Facebook page and is encouraging anyone interested in participating in the reunion and the concerts to submit their contact info at www.LHSBandAlumni.com or email LaconiaHSBandAlumni@gmail.com.

Reunion of many LHS band classes to take place next year
Laconia Academy gives adults a shot at success

By ED PIERCE
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LACONIA — While Laconia High School alumni have plenty to be proud of, so do adult students who complete classes at the Laconia Academy inside Laconia High School.

More than 1,200 adults from throughout the Lakes Region have earned their high school diplomas through Laconia Academy, and that number continues to grow with each passing year.

Statistics show that one out of four adults in New Hampshire does not have a high school diploma.

Students at Laconia Academy receive credit for previous high school work and also for life experiences such as military service, work experience, apprenticeship training, correspondence courses, certificate programs and homemaking.

Credits are earned by passing courses at Laconia Academy and the school also is approved for those eligible for Veterans Affairs benefits.

For many, enrolling in Laconia Adult Basic Education classes through the Laconia Academy could be the most meaningful thing they’ve ever done.

It’s an 11-week program that’s entirely free and offers an opportunity for people to improve skills in mathematics and reading.

Instructors will work individually with students so they can progress at their own pace.

The classes help adults who may not be able to read properly or are lacking in math skills to follow written directions for many tasks others take for granted.

Some of those tasks may include ordering from a restaurant menu, filling out a job application, helping children with a homework assignment or reading them a bedtime story.

Laconia Academy classes provide students with necessary skills required to obtain employment, get off welfare, earn a career promotion or help those with developmental disabilities.

Enrolling students need a copy of their high school transcripts from the last school attended. It is necessary in order to transfer those previously earned high school credits to an individual’s current record at Laconia Academy.

Bank of New Hampshire has established limited scholarship help for those students demonstrating financial need living in Laconia, Gilford, Meredith, Center Harbor, Plymouth, Bristol and Moultonborough. This scholarship help will enable students to return to school at night and complete their high school education.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation through the Adult Success Program Grant has also provided limited scholarship for these individuals who qualify in addition to limited scholarship assistance through the Pardoe Grant.

Call 524-5712 to make an appointment or for more information.
Triumph over tragedy

Star athlete’s death from rare heart ailment leads to scholarship that helps Laconia students

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LACONIA — Devin Michael Denoncourt never wanted to be thought of as a hero. Rather, he would have cherished being described as a great son, an awesome brother, a loving father and husband and a caring classmate. Somehow, he achieved all of those distinctions.

Devin was an offensive and defensive lineman who served as captain of the state champion Laconia High School football team in 1997 and a representative of the New Hampshire All-State Shrine Football squad, yet Devin never scored a touchdown nor grabbed the attention of the sports section of the newspaper.

But to all who knew him and for countless generations of students of Laconia High School to come, Devin Denoncourt will serve as an inspiration and someone to be admired.

With his entire life in front of him, Devin passed away suddenly in March 2014 at the age of 35 of a rare genetic heart condition and aortic aneurysm.

After Devin’s death, his family founded the Devin Michael Denoncourt Scholarship to keep the memory of his warm, kind-hearted and generous spirit alive and to assist future generations of Laconia students to pursue their dreams through a college education.

With Appreciation to the Class of ‘64

As a follow-up on their successful 50th reunion held last year, the Laconia High School Class of 1964 reunion committee gathered on Sept. 19 and voted to turn over the proceeds of their 50th reunion to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation to help further the education of Laconia High School students.
Class of ’75 celebrates 40th

The LHS Class of 1975 Reunion Committee has been busy with preparation for our 40th reunion since early last spring. We are hoping for a great turnout and look forward to enjoying time with our high school friends. Here is a look at some of what we have planned:

**Friday, Sept. 25**
- 4 p.m.: Homecoming Parade, starting at 4 p.m. from LHS.
- 5 to 7 p.m.: Our class will have a table with other LHS alums selling LHS memorabilia prior to the game. Sachem T-shirts will be available!
- 7 p.m.: Homecoming football game at the new Bank of NH Stadium at LHS.

