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Eggs for All

Tyler Fredrickson checks out the prize inside one of the thousands of eggs that covered the inner field at the Londonderry High School track on Saturday morning during the egg hunt that was sponsored by the Class of 2020. See story page 2.

Photo by Chris Paul

Council Hears Eversource Efforts to Clear Power Lines

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Representatives of Eversource Energy appeared at Town Hall to answer questions concerning their energy projects in the town of Londonderry.

At the April 17 Town Council Meeting, two Eversource representatives,

John Troiano and Anthony Johnson, appeared in front of the council in order to discuss their current and future projects for delivering power to the town.

They first mentioned their continuing efforts to keep transmission structures and their surrounding areas in good shape. They seek to continue the

evaluation of said structures, eventually replacing wooden structures with steel, as well as restoring areas disturbed by construction.

Next, they brought up vegetation maintenance, removing brush and pruning trees within the ROW (Right of Way, or strips of

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Board Will Monitor Growth, But Not Through Ordinance

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town of Londonderry will continue to keep a close eye on the community's growth, but will not resurrect its Growth Management Ordinance (GMO) in the near future.

In its April 12 meeting, the Londonderry Planning Board heard from John Vogl, Comprehensive Planner and GIS Manager, on the status of the town and ordinance. They also fielded questions from residents who worry that Londonderry is growing too fast.

Vogl explained that the town's last GMO lapsed, or "sunsetted," on Jan. 1, 2015.

Vogl said Londonderry has historically had two

GMOs, one adopted in 2002 and one adopted in 1998. The 2002 version required compliance with two of the following criteria for a determination of "unsustainable growth":

- The present year of building permits authorized by the Building Department exceeds the average rate of dwelling unit authorizations in Londonderry over the six preceding calendar year. Vogl said the average number of permits over the previous six years was 63.5, and in 2016, Londonderry authorized 94 permits, meeting the condition.

- A percentage of housing units over the previous calendar year is equal to or greater than the rate of

housing units in the preceding year, across the six abutting communities of Auburn, Derry, Hudson, Litchfield, Manchester and Windham. Londonderry housing units grew by 1.06842 between 2015 and 2016, while those in abutting municipalities grew by 0.67867 percent, meeting the condition.

But Vogl added that the town is meeting the third and most important criteria, that of being able to absorb new growth in its schools, community services and tax base. "It is difficult to say the town hasn't been able to absorb growth," Vogl said.

Board member and vice-chair Mary Wing

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Planning Board Hears Plan for Commercial District

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Town of Londonderry will take a closer look at how it defines a commercial district, with an eye toward providing business and retail while keeping the flavor of the town.

GIS Manager and Comprehensive Planner John Vogl presented a draft plan for the proposed Commercial Performance District. He discussed the plan in the April 12 Planning Board meeting, accompanied by consultant Bill Parker of the Arnett Development Group.

Vogl said the proposed district would combine the

current Commercial I, Commercial II and MUC (Mixed Use Commercial) districts for a more streamlined code.

Vogl explained that the current commercial districts, on routes 28 and 102, have a mix of uses which is complicated by a Performance Overlay District. The POD was put in to help control design issues and scale, but has become "onerous," according to Vogl.

The goal of the proposed CPD is to retain the design and characteristics of the current districts, while "simplifying and coalescing" the zoning, he said.

The revised zoning

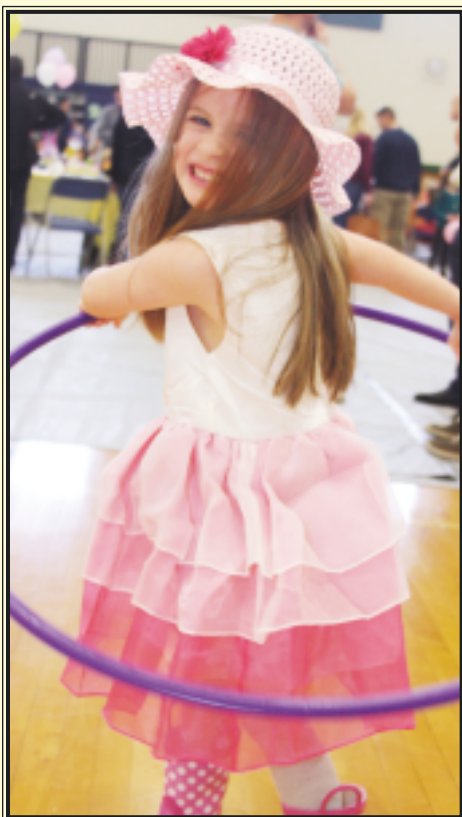
would include new language to reinforce good design principles for Londonderry, Vogl said. "Currently, we rely on the Heritage Commission to keep design appropriate," he said. "This (the new zoning) would give the Planning Board a leg to stand on when it comes to design."

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Class of 2020 Holds Annual Easter Event



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Normally, if you went to the Londonderry High School Gym on a Saturday, you would find it virtually empty. But on Saturday, April 15, it was filled with bunny ears and the excited screams of small children.

Saturday marked the fifth annual Easter Family Fun event.

Some of the arts and crafts included pom-pom painting, face painting, bunny ear headbands, tissue paper flowers, styro-foam cup bunnies, coloring tables, and tissue paper eggs. On the other half of the gym, the floor was cleared

for children to run around and play with hula-hoops and balloons, among other things. Even the Easter Bunny made an appearance.

"The community always looks forward to this event every year," Class of 2020 advisor Ashley Tebbetts said. "I really enjoy watching the kids run this event all on their own."

The normally empty track field was filled with over 10,000 plastic eggs, filled with a wide variety of treats for the children to pick up during the closer to the event: the annual Easter egg hunt.

"The support from the high school is always incredible. The custodial staff and

groundskeepers do an amazing job getting the gym and track field ready for us," Tebbetts said.

But an event this big doesn't happen overnight. The Londonderry High School class of 2020 worked for months to prepare for this day. The actual day had over 25 students from the class volunteering to help out and make sure that everything ran smoothly.

"This is our first big community event," Class of 2020 president Kerry Daley said. "We are really excited to be helping out, and the smiles and laughter of the children make the work worth it."

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State Ranks Rockingham County Highest in Health

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has ranked Rockingham County the healthiest county in New Hampshire for the second year in a row.

The ranking was announced in the eighth annual "County Health Rankings," produced by the Foundation in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

The rankings are a state-by-state look at health outcomes, factors, and policies and programs. Data analyzed

includes information on access to healthcare, tobacco use, income levels, premature birth, obesity, child poverty, teen births, sexually transmitted infections and alcohol and drug use.

In the rankings for overall health outcomes, which measures how long people live and how happy they feel while alive, Rockingham County was deemed healthiest, followed by Carroll, Grafton, Merrimack, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Belknap, Strafford and Sullivan, with Coos bringing up the rear.

Rockingham County also came in first in health

factors, including health behaviors, clinical care, social, economic and physical environmental factors, followed by Grafton, Merrimack, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Sullivan, Strafford, Belknap and Coos.

Lisa Morris, director of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, wrote in a statement, "The conditions in the places where people live, learn, work and play and age affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes. This annual report provides the New Hampshire Department of

Health and Human Services with local level data to help us understand the health of residents across our state."

She continued, "Each county has their own unique challenges and strengths, and we will continue working with local partners to help address the top challenges in their communities."

Nicole Ferrante, Recreation Coordinator, has seen an interest in healthy living grow over her years with the department, and while the interest crosses all demographics, she has particu-

larly seen an interest in health by seniors, millennials and the special needs population.

"People live longer now, and they want to age in a healthy manner," Ferrante said. New Hampshire is one of the top three states for a median age of 50 or better, she said.

"They really want to get active, so we're giving them more options for fitness and wellness," Ferrante said.

And they're seeking out new ways to do it, from Tai Chi to Reiki to acupuncture, Ferrante observed.

On the opposite end of the exercise spectrum, millennials don't want to drive or even own cars, and she's seen more young people biking to work or biking for fun, as well as jogging and running.

Ferrante has also seen more people getting involved with Special Olympics and what she calls "unified programs," where special needs people play a sport alongside their normally-developing peers. A cause close to her heart is the Timberwolves, Derry Rec's sports program for special-needs adults.

Town Council Recognizes Dispatch Personnel

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The April 17th Londonderry Town Council meeting began with a tribute to a special portion of the town's fire department and police department.

