

Around the Towns



COURTESY

This is a surveillance photo of the man suspected in the robbery of Ocean Bank on Birch Street yesterday afternoon.

DERRY

Robber hits Ocean Bank

Police are looking for the man who robbed Ocean Bank yesterday afternoon, getting away with a bag of cash.

The robber, described as a white man, mid-30s, about 5-foot-8 with medium build and short brown hair, entered the Birch Street bank just before 3:30 p.m., and handed a note demanding cash to one of the tellers. He did not show a weapon.

The robber then fled the bank on foot. State police search dogs were brought in to sweep the area but did not pick up a scent.

Detectives said the robber was wearing a dark green baseball cap, black long-sleeved shirt, khaki-colored shorts and was carrying a large red duffel bag. Anyone who recognizes the robber or has information regarding this crime is asked to contact Derry Police at 432-6111 or the Southern New Hampshire Crime Line at (800) 498-4040.

LONDONDERRY

Man accused of false imprisonment

A fourth man has been charged with false imprisonment and possession of a controlled narcotic following an April party during which nine people were allegedly forced to hide from authorities, police said.

Michael Stephen Jardine Jr., 21, of 22 Linlew Drive Apt. 1 in Derry, joins Edward Casey Shea, Matthew Shea and Larry Delgado as those arrested in connection with the April 10 party at 280 Winding Pond Road.

Police had responded to a domestic disturbance call at approximately 2:30 a.m. at the house, but no one responded to knocks at the door. According to the arresting affidavits, one of the partygoers sent a text message to her father saying she was inside the house, wanted to leave and could not.

After obtaining a search warrant, police entered the home and found approximately nine people, according to the affidavit. Interviews with the partygoers indicated Jardine, Delgado and the Shea brothers had kept them from using their cell phones and from leaving the house while police were in the area.

Jardine was arrested and released on personal recognizance bail. He is scheduled to appear in Derry District Court on Tuesday, July 6, at 8:30 a.m.

Agricultural movement takes root in Windham

◆ **Local produce:** A group of residents who want the town to have its own agricultural commission to link growers and consumers is holding an informational meeting next week.

By **CHELSEY POLLOCK**
Union Leader Correspondent

WINDHAM — Lori Demaine hopes Windham residents will one day turn to farmers within the town for fresh produce, rather than heading to a corporate grocery chain.

"I would love to see more local plants and vegetables being sold by Windham residents to Windham residents and to have those direct sales going back into the community," Demaine said yesterday.

Demaine said a town agricultural commission could provide the bridge

between those who are growing produce and those wishing to buy it.

"We need for people to collaborate in a way that will give them a chance to meet other people that are doing backyard farming and form more of a community in Windham," she said.

Since attending a workshop on the subject in March, Demaine has been working with the Rockingham Planning Commission to establish an agricultural commission in Windham.

The Rockingham Planning Commission, based in Exeter, is a nonprofit

regional development group that provides guidance to local municipalities on planning-related issues.

Commission consultant Theresa Walker said more and more agriculture commissions are popping up all over the state.

"I think it's a discussion that has really grown over the last couple of years, with farmers markets and all kinds of discussions about local food," Walker said. "I would say it is a hot topic in the state."

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CAROL ROBIDOUX

Derry-based pop-punk band Cadence, front to back, Tim Parrott, Dan McMahon, Megan McMahon, Dave Ziebart and Alex Carrozzi, will put it all on the line during Sunday's High School Band Brawl at Gillette Stadium in Massachusetts.

WHEREVER THE MUSIC TAKES THEM

By **CAROL ROBIDOUX**
Union Leader Correspondent

Drummer Dan McMahon and guitarist Dave Ziebart are those kids who are so into music, it's not enough to have an iPod full of tunes.

They are the kids driven to pick up instruments and learn to play them well enough to form their own band because the need to make music is greater than the urge to listen.

Six months ago, after separate attempts at musical chemistry, the former middle school friends reunited at the Sad Cafe, a local music venue in Plaistow. They decided to join forces and recruit a few friends, resulting in Cadence, a five-member punk-pop band currently poised for greatness.

Sunday they will be one of nine finalists competing in High School Band Brawl at Gillette Stadium, playing a 15-minute set of original music.

"Getting signed is our fantasy. That's the life we want, the life we've decided to go for."

DAN MCMAHON

"Even if we don't win, the exposure will be great," said Megan McMahon, who sings lead vocals thanks to her brother's faith in her voice.

"I knew she could sing, and we knew there were a lot of guy bands out there. We thought this could be something cool," said Dan.

Friends Alex Carrozzi on guitar and

Tim Parrott on bass round out the band.

It's been an eventful six months. The five have become fast friends who spend all their down time together. When they're not jamming or writing new music, they're watching their favorite bands performing on DVD or YouTube, hoping that the subtleties of success somehow rub off.

After experimenting with different musical styles and covering some of their favorite bands, Cadence has declared itself a pop-punk band — characterized by driving guitars and more distortion than alternative



A great idea followed by a sweet treat

◆ **Londonderry:** The Matthew Thornton fourth-graders who came up with this year's Old Home Day theme celebrate with an ice cream party.

By **ALEC O'MEARA**
Union Leader Correspondent

LONDONDERRY — Patti Murphy's fourth-grade class was honored with ice cream served by some of the town's highest ranking elected officials yesterday for its role in selecting the theme for the 2010 Old Home Day celebration.

The theme, "Londonderry: The Apple of Our Eye" was selected by the Old Home Day Committee in March after all fourth-grade classes in the town's three elementary schools submitted entries. Not only

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Bridge to be reopened on June 21

◆ **Salem:** The Bluff Street Extension project is expected to come in about \$12,000 under budget.

By **CHELSEY POLLOCK**
Union Leader Correspondent

SALEM — Town staff expect to reopen the Bluff Street Extension bridge just one month after its state-recommended closure in May and about \$12,000 under budget.

"Unless major things happen this week or next week, we plan on reopening Bluff Street Extension on the 21st of June," said Public Works Director Rick Russell at a selectmen's meeting on Monday.

The bridge was unexpectedly closed on May 20, after the town received a notice the bridge had failed a state Department of Transportation inspection due to cor-

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'Suicide pact' prevented; two in custody

◆ **Hampstead:** No charges have been filed.

By **JASON SCHREIBER**
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HAMPSTEAD — After lengthy negotiations, authorities diffused a potentially deadly situation Wednesday night when a man threatened to kill himself and his girlfriend as part of a "suicide pact," police said.

Robert Partridge, 61, and Janis Bonnaccorso, 49, were taken into custody around 11 p.m. on Wednesday following negotiations that began after Hampstead police

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