**Saturday, Sept. 26**
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: WOW Trail Walk: Meet at the parking lot at the Lake Opechee Inn and Spa at the corner of Elm St. and Union Ave. (Lakeport Square) at 10:30 a.m. We will walk to Laconia Library and back to the Opechee Inn, which is approximately 1.3 miles one way. Donations will gladly be accepted for a marker stone (a “Phase 2” stone), which will be placed in the name of our class year. The funds raised will help to continue the expansion of the WOW Trail as it heads to Belmont.
- 10 a.m. to noon: Take a tour of Laconia’s Public Library. Randy Brough, our classmate, is Laconia Public Library’s director, and would love to show you the numerous changes that have been made to enlarge and enhance Laconia’s beautiful library. Pop in anytime during the 10 a.m. to noon timeframe.
- Morning/early afternoon optional activity: Pre-register with Brenda Baer Korach (brenda.korach@gmail.com) if you would like to play golf at our reunion location, Waukewan Golf Club. Make sure to register early as there may be limited openings.
- OUR MAIN EVENT! 2 to 8 p.m. at the beautiful Waukewan Golf Club, 166 Waukewan Road, Center Harbor. Starting at 2 p.m., plan to gather at Waukewan Golf Club for our day of festivities. We will have tapas-style foods, appetizers and desserts throughout the afternoon and evening, as well as a cash bar; music (bring your instrument if you’d like), dancing, lawn games, and other activities.

See additional details and updates on our “LHS Class of 1975” Facebook page.

If you are someone from the LHS Class of ’75, or know someone who is, and you or they have not registered to attend Saturday’s events at Waukewan Golf Club but you would like to, please be in touch with John Irwin at (603) 387-0000 or john.irwin@IrwinMarine.com.
Fifty years is a long time, and it is also but the blink of an eye. On June 21, 1965, 243 students tossed their caps into the air. We were greatly blessed to have some of the most respected teachers in the history of LHS: Mrs. Ruth Estes, who was nationally known as a speech and debate coach; Ms. Kay Reardon, who drilled us in math; Mr. James McBride, whose teaching style belied his devotion to his students; and Ms. Eleanor Parker.

After a complaint to the School Board and a suspended study of the novel “To Kill a Mockingbird,” by Harper Lee, Ms. Parker appeared before the School Board and defended her reasons for studying this Pulitzer Prize-winning classic. The board unanimously gave a vote of confidence to Miss Parker and the school English Department. That December, Ms. Parker was named New Hampshire Teacher of the Year (1965), and was later a top finalist for National Teacher of the Year honors, awarded by Look Magazine. These teachers were among the many who prepared us well for our journeys through life.

The racial strife of the '60s, assassinations of President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. were all encompassed by the Vietnam War. Our class would personally experience the war, losing two of our classmates – Jay Hurd, a gifted member of the LHS band, and Jonathan “Chuck” Whitticom, a gifted musician and sportsman.

Many of our classmates fought in that forgotten war, serving their country by protecting and insuring the rights of our citizens. All of those brave young men and women would not be thanked properly until decades later. As part of our 50th festivities, a special “welcome home” greeting by Judge Jim Carroll was offered to veteran classmates as well as all Vietnam vets.

The Class of 1965 experienced many historic events – the Civil Rights Act of 1963, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the landing of USA on the moon, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the momentous 9/11 attacks. We also watched four Superbowl Championships by the New England Patriots (Go Brady!); lived the “Impossible Dream” for the Red Sox in 2004, along with two more World Series Championships; and watched the 17-time World Champion Boston Celtics and the Boston Bruins, who won a sixth Stanley Cup in 2011.

The Class of 1965 celebrated its 50th Class Reunion on Sept. 18 and 19, 2015. Many class members gathered on Friday night at Pitman’s Freight Room and enjoyed informal and casual conversations in the cozy atmosphere of the old freight room. Saturday morning was greeted with tours of the newer sections of the Laconia High School and the Huot Technical Center. That Saturday afternoon, several members gathered again at the Bolduc Park facility to renew old acquaintances with the highlight being a 1965 Time Machine Scavenger Hunt led by Class of 1965 President Judge Jim Carroll. Saturday evening at Laconia Country Club opened with a memorial service to remember those friends and classmates who are no longer with us. The festivities continued with dinner and dancing to the Bobby Hough Band.