In order to recognize the efforts of telecommunications who help these departments run efficiently and effectively, a ceremony was held during the meeting to recognize them for their efforts.

The Telecommunications divisions help to provide both departments with helpful information via radio to any officers or firefighters on the field. For the police, the operators are tasked with providing assistance to 14-17 patrol officers, monitoring 8 frequencies on 3 different computers,

allowing contact with local, state and federal law enforcement.

The Fire Department is responsible for anything from business calls to emergency calls concerning medical, fire-related or other incidents, not to mention data input, fire permits and so on. Full time associates are all Certified Emergency Medical Dispatchers, able to provide pre-arrival instructions until emergency personnel arrive on scene.

After calling the meeting to order, Council Chairman Tom Dolan brought forth Fire Chief Darren O'Brian and a representative of the Police Department, as Police Chief William R. Hart was away mourning the loss of a family member. The two then proceeded to high-

light the hard work and dedication of the telecommunications in their respective departments.

Chief O'Brian presented certificates to Elizabeth Mahom, Gerald Johnson, Robert Smard and Christopher Schofield for their efforts, saying that "they are the unseen heroes of what we do as a profession."

The Police Department representative then handed his own certificates out to respective members of the police department, including Telecommunications Supervisor Bobby Jones, stating that "They're voices are always heard, they're words are always felt."

The recipients then shook hands with the council members while receiving applause from those in attendance.

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Editorial

A Habit Worth Developing

With the calendar and the weather aligning at last, piles of snow have become just an unpleasant memory. But what they left behind are piles of trash that have been buried through the winter, as well as the latest beer cans and fast food wrappers tossed out the windows of passing vehicles glaring visual reminders of just how lazy our fellow citizens can be.

One good thing about the snow it masked most of that mess. Now it's out there in all its ugliness. April 22 is Earth Day and is the month for town cleanups, and we encourage our readers to participate. There's plenty of trash to go around whether it lines the border between the street and your yard, or it's down the road a bit.

The weekend weather has been inviting, a good time to spruce up your street and bring back "curb appeal." What we see along our roads paints a picture that is far from pretty. It's disheartening to realize how many people are throwing trash and garbage from their cars as they drive by. It's scary when we realize that included in the unsightliness not so infrequently are syringes. And even sadder is the realization that much of what's tossed could easily have been recycled.

We can instill in every family member the reminder that trash does not get thrown out the window. Keep a litterbag in the car, and empty it into your garbage or recycling when you get home. You wouldn't take your garbage and dump it over the fence onto the next-door neighbor's property, so why would you throw it onto the road that you pay taxes to maintain?

We should try to pick up a little all throughout the year so the spring clean is not as bad and be proud of what a good job we do keeping our towns clean all year.

Wherever we live, we should expect our streets and lawns to be clean, not repositories for someone else's garbage. And we should do our part to make sure they stay that way. Whether you decide to join a formal, town organized clean-up or you take it upon yourself to keep a portion of the road where you live or the land where you walk free of litter or you do both we urge everyone who's physically able to make a commitment to keep their town looking its best throughout the year.

Taking care of the place we call home is not something we can do just one day a year. It's a habit well worth developing.

Letters

Degrade North Korean Economy

To the editor,
President Trump has pointed out the strong linkage between China and North Korea, and he correctly assumes China can influence North Korea's weapons development program. We must work with China on resolving this situation, and also on the Chinese encroachment in the South China Sea and the trade deficit imbalance. At this juncture, the

North Korean nuclear missile program is of primary concern. China can bring pressure on North Korea to stop its development of these weapons systems by reducing its trade with North Korea.

One area of trade that comes to mind is the large quantity of coal China imports from North Korea. It is estimated this amounts to 22 million tons per year, which is 40% of North Korea's coal exports. A reduction in the importation of North Korean coal would significantly impact the North Korean economy, and could force it to change its position on arms development. The U.S. has large quantities of coal available for mining which could be sold to China, if cost effective, to fill its coal importation needs. This would help our trade imbalance with China, boost our coal mining industry, and put our coal miners back to work.

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Raffle Ride to North School



First Grade North Elementary student Aaron Buckley won a trip to school in a squad car last week. School Resource Officer, Brad Warriner was the driver on Friday morning with Aaron taking the front seat. His classmate lined the side walk as he entered school in style.

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Eighth Grade Students Head for the Nations Capital

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Londonderry Middle School Principal Richard Zacchilli has seen it all in his career, and especially on the traditional eighth-grade trip to our nation's capital. But even he was a little shaken last year, when repeated complaints about loud music brought him to a students' door in the wee hours of the morning.

When the two boys didn't respond to knocks, Zacchilli had to summon hotel management to let him in. The music turned out to be coming from a forgotten radio, and Zacchilli quickly switched it off. But the hotel manager, coming in behind him, saw the two boys sound asleep and said, "I think they're dead."

"He did not help matters any," Zacchilli said.

More than 300 eighth-graders boarded one of seven buses this past Tuesday morning for the annual trip to Washington, D.C. In a final meeting this past Wednesday, Zacchilli shared insights from past trips and reassured parents that the kids will be all right.

In the final meeting, parents crowded the bleachers of the LMS gym and spilled out to standing-room-only. At three

tables organized by eighth-grade "team," parents picked up their final packets and complimentary backpacks from Brightspark, the tour company.

Zacchilli warned parents to check their kids' suitcases, and make sure they packed only what they needed. "You have good kids, but sometimes they throw in things that are not needed," he said. "Last year a girl brought a can of pepper spray. We didn't find it out until we got to the Capitol building, and they told her, 'You can't go in with that.'"

But with 30 chaperones, one for every 10 kids, they don't need that kind of protection, Zacchilli said. For one thing, there won't be time to get in trouble. Their itinerary goes from a 6:45 a.m. wake-up call to breakfast in their Maryland hotel room to an hour's drive into the city to a full slate of activities. They won't get back to the hotel room until 9 or 9:30 p.m., he said.

The chaperones include three nurses and Officer Shannon Coyle of the Londonderry Police, he told parents, so emergencies will be covered.

Zacchilli admitted that

more than 300 young teen Lancers would overwhelm DC's already-strained facilities. "There are 1,000 school kids there every April vacation week," he said. So Londonderry has developed a divide-and-conquer strategy. The children will divide into three groups, and while one group is at an attraction, the other two will be at other venues, he said. They'll come together at some meals and in the evenings, he said.

Zacchilli worked to allay parents' concerns, both about their young teens alone in hotel rooms and the world in general. After the kids are in their rooms for the night, a strip of blue duct tape will be spread over their doors. "In seven years I've been going, nobody has broken the tape," he said. In addition, there will be a security guard on each floor. If a group of students has a problem settling down, the guard will rap on the door. If the guard has to rap a second time, the school staff steps in. "I tell them, 'You think I look bad now, you don't want to see me at 2 a.m.,'" Zacchilli said.



Members of Londonderry Church Alliance gathered on Monday evening at the Middle School to prepare over 400 food bags for eighth grade students. The group has been doing this for over a decade. Photo by Chris Paul

With an uncertain world climate, Zacchilli reassured parents that every step will be taken to protect their children. There will be updated information on the school Web page and on Twitter. While cell phone use is restricted during the day trips, children will be allowed to phone home every night at 9 or 9:30, he said.

"If there's a family emergency, please e-mail me first," he said, and he will make the determination whether to tell the child immediately or wait till morning.

And he and the chaperones will use instincts honed from 19 years of Washington trips, he added. "Last year one of our buses stopped at the White House," he said. "There were 2,000 to 3,000

people marching in front of it. We got back on the bus, and found something else to do."

Zacchilli added, "If something's going on and we don't think we should go there, we won't go."

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Effort to Conserve Water Dicussed by Town Council

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the summer season approaching, the topic of water usage has once again been thrust into the spotlight.

Ordinance 2016-07A was introduced at the April 17th Town Council meeting to lessen the restrictions on water usage brought about by Ordinance 2016-07.

On October 3rd of last year, Ordinance 2016-07 was adopted by the Londonderry Town Council in response to extreme drought conditions that plagued the region in 2016. In an effort to conserve water, the council imposed a mandatory ban on the watering of residential lawns in the town. First offenders who violated this ordinance would receive a written or verbal warning, second offenders would be fined \$250 and each successive violation would carry a \$500 fine. Non-residential property owners were also encouraged to abide by the ban, but they would not face punish-

ment if they chose not to.