As is the custom of the Class of 1965, through the generosity of class members, a donation was made to the Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund originally funded at our 25th Class Reunion in 2010. It is our aim to continue our commitment to the Lakes Region Scholarship Fund, thereby ensuring our contribution to the next generation.

The Classes of 1965 and 1975 are also sponsoring the 2015 Alumni Reunion. This reunion is held for all alumni and is celebrated in conjunction with the Homecoming Parade and Sachems football game each September. Many alumni will gather on Friday night at Pitman’s Freight Room and enjoy informal and casual conversations in the cozy atmosphere of the old freight room. Saturday morning was greeted with tours of the newer sections of the Laconia High School and the Huot Technical Center.

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By ED PIERCE
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LACONIA — Everything worthwhile that's accomplished in life is a result of persevering over adversity, and Anthony Abbott is living testimony to that.

Abbott, a 2011 graduate of Laconia High School, is determined to rise above poverty and a tough start in life to make something of himself.

He said he has lived his entire life in financial distress, but refuses to let that situation stop him from achieving his goals.

He said his time studying and playing football taught him important lessons.

"I grew up as one of seven siblings, and fortunately I have amazing aunts and uncles who took me in to raise me so I didn't have to grow up in a foster home," Abbott said. "This made it financially stressful for my family, but we made do with what we had."

"Laconia High School was four great years of my life," Abbott said. "I miss and appreciate the values of Laconia High School football – hard work, discipline and patience – as those are the aspects of my life that have allowed me to excel, along with internal and external motivations."

His favorite memories of LHS were playing in football games before a home crowd.

"They have such a great student base with a love for sports and winning," Abbott said.

Following his high school years, Abbott went on to attend Lakes Region Community College and decided that he wanted to study accounting.

Balancing work and school, Abbott was nominated as the top accounting student of 2013 at LRCC.

"I worked for Liberty Tax Services and the Laconia Country Club as an accounting clerk," he said. "The head of the accounting department was very impressed with me and wanted me to set up an internship program with the college, which I did."

He requested a meeting with the president of Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts, and he was soon accepted to attend that college.

"I was very excited and I knew it was my time to shine," he said. "My hard work and preparation allowed me to thrive at Bentley. I would come to class having read all the material before class and prepared advanced questions for my professor so that I could learn more about the career path I am passionate about."

His technique of preparation and long hours invested in his class reading propelled him to make the dean's list both semesters he's been at Bentley with a grade-point average of 3.42 overall.

If he stays on track, Abbott will graduate in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in corporate finance and accounting.

"Anthony is a great success story and my best in my 25 years as an educator," said Laconia Athletic Director Craig Kozens. "He grew up in a family where most did not graduate from high school."

Kozens said Abbott's academic achievements are noteworthy, considering he bounced around relatives' houses and stayed with different members of the school football team while at LHS.

Abbott said he appreciates having someone like Kozens in his life when he was in high school.

"Coach Kozens was like a father figure to me, as I did not have one at home," Abbott said. "He is a great guy, something that is hard to come by in today's society."

He said his advice to all of the students and alumni of Laconia High School is not give up and to follow their dreams.

"I would like to say to young students who think that they can't afford college, ... if you work hard enough, anything is possible," Abbott said.
Alumni scholarship awards extend academic tradition

With the foundation’s help, Emilie Maddocks and Mitchell Bailey will be attending University of New Hampshire this fall.

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LACONIA — Leaders of tomorrow get their start at Laconia High School, and the LHS Alumni Scholarship helps them achieve their dreams of earning a college degree.

The 2015 LHS Scholarship recipients are the latest in a long line of exceptional students aiming to make a difference in the community and aspiring to pursue career paths they started while in high school.

Emilie Maddocks and Mitchell Bailey are both attending the University of New Hampshire this fall and were presented their LHS Alumni Scholarship in June.

Maddocks is studying social work at UNH and has long held an interest in psychology.

She completed an Extended Learning Opportunity as a high school senior, working for the crisis abuse hotline of the New Beginnings Abuse Crisis Center.

Her career goal is to become a counselor, so the time she spent with New Beginnings gave her practical experience of working with people.

During her time at LHS, Maddocks worked as a lifeguard, at Gilford Cinema 8 and for the Gilford Physical Therapy and Spine Center, and she also served as president of the LHS Key Club.

Besides receiving the LHS Alumni Scholarship, she also was awarded the Nathan J. Babcock Memorial Scholarship and the Lilyanna Johnson Memorial Scholarship.

Bailey is studying music education at UNH and has been playing trombone in a band since he was in fourth grade.

He broadened his musical experience by playing with the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra and at music festivals across New Hampshire and throughout New England.

His ultimate career goal is to teach music to children and is aiming to become an elementary school music teacher.

BAND CAMPERS

SACHEM SHENANIGANS — The current band members get a little silly during this year’s band camp.

Sachems to take on Hanover for Homecoming football game Friday

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Laconia — As is the tradition, Homecoming at Laconia High School starts during the week and hits a high point on the weekend with a number of athletic events.

“We’ll have the kids doing spirit stuff all week, and it culminates on Friday and Saturday,” Laconia High School Athletic Director Craig Kozens said.

Laconia’s Homecoming festivities will be the week of Sept. 21 and will be capped off on Friday, Sept. 25, and Saturday, Sept. 26, with the annual parade and games.

According to Kozens, the students from each class will work on finishing their floats for the parade before the big Homecoming pep rally during the final block of the school day.

The floats — all four — will be a big part of the parade, which will start at 4:30 p.m. Also in the parade will be an old car for every decade.

According to Kozens, it will also include the LHS marching band and several area youth organizations.

That leads up to this year’s Homecoming football game against Hanover on Friday evening. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

This year, the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced prior to the opening kickoff, and the Hanover girls lacrosse championship team during halftime.

“We weren’t able to recognize them because it happened at the end of the school year last spring,” said Kozens. “This will be a good opportunity to recognize them.”

The action picks up on Fitzgerald Field at the Bank of New Hampshire Stadium. It starts at 10 a.m. with the Laconia High field hockey team taking the turf field against Newport. The girls soccer team will follow the field hockey team with a 1:30 p.m. game against Raymond.

The LHS boys soccer team will play defending Division III champion Prospect Mountain at 4:30 p.m.

Laconia’s volleyball program entertains Kingswood at 12:15.

“We’ve moved the JV and varsity games around so that the varsity teams will play back to back,” Kozens said. “The hope is that it will keep the crowd there for all the games.”

During last year’s Homecoming weekend, Laconia brought back the Athletic Hall of Fame with introductions at the school auditorium. The committee and school officials opted to push the ceremony back to Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. in the LHS auditorium with David Ray serving as the master of ceremonies.

“The goal is to get more alumni to come and stick around,” said Kozens. “And the feeling is that more come home over the holiday.”
COURTESY

PAULETTE LOUGHLIN AND JOAN CORMIER, above, of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, confer.

COURTESY

JIM CARROLL AND STACIE SIROIS, LHS Alumni Planning Committee, above.

Right, a young man who will be in the Class of 2022 enjoys last year’s parade in a vintage car.

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GERT GILMAN, Class of 1933, is the oldest known alumna of Laconia High School, at age 100.

Looking back on LHS alumni 2014
1955

“We now turn to look back upon our high school days as we shall do many times in the future,” wrote Donald K. Dougall, editor-in-chief, 60 years ago. “I hope this book will serve as a stimulant for your memory and a symbol of your many happy days at LHS.”

Willard “Bud” Martin, class president, wrote that “within a short time many of us will end our formal education and go out into the world to seek our fortunes. Some will go on to college, join the armed forces, or seek jobs. Whatever it may be our actions will reflect our school and our instructors.”

He continued, “They have given of their time to prepare us for a useful life and we are indebted to them. The only compensation that we can bestow on them for their tireless efforts in our behalf is by making ourselves useful citizens of our community and nation which will soon be in the hands of our generation. May we justify the faith our parents, teachers and community have placed in us.”

The 1955 Lakon was dedicated to the memory of Stanley E. Spencer “for his sincere interest in promoting the best in education at Laconia High School.” He had been head of the Commercial Department since 1945 and had died, May 15, 1954.

Superintendent Rhoden B. Eddy’s message to the class included a hope for “success, knowledge, a good citizenship.” But more than this, “that you may conquer the fears and worries of life; that selfishness and envy may never dull your natural instincts of love and compassion for your fellow beings.”