However, in the time since then, these drought conditions have notably improved, with the US Drought Monitor Center recently re-classifying the town of Londonderry from suffering "extreme" drought conditions to only suffering "severe" conditions as of March 30th of this year.

As a result, the amendment hopes to ease back some of these restrictions. As brought up by Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik, the new rules would allow households with addresses ending in an odd number being permitted to water their lawns on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, while those addresses ending in an even number would be permitted to water lawns on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. However, the punishments for violating the ordinance would remain the same in this updated ordinance.

The amendment request also mentioned that not only can munici-

palities already establish restrictions through their governing bodies on the use of water from private wells or public water systems during drought conditions, but public water supply companies already place some restrictions on portions of Londonderry.

Council member Joe Green seemed apprehensive about the amendment for a couple of reasons.

For starters, he felt opposed to moving forward on the idea while the town still technically suffers from a drought by the standards of the US Drought Monitor Center.

Furthermore, he wanted to make sure such an ordinance was "not impossible to enforce", noting the added complication with keeping track of watering lawns on specific days instead of in general. Mr. Green mentioned that "Some people will be law-abiding; some will try to get around the system."

Concerns were also raised by resident Diana Mele. Mrs. Mele seemed

opposed to the amendment, quoted saying that "we have to take very much in concern with our water." However, she also suggested other ideas for the amendment, such as minimizing the utilization of sprinkler systems, as well as considering the time of day watering may occur, preferably before peak daylight hours.

Mrs. Mele also voiced her frustrations with the council over their under-

takings with drought measures, noting that they should act on their own accord in the face of emergencies, not when the governor makes note of such a situation.

However, a vote on the topic was never undertaken. Council Vice-Chairman John Farrell requested a delay on the vote for numerous reasons. Not only did he wish to give the council members more time to mull over

the issue and its ramifications, but he also noted the inbound storms in the coming days may have an effect on the drought situation and would like to see if Londonderry's situation improves.

As a result, the council approved a delay on a vote for the amendment. A reconsideration of amending Ordinance 2016-07A will be taken up on May 15th.

Eversource

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land that contain the transmission structures) in order to prevent trees from coming in contact with wires. Mr. Johnson mentioned that "our objective is to keep this up to speed", concerning maintaining vegetation.

The highlight of the discussion, however, concerned Eversource's TRRP (Transmission Right-of-Way Reliability Program) plan. In development since 2012, the TRRP wants to focus on removing tall-growing species' of trees within 100 feet of the ROWs that may pose potential safety hazards to the structures and cause power outages. It was noted that an average of 10 trees a year have fallen onto the wires, with 50 percent occurring because of white pine.

Ultimately, a major concern of both citizens and the council was the affect this would have on property owners. Johnson mentioned that Eversource was focusing on efforts to expand their easements, or control of land near the ROWs, noting that "our goal...[is] to grow our

easement to our full width." These easements would expand primarily around the ROW crossing through Route 93.

The wood removed from these areas could be retained by the property owners via request, wherein it is left along the edge of ROW.

Chairman Tom Dolan brought up his satisfaction with over the years and the results that they have produced. But John Farrell, Vice-Chairman of the Council, was very vocal about his concern over the project, primarily over the number of citizens who have called and spoken to him over confusion with the TRRP.

He mentioned that the process came off as "awkward" to many people and said "I'm telling you what I've witnessed over the last four or five years," noting property disputes as a long-standing issue over these matters.

The Eversource representatives were well aware of these concerns and brought up that they have been diligent in their efforts to communicate with property owners that have trees within the

ROWs. On top of environmental surveys, Eversource would present surveys to these property owners concerning Eversource presence in the area, as well as various letters, normal and eventually certified with red lettering on the front, to catch their attention. They also utilize door hangers and emails.

Farrell did, however, show concern for whether or not people would consider any of this "junk mail" and simply toss it out. He also mentioned more ideas for catching the public's eye on the topic, such as press releases, which the two representatives mentioned that they do not utilize.

Traiano noted that most property owners that they have come in contact with have been satisfied with the process and how they were communicated to, with only one small issue so far concerning an error in paperwork.

Eversource is currently in the process of outreaching to property owners and hopes to begin tree clearing sometime in May or June. The project is slated to continue through the fall.

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Destination is the Global Finals for Two Local DI Teams



The "Technical Challenge Team" advanced to the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Tennessee this year.



"Five Guys," an improvisational team, advanced to the Destination Imagination Global Finals this year. Courtesy photos.

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Eric Melanson remembers when his daughter Lorrin wanted a spot on her college's Mock Trial team. "The scenario was, 'You are an ant and we are anteaters,'" he said of the test question. "You need us to convince us not to eat you." Lorrin spun the question a different way, thinking on her feet and changing the term from "ant" to "aunt," and she won a spot on the team. Melanson credits her participation in Destination Imagination as a key to her quick thinking.

Two Londonderry Des-

tination Imagination teams will attend the DI Global Finals in May in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The teams, both consisting of high school students, are part of four Londonderry teams that competed in the New Hampshire state finals.

"Five Guys," an improvisational team, consists of Ben Dionne, Julia Fitzgibbons and Trevor Melanson. Eric Melanson is their coach.

The Technical Challenge Team is composed of Ian Goodspeed, Jillian Fitzgibbons, Jim Fitzgibbons, Hannah Brown, Gillian Lynch and Brittney Fernandez. Bill O'Connor

is the coach, but has taken a break for health reasons and Kimberly Lynch has stepped in as spokesperson.

In a phone interview, Eric Melanson said he has been involved with DI for 17 years. "My oldest daughter dragged me into it when she was in second grade," he said. That was Clarice, who is now going to medical school and has used DI skills throughout her academic career. Lorrin is second and his youngest, Trevor, is on the current team going to Globals.

"It is the best school-related activity my kids have ever been involved with," Melanson said. "It

allows them to shine, to show their creativity."

Melanson's team did the Improvisational Challenge. A scenario is given with a stock character, stock situation and one of three genres, from which the students have to craft an improvisational skit.

"You have to think on your feet to combine all the elements," Melanson said.

Lynch's team participated in the Technical Challenge. Their assignment was to move one of their team members without touching anything.

"We rehearse two times a week, Friday nights and Saturdays, with more meetings the closer to the event," she said.

Her team is also an experienced DI team, with one student on its second trip to Globals, one on its third, and one having qualified a whopping six times. But that didn't diminish the excitement, Lynch said. "I think we were the most excited team there," she said.

The Londonderry Middle School Scientific Challenge team finished fifth in the state and the

Matthew Thornton Elementary School Engineering Challenge team finished seventh.

The two high school teams will attend the Globals May 22-27. Though the Improv team has gone to Globals before, Melanson said they are still "psyched and excited. When they announced our name at the state meet, the kids screamed and jumped up and down."



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Commercial

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The Planning Board will receive another tool when standards for roofing and exterior finishes are moved into the zoning ordinance, he said.

Existing language on vehicle access, parking and loading and minimum setbacks will carry over to the new ordinance, he said.

The ordinance will contain "strong language" that outdoor storage and loading docks remain out of sight, he said.

The CPD would allow more provisions for pedestrian access, he said, including right-of-ways, sidewalks, trails and easements set aside for the future.

The new zoning if approved would limit most buildings to a 60,000-square-foot footprint, he said, "unless it is otherwise provided for in the building footprint."

"This is the average size of a supermarket," Vogl said.

Board member Gianni Verani observed that residents have been asking for a Target store, and that Target footprints are larger than 60,000 feet.

Planner Colleen Mailloux clarified that building size will be subject to the conditional use permit. "If there's an overwhelming demand for a particular store or business, it could be approved," she said.

Vogl said, "Our goal is to use the Innovative Zoning

permit of state law." A developer can ask the board for a conditional use permit for a larger building, "and it's up to the board to grant it," he said.

Verani wasn't sure of the effect on the developer. "Suppose a developer goes through the engineering cycle, spends hundreds of thousands of dollars, then he's told he can't do it?"

Verani added, "I think there should be a mechanism up front.

Mailloux agreed that could be a problem. "Someone can come in for a conceptual discussion, and get the sense of the board, but that is no guarantee," she said.

Verani noted that a piece of developable land near Vista Ridge could support a facility as large as 150,000 square feet, and that some businesses, such as a hockey rink or other indoor sports facility, would require that much footage.

Member Chris Davies said, "I assume there will be public hearings on this." Personally, he said, "My neighbors would be after me with pitchforks if we allowed 150,000-square-foot buildings."

Member Ann Chiampa asked what protection would be offered if a project abutted an AR-1 district, under the proposed zoning, and Mailloux said the buffer of 50 feet would be the same.

Verani, a Realtor in private life, warned, "If you make it too restrictive for

commercial, they will develop housing instead." "Be careful what you wish for," member Leitha Reilly said.

Other provisions

Reilly wondered about the pedestrian access provision. "If it's an existing building, can you ask the owner to put sidewalks in? What if it's a change of usage?"

Vogl said this particular provision is "content sensitive," and he directed the board's attention to the language. "It says that pedestrian access may be required," he said.

Mailloux used a recent home business case as an example. "The owner had a four-bedroom house, and they wanted to change it to three bedrooms and an office," she said. "Obviously we're not

going to make them put sidewalks in."

The key, Mailloux said, is "Is it logical and does it make sense?"

The proposed zoning would also expand the possibilities for public recreational facilities, which are not currently allowed in C-I or Mixed Use, but they will have to get a conditional use permit. Cultural and performing arts facilities would be allowed in the new district, while they are not currently allowed in C-I or C-II.

Commercial kennels will be allowed under the proposed zoning, while they are currently only allowed in AR-I.

"We are allowing new uses, without opening the floodgates," Mailloux said.

Verani urged the staff members to look at what

Londonderry really wants, said.

The session on zoning design and landscaping. "At was a workshop and the end of the day, that's board took no action. what they want to see," he

OBITUARY

Cora Bresnahan



Cora L. Bresnahan, 85, of Londonderry, and long-time resident of Springfield, N.H., passed away on Friday, April 14, 2017 at the Courville in Manchester, NH.

She was born in Fair Haven, VT on February 13, 1932, a daughter of the late Fred and Golda (Gifford) Reynolds, and grew up on a dairy farm where her adoration for farming and animals began.

Cora filled her life by loving children and animals. She was one of 11 children herself, raised her own five children, was a devoted aunt, grandmother, and great grandmother. For many years, she was known as "Mommy Cora" by the children she raised at her day-care out of her home. The kids would play outside rain or shine. Cora was a seamstress and would make everything from Easter suits for her sons to mud pants for outside spring playing.

Cora will be remembered as the 'original Betty Crocker.' She taught herself to cook and even became a restaurateur, creating dishes worth driving for including baked stuffed shrimp and award winning pie crust. She was a salt of the earth New Englander who cooked on her own wood stove in the winter, believed in hanging sheets outside to dry in the fresh air, and had a green thumb that raised native vegetables that she preserved and canned in abundance.

Cora's gentle way with animals started when she was a child helping with the milking every day on the dairy farm. As an adult, she raised goats and became known as the 'goat midwife', aiding many mommy goats in bringing their bleating kids into the world. Often, she could be heard calling "babies" from her front porch followed by a stampede of baby goats running from all directions.

She is survived by her daughter, Ami Fish; four sons, Edward Hamel, Daniel Hamel, Stephen Hamel, and Henry Bresnahan; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; four sisters, Joan Crucitti, Jane Bellefeuille, Ruth Keech, and Chris Parks; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, George Bresnahan in November 2016, as well as six siblings, Richard Reynolds, Elizabeth Reynolds Hodgdon, Robert Reynolds, James Reynolds, Lenore Reynolds Brown and Legrand Reynolds.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date this year for both Cora and George. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a donation to purchase a goat, flock of chicks or rabbits through Heifer International. You can donate via their website at www.heifer.org and change the lives of families and villages internationally. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

OBITUARY

Kimberly Prall,



Kimberly K. Prall, 53, of Londonderry, NH, passed away at her residence, Sunday, April 16, 2017 after a period of declining health. She was born April 3, 1964 in Elyria, OH and was a daughter of Albert and Barbara (Landin) Neuman. Kimberly has been a resident of Londonderry since 1975 and was a 1982 graduate of Londonderry High School. Kimberly was formerly employed as a line cook at her family's restaurant, the William Gregg House of Londonderry and as a baker at Hannaford Brothers. She was a great cook and cake decorator, loved to draw, and enjoyed Netflix. Kimberly was a longtime practicing Christian and raised her two beloved sons.

Members of the family include her parents of Londonderry, her two sons, Daniel and Benjamin Prall of Londonderry, a sister, Rachelle Neuman of Londonderry and her brother, John Padley of Northwood, NH.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Thursday, April 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, with a memorial service to follow at 8:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Road # 200, Framingham, MA 01701. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Growth

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Soares asked if the report had taken into consideration the engineering study and potential expansion for the Central Fire Station, to which Vogl replied that the fire station project is based on not meeting current needs, and was not tied to growth.

"Any growth that would come into the town would exacerbate that need," Soares said, to which Vogl responded, "We are looking for the inability to absorb growth. The Fire Department can get their equipment in and out of the bays, although it is tight at times."

"We do meet two of the three criteria," Soares said. "At what point would we consider reenacting the GMO?"

"The town should consider reenacting it if it's demonstrable that the facilities are taxed by growth," Vogl responded.

He said the state RSA on growth management ordinances looks for "a demonstrable inability to meet current needs" and that to prove this would require further study.

Member Chris Davies asked if the Council gave its approval, could the town put the ordinance back into place?

"It would require a completely new study," Vogl responded.

Member Ann Chiampa asked where Woodmont Commons stood in all of this, and Vogl said that both Woodmont and any

elderly housing projects are exempt from the GMO.

Member Al Sypek asked about housing developments that are being phased in, and if a Phase II or Phase III could be affected by a GMO that was not in place when the original project was approved.

"It could be," Vogl said. "There will be a ranking order of projects that are allowed permits."

While the GMO allows the town to put a limit on the number of building permits it issues, the flip side is that it limits the rights of property owners to do what they choose with their land, he said.

"In a period of unsustainable growth, we will be able to calculate how many building permits can be absorbed by the town," he said.

Board member Leitha Reilly, also a School Board member, said that the superintendent's office works closely with town staff to determine how growth will affect the schools.

For example, she said, the elementary school population is on the rise, and "that's why we put an elementary school in the CIP."

The town is already being proactive by the projects it puts on the Capital Improvement Plan, "and that's a good thing," Vogl observed.

Refining the concept

Town Council Chair Tom Dolan, the Council's representative to the Planning Board, distinguished between the

GMO and growth management in general. "The concept of growth management is broader than the GMO," he said, and includes factors such as land conservation, wetlands management and other tools. "Growth management doesn't need an ordinance," he said. "It's citizens trying to control their own destiny."

And their elected and appointed representatives, Dolan added. He reminded the board and audience of the original plan for the Nevins senior community off 102. "They originally wanted 300 units with no age restriction," he said. "The town engaged in negotiations with the developer, who agreed to consider senior housing."

In a special meeting residents voted to compensate the developer with \$2 million if he put in senior housing, and

it was done. "That meant zero kids in school and less impact on town services," Dolan said.

Though the discussion was not a public hearing, Soares polled the board and they agreed to let members of the public speak. Resident Janet Stone expressed concern about traffic safety, especially in light of the recent interest in the Residences at MacGregor Cut, a workforce housing project planned for the corner of Stonehenge and Hardy roads. "So you're not concerned about all the cars?" she asked.

Member Gianni Verani said that each subdivision is required to submit a traffic study, and Soares said, "it has been taken into consideration."

"So you're all fine with it?" Stone asked.

Board members said the agenda topic for that

night was the GMO and whether or not to bring it back.

Resident Debra Paul asked if public comment could be put on all Planning Board agendas, and Soares said it could be considered.

Paul said, "People want to be part of how their town grows."

Resident Tiffany Richardson asked how the school enrollment projections were done, and Vogl said they are based on case studies. "We look at similar units in the region, fiscal impact reports from the development community, and multipliers from a Londonderry study," he said, adding that the full study is available at the Town Hall.

And resident Ray Grissom, a member of the Master Plan Implementation Committee, won-

dered why more attention wasn't being paid to the Master Plan.

"There are priorities that need to be acted upon," he said. "We are making decisions that are not part of the Master Plan." In particular, he said, the Stonehenge/Hardy project should never have happened in the first place.

Grissom called for traffic studies to be done up front and observed, "We may be sued over a development that never should have happened in the first place."