Principal Donald F. Piper reflected on a wish “that your thinking be honorable ... Time is spent and time is wasted with thoughts on subjects of little value or of untruths. As we dedicate our actions so should we also, in so far as possible, dedicate our thinking ... Think high, for you have much to do.”

Among the extra-curricular activities highlighted were the Audent Council, National Honor Society and National Forensic League, the latter coached by Mrs. Ruth Estes. Along with the Lakon and the monthly newspaper, The Lakonian, printed by letterpress, were the Traffic Squad and the Library Cadets.

Musical groups included the Band, Chorus, Dance Band and Double Quartet.

There were the Future Teachers, Future Nurses, Future Homemakers and Future Farmers, as well as the Science Club, Girls Discussion Group, Distributive Education, the Junior Red Cross and the Key Club.

1965

The Lakon ‘65 staff adapted the theme, “Our Town,” based on the popular play by Thornton Wilder.

Three major divisions — Fall, Winter and Spring — replaced “the traditional club and curricula groupings.” In a paragraph of context, the front and back endpapers featured an aerial photo of the city.

By the 1960s, creativity in layout and design — along with increased use of photography — were becoming standard features of the yearbook.

The seniors of 1965 gratefully dedicated their Lakon to Mr. James R. Olsen, head of the Industrial Arts Department and teacher of Industrial Manpower Training classes.

“Members of his classes appreciate his concern for the individual student. Teachers have enjoyed his leadership as president of the Laconia Education Association this year.”

President James Carroll reflected, “Each of us, whether as spectators or participants, has enjoyed the rewards of victory and the agonies of defeat ... On separate and individual paths with a respect and dignity instilled in us by our faculty, we, the members of the Class of ‘65, embark.”

Anne Harris, Lakon editor-in-chief, commented, “Here at LHS we are offered many opportunities to ‘realize life’ and most students who go through high school, no matter where they live, spend a very full and busy four years. It is the events of one such year that LAKON ‘65 has endeavored to capture and portray.”

One of Laconia’s most loved and respected teachers was Eleanor Parker, of the English Department.

“In December, 1964, she was elected New Hampshire Teacher of the Year; and in January, 1965, it was announced that Miss Parker was one of five finalists in the U.S. for the national title of Teacher of the Year.”

Fellow faculty members, students who have had Mrs. Parker for junior or senior English, those who have worked on the LAKON for many afternoons after school with her; indeed the whole school congratulates this extraordinary woman and feels that her honor is well-deserved.

On the academic front, it was noted that “an overhead projector was used by the math department for the first time this year. It is especially helpful in geometry classes where it may be used to project various images.”

Problems “of alcoholism, juvenile delinquency, and unemployment,” the organization of the United States Constitution, and the feudal system of living in the Middle Ages are subjects which every LHS student meets before his graduation,” was the text accompanying a photo of longtime social studies teacher, Gilbert S. Center, explaining the Constitution.

“In the sophomore year a student may elect to take a survey course in world history.”

Every junior “is required to take a course in U.S. History, and each senior must take the course in Contemporary Problems.”

For the second year, “one of the senior classes elected to follow a program in humanities and studied the development of man from his earliest beginnings.”

Nuclear Disarmament was the topic of debate for members of the Laconia Chapter of the National Forensic League. “The third annual Ruth P. Estes Debate was held in Laconia in December; and the O’Shea Prize-Speaking Contest took place in January.”

Winter production of the Drama Club was “Life with Father.” In the spring, “the dramatists prepared a 40-minute cutting of ‘The House of the August Moon’ as their entry in the state drama festival.”

In the Industrial Arts Department, “typical of new equipment is the new South Bend lathe which has been installed in the Machine Shop.”

In the Business Department, “new bookkeeping textbooks contain a unit on automation, while Office Practice students use new IBM listening station equipment.”

After “two forums on the Congo situation and Viet Nam,” the International Relations Club made $50 donations to the Kennedy Memorial Library Fund and to the Community Ambassador Program as well as a donation of toys and clothing to the Citizen Santa Fund.

A major accomplishment of the Student Council was “the formulation of a set of rules for class elections. These were first used in May, 1964, when the juniors and seniors elected officers.”