Davies reminded residents that the Planning Board does not reestablish the GMO, but that it recommends action to the Council. And Soares said, "This ordinance has already sun-setted. We will not recommend it unless we feel it should be implemented again."

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Fourth Grade students at South Elementary School hosted their annual Images of Greatness Guessing Game at the school last week. Nearly 20 students displayed history making figures that they had researched over the past several weeks. After the game attendees were treated to desserts that the students brought in for their question and answer portion of the evening. Pictured from left and clockwise; Emmitt Parece-Grogan displays one of his figure, Shirrgu Miyamoto's characters; Aryana Chilles portrayed Cleopatra; Eden Levitt was Albert Einstein, and she produced a short animated film for her presentation; Jon-Vincent Ingiese speaks to the crowd as Jim Brown with Queen Elizabeth, Elizabeth Roy, announcing of presenters on stage during the guessing game.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Track Contingents Get Seasons Started Against Concord



Kaylie Longua took first in the long jump and third in the 100-meter dash for her Lady Lancers against Concord. Photo by Chris Pantazis



Young LHS weight event standout Patrick Hagearty claimed first place in the shot put against Concord with an effort of 41'9 1/2". Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The weather was perfectly magnificent, but the team scores weren't all that hot for the Londonderry High School spring track and field squads when they opened their 2017 campaigns on their own Larry Martin Track - with Martin himself doing much of the public address announcing - last Friday, April 14 against the visiting Concord High Crimson Tide.

The Concord girls claimed a 78-58 victory over the Lady Lancers and the Crimson Tide males had an even more productive afternoon, beating the host males by a 105-30 count.

GIRLS

The Lady Lancers won a total of six events, with standout Maddie Croteau proving unbeatable in both the pole vault (an effort of 9 feet) and the 200-meter dash (27.9 seconds).

Others wins were claimed by Kaylie Longua in the long jump (15'7"), Jess Brien in the high jump (4'8"), Gretchen McGrath in the 800-meter run (2 minutes, 24.3 seconds), and the 4x100 relay team (52.0).

BOYS

The Lancer guys' first places were delivered by Patrick Hagearty in the shot put (41'9 1/2"), Pat Zepf in the javelin (117'2"), and Nate Seeley in the 3,200-meter run (10:28.5).

Coach Matt Smith's youthful Lancer contingent - which placed fourth

at the Division I championships last spring - includes key returning seniors Chris Zaino (distances) and Declan Hotter (distances), juniors Cam Taranto (middle-distances) and Ben Johnson (sprints), and sophomore Khalique Bagley (sprints).

Other returnees include seniors Nate Cohen (throws), Noah Bourgoin (mids), and Connor Keeley (distances), juniors Seeley (distances), Jake Donnelly (distances), Brian Metro (distances), and

Avery Bonanno (sprints), and sophomores Hagearty (throws) and Nick Shapleigh (sprints).

Newcomers include senior Jake Stevens (jumps and throws), juniors Zepf (jumps and throws) and Shane McEachern (sprints), and freshmen Kerry Daley (distances), Dylan Hotter (distances), and Lorenzo Inglese (mids).

"We're only bringing back two guys from last year's team at the Division One's, so we have a lot of new faces in new

places," said coach Smith. "There is definitely going to be a learning curve with so many new guys, but they're excited about the opportunity. They're getting better every week at practice. If we can just keep plugging along and keep growing and developing, we'll have a pretty good team come D-I time."

The coach feels that Nashua North, Pinkerton, Concord, and Merrimack will be among the toughest teams in the division this spring.

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LHS Softball Crew Starts its 2017 Campaign in Great Fashion

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A walk-off, season-opening victory followed closely by two blowout wins last week left the undefeated 2017 Londonderry High softball squad feeling all kinds of good about itself.

The young women edged the visiting Spaulding High Lady Red Raiders in dramatic fashion in that opener at LHS on Thursday, April 13. The next day they traveled to the seacoast and hammered the host Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors in Hampton, and they followed up that impressive work with a victory against the rival Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros in Londonderry on Saturday April 15.

In the 4-3 edging of Spaulding, the starting and winning pitcher Andi Nelson struck out 10 batters and walked just two while holding the opposition to six total hits.

The Lady Lancers claimed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning when Nelson scored from third base on a wild pitch. But Spaulding responded in the top of the next frame with two runs of its own on a single hit and two errors by the hosts in nabbing a 2-1 advantage.

Londonderry reclaimed the upper hand in the



Senior softball standout Andi Nelson got pitching wins in all of her Lady Lancer team's first three games of the new season recently. Photos by Chris Paul

bottom of the fifth by scoring two runs, with the first hitting the plate on an error and the second reaching home on a fielder's choice.

But the visitors knotted the score at 3-3 with two hits in the top of the sixth, and the score would sit right there until the bottom of the seventh

frame when Londonderry ended the matter.

Nelson started the fun by lacing a lead-off single, she moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by freshman Gia Komst, reached third on an infield single by Ila Brown, and scampered home on a ringing single to center field by Sarah Fawcett.

Fawcett and Nelson each raked two hits for the victorious locals, who tallied a total of seven.

"We just outlasted them, and small-ball helped us this time around," said coach Wayne MacDougall. "That's a tough Spaulding team."

But there didn't end up being a whole bunch that was tough for Londonderry in its 13-3 throttling of Winnacunnet in Hampton the next afternoon.

The Lady Lancers claimed a 2-0 lead in the top of the third, but saw the Lady Warriors score all three of their runs in the bottom of that frame in taking a short-lived 3-2 advantage.

MacDougall's mob then



Londonderry High leadoff batter Cassidy Raza lays down a beautiful bunt during her team's recent victory over the rival Pinkerton squad.

scored 11 unanswered runs the rest of the way in bagging the lopsided victory, including six in the fifth frame.

The locals bashed out 11 hits, with Val Shay smacking out two of them

and driving in four runs. Cassidy Raza smashed three hits and drove in two runs, and Lauren Misiaszek and Fawcett each collected a pair of hits like Shay. Nelson moved her pitching

record to 2-0 in the game.

Then came the Lady Lancers' 7-2 drubbing of the Pinkerton Lady Astros back at LHS on Saturday the 15th, in which the hosts rebounded from an early deficit to win quite comfortably.

PA snagged a 1-0 lead in the top of the second only to watch the Lady Lancers plate five runs - four of which were unearned - in the latter half of that frame.

Pinkerton got one of the markers back in the top of the third, but the hosts answered with single runs in the bottom of the fourth and sixth innings to reach the final score of 7-2.

Both teams bashed out eight hits, but Pinkerton's four fielding miscues were a significant stat as Londonderry only erred once in the field.

Lead-off batter Raza paced the LHS offense with three hits, and Katrina Rivard produced two. Nelson once again wound up claiming the pitching win for the hot Londonderry contingent.

Lady Lancer Tennis Team Deals With Some Early Shutout Troubles

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Still seeking its first match victory of the 2017 season, the Londonderry High girls' tennis team was dealt a pair of shutouts last week as

its record slipped to 0-3.

The Lady Lancers fell to the visiting Derryfield School contingent from Manchester by an 8-0 count in Londonderry on Monday, April 10. And things didn't get any more

productive for the locals on Friday April 14 - again at home on their own courts - in a 9-0 loss at the hands of the Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks.

The winless locals didn't get shut out when they

played host to the Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors on Monday April 17, but the final result was still a 7-2 defeat. The visitors advanced their 2017 record to 4-1 with the road success.

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Londonderry High Baseball Wins One of its First Three

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Ablowout victory against the Winnacunnet High Warriors of Hampton sandwiched between defeats at the hands of the Spaulding High Red Raiders and the Pinkerton Academy Astros late last week brought the Londonderry High baseball team into this week contemplating a 1-2 record at the start of the 2017 season.

The Lancers travelled to Rochester to play Spaulding on Thursday, April 14 and were dealt a slim loss. But back at home the next afternoon the LHS contingent overpowered the visiting Winnacunnet Warriors to move to 1-1.

However, the team then lost in extra innings to the arch-rival Pinkerton Astros on Saturday in slipping below the .500 mark in the short term.

In the 7-5 loss to Spaulding, Londonderry put forth a spirited effort in rebounding from an early deficit, but the Lancers ended up dropping the decision.

The locals snagged a 1-0 advantage in the top half of the first frame, but their hosts tallied four runs in the latter part of that inning.

Londonderry got one of those runs back in the top of the second to make it a 4-2 game, but Spaulding answered with one of its own in the bottom of the frame to make it a 5-2

game.

However, the Lancers scored three times in the top of the sixth to knot the score at 5-5 before the Raiders busted that deadlock with two runs in the bottom of the frame.

Dylan Walsh and Ricky Perry each smacked out two hits for Londonderry, which collected seven safeties on the day. Walsh also drove in two runs.

But the Lancers claimed their first win of the young campaign in their first home game against Winnacunnet on Friday April 14. And the locals placed an exclamation point on that success by pounding the visitors by an 11-2 score.

Londonderry scored twice in the first and once

in the second, but then saw its guests push two runs across in the third to make it a 3-2 game.

The locals then scored eight unanswered runs - with four each in the third and fourth frames - to claim the lopsided success.

Shane McNamara had two hits for the victors, with Nate Sullivan driving in three runs and Jonny Meskell and McNamara each driving in two.

But the Lancers wound up on the down side of a 7-6 score against Pinkerton in a barn-burner of an extra-inning game played at home on Saturday April 15.

Highly-touted PA freshman Asa Runge was the story early for his unbeaten crew, thumping a two-run double in the first inning and looking strong on the pitcher's mound as well. But the Lancers rebounded for four runs on three hits and two Pinkerton errors in the latter half of the third, with two runs scoring directly on errors, one coming across on a wild pitch, and the other scoring on Xander LaPlante's single as the hosts grabbed a 4-2 advantage.

The bad news in that frame was that the Lancers left the bases loaded, and leaving runners stranded would be a significant problem for the hosts, who would leave 13.

Pinkerton got back into the lead in the top of



Londonderry's Jackson Leavitt lofted this ball to deep left field against Pinkerton, but the long shot was caught. Photo by Chris Pantazis

the fourth by scoring three times on three hits and one LHS defensive miscue, making it a 5-4 game.

Londonderry tied the score at 5-5 on an Andy Ross single in the bottom of the sixth, and the score remained right there until the top of the eighth frame when the visiting Astros scored twice on two hits and a Londonderry error.

Now trailing 7-5 and apparently down to their final three outs, the Lancers continued to battle hard and got to within a run of the lead when Meskell scored on a wild pitch with two outs. But the hosts left two more men stranded on base and dropped the tight

decision.

"When you get guys on base you have to have the mentality that you can get the big hits to bring them home. But we weren't able to do that today," said coach Demas.

Londonderry finished with eight hits, Perry, Ross, and LaPlante each knocking two.

The busy Lancers then savored just Easter Sunday off before returning to action in Manchester on Monday where they took on the host Trinity High Pioneers.

The Lancers returned to the winning path with an 11-9 victory over their hosts in a hit-packed hardball contest in the Queen City.

Strong Second Half Effort Gets Lancer Laxmen a Win in Opener

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Alackluster start followed up by a pretty impressive second half effort helped the Londonderry High boys' lacrosse squad to a pleasing, season-opening victory over the host Nashua South Purple Panthers in the Gate City last Thursday, April 13.

The final score ended up being 12-6 in the local contingent's favor, but coach Sean LeBlanc's Lancers only netted a single goal in the first half and they stumbled to half-time trailing by a 2-1 tally.

However, Londonderry outscored its host by a 5-3 margin in the third quarter and then by a 6-1

tally in the fourth period to win convincingly.

"Our ability to put a bad first half behind us and finish strong was key," said LeBlanc. "We came out and looked totally discombobulated, potentially because of our lack of experience on a full field this year. At half-time we challenged our captains and seniors to step up and turn it around. They did just that, led by Tyler Grant at the face-off X and Pete Navarro scoring four goals."

Along with Navarro's impressive scoring output the victorious locals received a six-point effort from Sean Snyder (two goals, four assists), two

goals and a helper from Grant, a goal and an assist each from the Federico brothers Anthony and Dom, and single markers from Jake Holland, Thomas Fougere, and Nate Andrews.

Goalie Alex Fawcett turned aside six South shots, and face-off ace Grant drew high praise from his coach for his 80 percent success rate in that vital aspect of the game.

With that initial victory tucked safely away, the Lancers then returned to game action this past Monday the 17th on their home field with a huge test against the juggernaut from Bishop Guertin High of Nashua.

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Lancer Spikers Continue Hunt for Their First 2017 Victory

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Three matches into the 2017 season, the Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad continued to battle toward its first match victory. But coach Dave Starin certainly found some substantial reasons for optimism in the wake of his 0-3 Lancers' loss to the visiting Pinkerton Academy Astros late last week.

Early on in that Friday night, April 14 match in Londonderry, the LHS crew looked like it was going to give the undefeated Pinkerton bunch a considerable amount of trouble. But after having the match score knotted up at 1-1, the Astros drove to convincing wins in sets

three and four to win the match by a 3-1 tally.

Pinkerton took game one by a 25-19 score despite some strong work from the Lancers, and the hosts fought like mad in game two and were rewarded with a 27-25 success.

But the Astros drove their way to a lopsided 25-9 victory in game three, with the Lancers looking like a mere shell of the team which won set number two. And the 3-0 academy spikers put the matter to rest by winning the deciding fourth game by a 25-16 tally.

"We had a few opportunities in set one to keep the game close, but we had six service errors and lost by six points," lamented LHS coach

Starin. "In the huddle, I told the team this was easily fixable and we were able to respond and take a highly-contested second set. Unfortunately, it awoke a sleeping giant and Pinkerton showed that they were one of the top teams in the state in sets three and four."

The Lancers received 17 assists from Mike Vivian, six kills and six service points from Jackson Lycars, four digs from Danny Bears, six service points and three kills from Tim Sullivan, and five kills and 2 1/2 blocks from James Buttafuoco.

"We are making positive strides and showing daily improvement," stated Starin. "As we learn and the hitting and serv-

ing become more consistent, I believe we will be able to be very competitive against high-caliber teams."

Two days earlier over in New Ipswich, the Londonderry crew had taken a 3-1 defeat on the chin from the unbeaten host Mascenic team.

The hosts won game one by a 25-18 tally, but then saw the Lancers come flying back to bag a 25-19 win in game two.

However, Mascenic tallied victories of 25-13 and 25-20 in contests three and four to decide the match in its favor.

Vivian dished out 15 assists for his side, Bears contributed 11 digs and seven service points, and Sullivan was good for five kills.



Londonderry High volleyball player Jackson Lycars is all ready to hammer the ball back at a Pinkerton opponent during recent match play. The Astros won the battle 3-1. Photo by Chris Paul

TOPSoccer Introduced to Local Students with Disabilities

RILEY WALBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In September, along with the start of a new school year, elementary school students can look forward to the pilot season of Londonderry's TOPSoccer program.

According to the TOPSoccer website, the US Youth TOPSoccer program is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association

volunteers.

The Londonderry version of this program will mirror the Unified program up at the high school where athletes with physical and mental disabilities participate on a team with typical peers. It will also focus more on building up the relationships between mentors and the athletes. This will give kids with and without disabilities the opportunity to connect with each other more often and more easily. Todd Ellis,

the Londonderry Soccer President, is looking to have the high school mentors for the Unified soccer program mentor the TOPSoccer peers.

"We're hoping for kids to have an opportunity that they've never had before," TOPSoccer Coordinator Ashley Tebbetts said. "I think that we will see not only the athletes, but the partners thrive in this environment here."

Ellis originally thought of the idea of introducing the TOPSoccer program

to Londonderry at his son's Senior Night Unified Soccer game this past fall.

"I was standing there with my son, my wife, and my three other children, thinking why couldn't we have been here sooner," Ellis said. "Then I thought, we can get this started for other families at a younger age in town."

The Londonderry TOPSoccer program will consist of two leagues: one league of 2nd and 3rd graders playing 4v4, and a 4th and 5th grade league playing 6v6. Londonderry Soccer has connected with doctorate students from Franklin Pierce Manchester, who are focusing in physical therapy, as potential coaches for this

league.

They are planning to hold sessions on Saturdays during the six-week season that will start in September. These sessions will be an hour long for the 2nd and 3rd graders, and an hour and a half for the 4th and 5th graders. The first half hour would have the kids doing skill work, with the rest of the time allowing for them to play.

"This past year, the two organizations in town, Londonderry United Travel and Londonderry Youth Soccer Recreation, have been working together to improve the development of all soccer players in town," Ellis said. "Without this work-

ing relationship, this program would not have even gotten off of the ground. The support from both organizations for this pilot program has been tremendous."