Of the Traffic Squad, it was noted that “having a traffic post is not an easy job. It means leaving classes on the first bell, missing last-minute assignments, and racing to reach one’s post before the second bell rings.”

This year, “it was necessary to make some stairways one-way because the flow was too great and areas became very congested.”

The Lakonian staff worked industriously to expand the newspaper in several areas.” A special April Fools’ issue was sold and the paper expanded to eight pages. “Two page spreads concerning the state championship football team and the Winter Carnival were two of these highlights.”

1974-75

Volume XXXVIII of The Lakon covered two years, 1974 and 1975. Alluding to double sessions at the Memorial Junior High School (as it was then called), one student wrote:

“I remember last year when I first heard we were going to be having split sessions; I didn’t really think much of it then, I just knew the city had made up their minds and that we’d just have to go along with that.

“It finally hit me when it was almost time for school to start. I had to realize we were really going in split sessions. In a way I really dreaded starting school. I kept thinking about not having studies and how much homework we were going to have. Sometimes it just got to me.

“I tried not to worry about it. One thing good about the whole mess was we would only be going for half a day. I just don’t know whether I’m going to like going in the morning or afternoon better.”

“The thing is, I hope that the teachers and other people behind split sessions will realize that. The main problem is that there is a lot of school work. Everybody expects us to cram English, math, science, French, and where every letter on a typewriter is located into our heads in four and one half hours. It’s not as easy as they think!”

Another anonymous scribe offered an assessment of “The Way It Is”:

“Great displeasure has recently been expressed about the situation here at LHS or MJHS depending on your point of view. Taxpayers and students all dreamed of mass confusion and outrageously crowded conditions with too little time and very little space.

“This is to assure those who may not know, that it is not that bad. Granted, it isn’t the ideal situation and is still inadequate, but the old LHS wasn’t exactly the picture of adequacy. In some ways, it can be better (yes, you read it right, better). The building is used a few hours longer than last year and yet it takes care of two schools with energy use of one. Also, teachers and students have realized that though the time is short, there is still the same amount of work to do. Thus, less time is wasted.

“Many adults have asked me what I think of the sit-
A Remedial Reading Program "was initiated into Laconia High School this year. With the aid of the Right to Read Staff, many classroom teachers have been able to avoid themselves of testing and diagnostic services for their classes."

This year, "like every year, Ms. Irwin has tried to expose the art students to every different art medium imaginable."

The Drama Department put on "Hello Dolly" — "the largest musical ever performed at LHS. The "Miracle Worker" was this year's dramatic production.

"Last year a group of Drama students traveled throughout the Laconia elementary school system putting on their stripped edition of "Winnie-the-Poo."

Although the LHS Band "couldn't make it to Ireland again," they gave concerts at Christmas and during Music in Our Schools week as well as performing during football and basketball games.

The Student Council "worked to achieve a new position as a truly representative body in the school. The most important steps in this direction were taken when we joined the National Association of Student Councils, the New Hampshire Association of Student Councils, and A Constitution was drawn up to govern the activities of our student council."

Senior Class President John Perkins summed up with this: "It's been a time for making friends and having good times. The hard times we passed over; the good times we made better."

Lakon Editor-in-Chief Dick Sinyard commented was: "Yearbooks hold the memories of high school forever. They catch the times, events, organizations, and sports teams and place them in infinite suspension between the pages. This year the expression of time and space was our theme because it best depicted the situation at the high school."

Of the Band, it was noted that "from the beginning of rehearsals they played a big role in the civilization of man, but has never been taught to so many at once on so large a scale as today."

The Laconia High Band "is an excellent example of this. Anyone in school who wants to learn how to master an instrument need only enroll in the course with Mr. Panella, and he becomes a piece of the music machine and no longer an individual."

The LHS Band "is at almost every sporting activity and performs concerts of their own. They play in the left hand of the high school, for without them, who would live up on the football and basketball games?"

All students enrolled in the Vocational Child Care services program "are members of HERO. "The Home Economics Related Occupations organization helps "individuals improve their family and community living; and develop leadership ability."

"Distributive Education Clubs of America — or DECA — teaches its students about business by running our school store and working on different areas of project work, including apparel and advertising; foodservice, advertising, general merchandising retailing and finance and credit."