Todd Ellis and Ashley Tebbetts are holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, May 9 in room 221 at the Londonderry High School at 7 p.m., and encourage anyone who would be interested in playing or volunteering as a mentor to come to this meeting.

"The feedback for this idea in the community has been incredible so far," Ellis said. "There are many wonderful ideas that are still being developed."

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Lady Lancer Lacrosse Legion Splits First Two Matches of 2017

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After taking a 14-8 defeat on the chin from the host Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals in its 2017 season-opener in Nashua last Tuesday, April 11, the Londonderry

High girls' lacrosse squad righted itself and snagged the first win of the coach Scott Walden era with an exclamation point on its home field some three days later.

The victorious Lady Lancers got goals from no

less than eight different scorers in the 16-5 thumping of the visiting Keene High Lady Blackbirds on Friday, April 14, with seasoned veteran Catie Derhak pacing the charge with an impressive seven-point day on four goals

and three assists.

Meghan Jackes was also good for four tallies while Emily Holland and Grace Chicko each scored twice and Kiersten Hoglund, Erika Tsetsilas, Allie Marsh, and Katelyn Nartiff each rippled the twine on the Keene net once. Holland and Marsh also dished out one assist apiece, and goalie Kaitlyn Marchant turned aside seven Lady Blackbird shots.

The hosts had a 6-3 lead at halftime and then went on to outscore their guests by an 8-5 margin in the second half of play.

After contemplating that 1-1 record, the Lady Lancers bounded into this week looking at an incredibly busy schedule during the week before April school vacation.

New coach Walden's young women were looking at four road matches in just five days, including



Freshman Grace Chicko heads in from midfield for one of her goals during her team's recent victory over Keene. Photo by Chris Paul

a ride to Dover on Tuesday April 18 - after Londonderry Times press time - followed by a trip to Laconia on Thursday, a shorter jaunt to Manchester Central on Friday, and then another seacoast run to Exeter High School on Saturday.

Boys' Tennis Slips Below .500

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' tennis team experienced both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat in matches last week, stepping into this week with a record sitting right at the .500 mark.

The Lancers moved to 2-1 this season with shut-out success at home last Thursday, only to fall in a shutout the next afternoon on the seacoast in moving to 2-2.

The locals bumped their early-season record back up over the .500 mark with a win over the visiting Merrimack High Tomahawks Thursday, April 13.

The hosts swept both singles and doubles to claim the 9-0 victory, with singles wins being bagged by Cam Ness (by an 8-6 score), Ryan Leo (8-2), Josh Galluzzo (8-2), Jay Hayes (8-0), Tyler Cullen (8-1), and Ben Doris (8-2).

Rolling into doubles with a match win already in hand, the Lancers claimed more success via the play of the tandems of Leo and Cullen (8-2), Ness and Quentin Caruso (8-4), and Galluzzo and Hayes (8-0).

"This was a big day for us," said coach Janice Norwesh. "Cam Ness and Ryan Leo posted their first single wins of the season, Josh

Galluzzo and Jay Hayes had a repeat win in third doubles along with their singles victories, and Tyler Cullen and Ben Doris wrapped up the top six with their singles victories."

The locals then took to the road the next day against the Exeter High Blue Hawks.

The host Blue Hawks only lost four total games in sweeping singles, and the best performance production-wise for Londonderry came at second doubles where the duo of Ness and Doris fell by an 8-4 score.

"A very nice, well-coached team at Exeter," said Norwesh. "It was great for my team to see such good approach shots and volleys and overheads. We had great rallies and some really good matches despite the scores."

The locals then stepped into this busy, four-match week with a trip to Hampton on Monday, April 17 to play the undefeated host Winnacunnet Warriors (4-0).

The Lancers ended up on the down side of a 7-2 decision during that seacoast road trip.

Athletes of the Week

Week of April 10

Nick Salcito,
Senior, Baseball



This seasoned veteran began the new campaign by going 3-for-6 at the plate with five walks, and on the mound he pitched five innings and got no decision against Pinkerton despite striking out seven batters.

Andi Nelson,
Senior, Softball



This veteran was a pitching machine for her Lady Lancers, hurling three games in three days and earning wins in all three cases. She struck out 27 batters in 19 innings of work.



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

Renew Clothing

Opens May 13, 8 - 10:30 a.m. Summer clothing is now available. Please arrive no later than 10:00 a.m. Families and individuals in need or on a budget are welcomed, and Derry residence is not required. Enter at marquee sign of Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road in Derry. Limits: To make sure our newest items are available for all our visitors, we limit each household to up to 20 of our newest items, plus a reasonable number of our older items. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in our donations bin by our door at any time. No housewares, books, toys, or bedding, please. Sorry, we are unable to provide tax-receipts. No donations of money are asked for or accepted in return for our clothing. Contact us by searching for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, by emailing renew-clothing@myfairpoint.net, or calling the church secretary at 434-1516.

50+ League Seeks Players

The Londonderry 50+ Plus Softball League is seeking men and women from the area and neighboring towns who are interested in playing during the 2017 season. Practice games are starting now at the Nelson Road fields, behind the fire station. The season is scheduled to begin during the second week of May. For more information please write to jimewards48@comcast.net

Welcome Home

American Legion Post 27 in Partnership with the Manchester VA Medical invites All Vietnam Veterans, their loved ones and friends to Join us for a Welcome Home and Service Recognition Ceremony 6 Sargent Road, Londonderry, NH Thurs., May 18, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Viet-

nam Veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or elsewhere in support of operations between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 will be recognized individually.

LWC Community Toy Swap

The Londonderry Women's Club is holding its 15th Annual Community Toy Swap at Matthew Thornton Elementary on May 13th from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Come and buy recycled used items including toys, games, books, and baby equipment. Selling is open to the public - we do the work, you earn the money! Seller registration forms are available at the Londonderry Leach and Derry Public Library; or go to www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toyswap. Proceeds will be donated to the Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS). It's a win, win, win!

Experience the Rainforest

The Children's Room of the Leach Library will host "Wildlife Encounters" Monday, May 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn how these animals' adaptations help them live in the rainforest, and how they help the rainforest to grow. Live animal visitors may include a tegu, tree frog, macaw or coatimundi (live animals). The program is open to 90 participants and registration is required. For more information and to register, call 432-1127.

Rail Trail Clean-up

Londonderry Trailways has scheduled a clean-up day for Saturday, April 22 from 9 - 11 a.m., rain or shine, to pick up litter and trash along the Rail Trail. Volunteers are asked to meet at the North Elementary School parking lot. Pick-up trucks are needed and work boots and work gloves are recommended.

Leach Expanded Hours

Library Director Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp is pleased to announce that, starting the week of May 1, 2017, the library will be expanding operating hours on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Currently, the library is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. that day.

"Magic of West"

"The Magic of the West: Yellowstone and Big Sky Country" will be the topic of a program by Rick Little to be presented Thursday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library. Audiences may explore the beauty of the Bighorn River region in south-central Montana, the canyons of the Missouri in central Montana, and finally the magnificence of Yellowstone National Park and the Beartooth Highway. The program is free and open to the first 90 individuals. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 432-1132.

Come to the Fiesta

Children are invited to celebrate the coming of summer with a Fiesta event Tuesday, May 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. In the Leach Library. Children will learn of animals of Latin America, folk tales, and some Spanish words. Each participant will leave with a colorful plush parrot to commemorate the trip. The program is open to 90 participants of all ages, registration is required. For more information, call 432-1127.

"Storm Runners"

The Leach Library will hold a Young Adult discussion on "Storm Runners" by Roland Smith Thursday, May 11, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The book is about a boy and his father's lives as "storm runners," racing across the country in pursuit of hurricanes, tornadoes and floods. A limited

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Leach Library Trustee Treasurer, Pauline Caron, is shown with some of the new large-print books purchased with a donation of \$1,000 to the Leach Library from the Derry Medical Center Charitable Foundation.

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number of copies will be available with registration, which begins April 10. Refreshments and door prizes will be included.

Affected by Lyme Disease?