ASTRA — Ability, Service, Training, Responsibility and Achievement — "is an organization of about fifty girls who perform services for the community and for their school. The girls do this by having an annual walk-a-thon, visiting the Taylor Home, helping the Salvation Army, and the favorite annual Astra talent show."

This year's Key Club worked with Kiwanis to run the haunted house at Fungspot, helped to build Christmas Villages, and they participated in the walk for Santa.

Lakon Editor-in-Chief Sara Ives had this to say under the heading, "The Trivial Paper Chase": "In pursuit of the larger goal of graduation, the trivial are sometimes forgotten. The '85 LAKON staff has tried to capture the little things that make the year unravel. Some of the quests that run throughout the book are silly some say more, but we hope that all will bring back memories. I personally would like to thank my staff for the little some did and the idiosyncracies they put up with."

As an example, the following appeared under a photo of Keeewakwa Abenaki Keenahbeh ("The Quiet One") in Opeechee Park:"

"Who carved the Indian? What is the Indian's name? How tall is the Indian? What kind of tree was used to make the Indian? What is the thing on the Indian's head?"

This year's Lakon was described as an "Unlimited" Edition, with the following explanation: "Each year is filled with UNlimited possibilities. Records are broken, boundaries redefined. What once was thought to be impossible or UNdesirable is now commonplace. The 1995 Lakon is full of the most UNbelievable, UNstopable, and UNforgettable moments of the school year. We hope you are UNable to put it down."

Class President Amelia Fretter wrote, "Many classes have walked in and out of the LHS doors and through the halls. They were all great, but if I was given the choice of which class to be president of, I would still choose the class of 1995. When a school activity called for it, we always came together as a class and as friends, despite our diverse personalities."

"Most of us "have known each other since elementary school, others joined us throughout the years. Yet, today we end this chapter of our lives all together. I am going to miss you all."

"I know success will take a band in whatever field you chose to follow, the ending of a childhood story (reminds) me of how I feel about high school memories and our graduation. 'Moons, stars, frogs, and friends, that is how this story ends."

Under "UNdeniable current events," it was noted, "Many of the major events of the year were the usual response was the OJ Simpson case of course."

But when asked, "What else?" many felt that the parking lot changes, the new gymnasium floor, the baseball strike, and the Republicans in Congress were major issues. Many felt that the parking lot changes were terrible and that it took away a lot of spaces."

But "when it came to the new gymnium floor many felt that change was 'long overdue' and many also hope that the Republicans in Congress will make for some positive changes."

Chuck Holliday was editor-in-chief of this year's Lakon. The "UNreachable" club section had this to say: "People screaming, the sound of printers printing, keyboards being keyed, and the swish of film being developed. Escaping under the door; these sounds can frighten the unknowing passerby, but those who walk the hall regularly know, It's tenth period and G-4 has been transformed from an English room into a construction zone."

On Monday, students rush to finish their assignments. 55 minutes is just not enough. Many will stay after school or return the next day during study halls in order to meet the deadline. Often, Saturday mornings are spent in the yearbook room instead of in bed. The product, a 220 page time capsule covering the year's events in pictures and in writing."

This year, "band members were commonly seen with candy ... candy ... and more candy. All of this was a major part in the fundraising efforts for the band to travel to Virginia, to participate in a parade and concert competition."

This was "one of their major goals as a group, as well as taking part in All State, the Dover Field Show and all of the football home games just to name a few."

They were led by co-drum majors Angie Carrigan and Brendin Sevin, also co-presidents Christian Pierce and Craig Bailey. Through the band's "many divisions", "the band as a whole they are a 'team,' one who works together and has fun."

The 1994-1995 flag squad "consisted of many freshmen. These girls came in having never picked up a flag before, but they went out like pros."
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The Drama Club did “The Diary of Anne Frank,” “Two for the Road,” “Snoopy” and “Mirrors.”

Club initiations were characterized as ‘a true nightmare.”

New activities included a German Club.

The Science Club was another “new addition” — although history discloses it had had predecessors.

Though a small group, SADD “spent most of the year promoting their new ideas against Drinking and Driving. Their main goal was to get both parents and students to sign the ‘Contracts for Life,’ a contract vowing not to drink and drive ... SADD is a fast growing chapter at Laconia High.

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