There is new support group offering support to those who are affected by Lyme Disease. The group meets to raise awareness and share information about this devastating and sometimes misunderstood illness. We will be meeting the fourth Wednesday of each month at Market basket Café in Londonderry. Meetings start around 6:30 p.m. 4/26/17 for more info contact Deb Paul 537-2760 or dpaul@nutpub.net

Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in the Derry/Londonderry area in April: April 20, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle School 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 5 to 6 p.m., call 432-1350 for more information; April 23, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, 9 to 10 a.m., call 432-2130 for more information; April 26, Spaghetti Dinner at First Parish Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry, call 434-0628 for more information; and April 30, Lunch at Lions Club in Londonderry, 435 Mammoth Road, provided by St. Jude parish, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., call 432-3333 for more information. In addition, a free meal is served every weeknight at Sonshine Soup Kitchen on Crystal Avenue in Derry.

The Run for Healing.

The 5K Run & 3K Walk is

a fun, affordable, family event to be held Sun. May 7 at 2 p.m. at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. \$18 for adults and \$10 for those under 18 years. The number 18 translates to "life" in Hebrew. Sign up at NH4Israel.org before April 21 for your free t-shirt. See you at the starting line!

Treasure Hunter's Hobby & Historical Show

The 24th annual Treasure Hunter's Hobby & Historical Show will be taking place April 29, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Keene Rec-Center's Multi-Purpose Room, located at 312 Washington St, Keene NH. There will be a \$5 cover charge, \$1 for children under 16 and seniors over 75. Events include a mini XP Deus Boot camp, and 6 other workshops, contests, historical & valuable find displays, and charity silent auction (also benefiting the Wounded Warriors & Dublin Christian Academy). For more information, please visit www.streeter.org.

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Run for Freedom 5K

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School Budgeting Workshop

School budgeting workshop April 22 hosted by School District Governance Association of NH. Guest Speaker, Peter Bragdon past President of the New Hampshire State Senate, past Executive Director of NH HealthTrust. This event is designed to benefit elected school district officials, but the public is also welcome by advance registration. A continental breakfast will be provided. Sat., April 22, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 749 East Industrial Park Dr. Manchester, NH. Advance Registration is Required Registration fee: \$10 SDGA members, \$15 Guests. Registration contact: azgreen@comcast.net, 603-218-9910.

Legion Bingo

April 24 Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. At American Legion Post 27 located at 6 Sargent Rd in

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Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). For more information go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613.

Go Back to the 50s

The Londonderry Lions Club will hold a 50s, 60s,

70s and 80s dance with Bobby and the Sharptones Friday, April 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Lions Hall, Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple. For tickets or more information call Jerry at 434-5307.

"Galileo" Library Stop

A living history performance, "The Starry

Messenger," will be held Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. Mike Francis will be the presenter. Francis will enact a dramatic, fun-filled adaptation of Galileo's short treatise "Siderius Nuncius." As Galileo dressed in 17th-century costume, Francis will give a public lecture on Galileo's most recent

discoveries made using his newly-devised spyglass. Audience members are invited to participate in Galileo's many experiments and demonstrations. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be

served. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Recycling Electronics

Londonderry Grange is holding our bi-annual Fund-raiser to promote recycling electronics. Nominal fees range from: Electrical cords/wires (\$1) to CRT monitors (\$10), AC's, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers (\$16), TV's

under 25" ("15) TV's 27" - 32" (\$25) TV's greater than 32" (\$35). Everything in between is \$2 to \$7. Our partner is Recycle, USA L.L.C. Date is Earth Day - Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Enter from the horseshoe drive from Pillsbury Rd at 260 Mammoth Rd. Boy

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday - April 11

12:13 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Convenience Plus on Rockingham Road.

12:40 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrests made at Subway on Perkins Road. Thomas Anderson, 43, of Derry charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor. Wednesday Anderson, 46, of Derry Charged with Disorderly Conduct and Simple Assault.

7:14 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Londonderry Middle School.

10:13 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Boyd Road.

1:21 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported and services rendered at Workout Club on Orchard View Drive.

5:05 p.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made Tower at Hill Building on Rockingham Road. Richard Cooper, 19, of Manchester charged with Motor Vehicle Inspection Violations, Disobeying an Officer and being a Habitual Offender.

6:54 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Autumn Lane.

8:09 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made Willow Street, Hooksett. Richard Williams, 38, of Hooksett charged with Attempt to Commit Theft of Vehicle Parts and three counts of Receiving Stolen Property. **9:51 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Pine Street. **10:35 p.m.** Disturbance reported and peace restored on Charleston Avenue.

Wednesday - April 12

7:50 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nelson Road.

7:52 a.m. Suspicious activity reported and services rendered on Justin Circle.

8:12 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on South Road.

9:58 a.m. Juvenile offenses reported and services rendered at Londonderry

High School.

3:11 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Police Station.

3:50 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated and building checked and secured on South Road.

4:52 p.m. Complaint made and investigated with six units responding on Trolley Car Lane.

5:19 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated Rockingham Road near Perkins Road.

6:36 p.m. Attempted Suicide results in Transportation to Hospital on South Road.

7:32 p.m. Neighborhood disputes investigated on Charleston Avenue.

8:15 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Olde Country Village Road.

Thursday - April 13

6:59 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road near Exit 4.

8:17 a.m. Drug offenses investigated and services rendered on Capitol Hill Drive at Building K.

12:34 p.m. Keeping the peace on Wimbledon Drive.

2:30 p.m. Motor vehicle accident Investigated on Nashua Road near Pasquale's.

6:37 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua and Mammoth Roads.

Friday - April 14

8:09 a.m. Juvenile offenses investigated at Londonderry Middle School.

8:28 a.m. Disorderly conduct reported and arrest made at Londonderry High School. Justin Best, 18, of Londonderry charged with Disorderly Conduct.

11:20 a.m. Attempted suicide results in transportation to Hospital on Preserve Drive.

11:30 a.m. Disorderly conduct reported and arrest made at Londonderry High School.

11:42 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Willmington Road. Richard Porter, 56, of Salem

charge with False Personation.

12:16 p.m. Drug offenses reported and arrest made at Londonderry High School.

12:15 p.m. Disorderly conduct reported and arrest made at Londonderry High School.

5:21 p.m. Motor vehicle complaint results in arrest at Burger King on Nashua Road. Robert Holfeldt, 48, of Manchester, Mass. charged Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor.

Saturday - April 15

9:56 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road.

11 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road near Gilcreast Road.

3:38 p.m. Shoplifting reported at Hannaford Food and Drug and arrest made. Kendall Yeager, 36, of Derry charged with Willful Concealment.

4:48 p.m. Neighborhood disputes investigated on Dickey Street

5:15 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at the Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

7:39 p.m. Overdose investigated and transported to hospital on Meadow Drive.

9:08 p.m. Domestic disturbance investigated on Old Derry Road.

Sunday - April 16

8:45 a.m. Suspicious activity reported Quentin Drive.

10:01 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Nashua Road near Young Road.

12:08 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated Nashua Road near Exit 4.

2:50 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept with Transport to Hospital from Windsor Blvd.

9:06 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Greeley Road.

10:23 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Silvestri Circle, Derry. Rebekah Foster, 36, Derry charged with Theft.

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A. Reconsideration of the March 8, 2017 decision (a Motion for Reconsideration was granted April 5, 2017) on a site plan for a multi-family workforce housing rental project comprised of twelve (12) twenty-four (24) unit buildings containing a total of 288 rental units, 30 Stonehenge Road & 113 Hardy Road, Map 12 Lots 120 & 131, Zoned AR-1, First Londonderry Association, LLC (Owner & Applicant) to:

- 1: Provide the applicant opportunity to review and respond to the following information provided during the Planning Board's deliberations during the March 8, 2017 Planning Board public hearing:
 - (a) four photographs of a truck attempting to turn onto Stonehenge Road; and
 - (b) a synopsis stating that there have been 14 calls to the Police Department for service in that area which did not include unreported accidents or incidents, three motor vehicle records for the area between Perkins and Stonehenge, and several motor vehicle records for Hardy Road; and
- 2: Deliberate and vote on the application.

B. Application acceptance and public hearing for formal review of a subdivision plan of one lot into two, 31 Jack's Bridge Road, Map 17 Lot 45-3, Zoned IND-I, Poultry Products Northeast, Inc. (Applicant) and Evans Family LTD Partnership and Freedom Park Associates (Owners)

C. Application acceptance and public hearing for formal review of a site plan for the proposed construction of a 102,398 SF distribution facility and accompanying site improvements, 31 Jack's Bridge Road, Map 17 Lot 45-3, Zoned IND-I, Poultry Products Northeast, Inc. (Applicant) and Evans Family LTD Partnership and Freedom Park Associates (Owners)

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