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Kent Allen has been busy in his efforts to clean much th debris left by fall and winter storms in the town forest. πPhoto by Chris Paul

Kent Allen Gets Back To Work in His Forest

Kent Allen has been tirelessly cleaning the debris in the Town Forest left from the wind storm that hit the area back in October of last year.

Despite his age of 78, and his battles with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Allen has been piling up brush and clearing fallen pine and ash trees during February and now again this month.

He and his wife Meredith have begun efforts to beautify the forest

with flowering trees and bushes along some of the many pathways Kent has created near the Town Common.

Meredeth Allen, she is working to put together a volunteer organization to further enhance the forest: "Let's Beautify our Forest".

Anyone who is interested in helping in the couple efforts may contact Kent or Meredith Allen at (603) 432-8570 for more information on their plans,

School Board Says 'No' To Helping Town With \$600,000 Shortfall

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the School Board meeting on April 3, members of the Board voted to not help town with tax shortfall citing it was a town made error. The School Board felt they should not contribute money since the school district does not collect taxes, the town does. The town then distributes the funds to cover the approved budgets of the other town services - the school being the largest.

Although there was one opposition, the motioned passed 4-1 that School Board would not partake in fixing the \$600,000 deficit. The problem originally came from a miscalculation for the

town-collected taxes for municipal, school and county services. The Town Council and School Board have been battling for months to get this straightened out. In their joint meeting in December, John Farrell asked them to make an offer to show the school district had "skin in the game." On April 3, Vice Chairman for the School Board, Nancy Hendricks, said she felt the school district "has plenty of skin in the game." She felt that the town was responsible for the shortfall and therefore should be the one to handle the issue. "When you make a mistake, you should take care of your mistake and you should fess up to your mistake," she said. "I'm not really willing to put any money

on the table."

School Board member Dan Lekas also expressed how he felt the town should be the one to pay the deficit. "Part of the argument is that the school is the largest bill, so they feel the school should give up the mother lode of the discrepancy." Lekas continued to say the town should be the one to take responsibility. "You can't just short everybody else and then say they (the school) got the most money, so they should have to pay most of it."

What Lekas was referring to was the town's undesignated fund balance of \$8,889,074 of which \$3,273,900 has been committed to funding warrant articles.

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Planning Board Votes Against Mr. Steer Lighting Request

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Wednesday April 4 meeting of the Londonderry Planning Board, members were given a presentation on some lighting ideas proposed by Mr. Steer Meats.

Plans were brought forth to the Planning Board for changes to outdoor lighting that didn't quite fit in the town codes. The idea was to install LED accent lighting on the building façade at Mr. Steer Meats, at 27 Buttrick Road.

The plan was previously been brought to the Heritage Commission and

members of that board were comfortable with the lighting change overall.

The the biggest issue with this lighting was that the lights have the ability to change in color.

Rob Burke of Barlo Signs came before the board to make the presentation and get the Planning Boards blessing on the lighting, saying his company has designed the lights on the Mr. Steer building and made sure they would not flash or change colors randomly.

The lights themselves are visible but only when you are close to the property, so they are not blind-

ing when you are driving down Route 102. A protective shield around the lights would also be installed. The only time the lights would change color would be four times a year (seasonally).

The owner of Mr. Steer Meats, Chris George, felt

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Local Volunteer Continues His Clearing Effort in Town Forest



If you happen through the paths of the town forest, chances are you'll see Kent Allen manned with little more than a chain saw busy clearing many of the downed trees in the forest behind the town common. He and his wife Merideth hope to begin work soon on a beautifying project that will add color to the paths they have created by planting bushes and flowering trees. Pictured are some of the trees he is currently dealing with.

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Mr. Steer

Continued from page 1 that the new lighting would connect the two buildings (owned by him) visually when people are driving by on Route 102. He felt that there wasn't a clear connection with the two buildings.

The lights would be on the Route 102 side of the building and not on the

Buttrick Road side.

Planning Board member Ann Chiampa felt that the plan did not meet the town's lighting regulations.

Member Leitha Reilly was more than a little surprised that the Heritage Commission gave their approval with the aesthetics of the lighting on the building.

After quite a lengthy

discussion on how to vote down the lighting request, the Planning Board voted to deny the application for the lighting to Mr. Steer, because it did not meet town regulations and had a neon look to it.

The board felt more comfortable adding a second sign to the second building rather than change the lighting appearance. Ultimately, .

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Planning Board Hears Plan For Water Tank Upgrade in Town

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With only two items on the agenda for the Planning Board Wednesday April 4, members were given two presentations for plans which were previously OK'd by the Heritage Commission.

The first one was the discussion for a governmental land use for the installation of a three mil-

lion gallon water tank and associated site improvements at 14 Josephine Drive. The presentation was given by Dave Miller, the Deputy Director of Water Supply Manchester Water Works. The water tank would be exactly the same as the one that is there now, but would hold an additional million gallons of water. The board was assured that the water tank would be in a

fenced in area and would only be visible by the neighbors in the area, but still may be in view if you look hard enough in the winter months. The Heritage Commission previously gave their approval as long as the color and appearance were to remain the same as the existing tank. Members of the Conservation Commission also had a say in this project and wanted

to make sure that the tree clearing is reduced as much as possible. The water tank itself is scheduled to be up and running and available to users by the end of this calendar year. It will also be the same height (roughly 40-48 feet) as the two million gallon tank. That tank was built back in the 1980s according to Miller, but is still expected to last another 50 or 60 years

before it needs to be replaced completely (any renovations are not part of this plan, however). There was public concern about the issue of blasting to create the land for the water tank, but assurances were made by Miller that blasting is not part of the plan. If there does need to be blasting involved it would be very small and in a controlled area. "Most likely we will

not be doing blasting, because of the proximity of the existing tank." Miller said. Chairman of the Planning Board Art Rugg, commented that he wanted to make sure everyone is happy while this project is going on and for the people of Manchester Water Works to work with the town of Londonderry to make sure everything runs smoothly and efficiently.

LHS Teachers and Students Make Contribution To National Geographic

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School Principal Jason Parent was proud to announce that two high school teachers, Patricia Lawson and Richard Levergood were contributing authors to the curriculum for National Geographic's program "One Strange Rock". The lesson plan is entitled "Might Microbes" and is a mix of Earth Science, Biology, and Chemistry. The series is narrated by Will Smith and began its run on March 26. "It was pretty neat to see that. They did a lot of work." Parent said.

This lesson plan is accessible to science teachers across the country for reference. The series "One Strange Rock" airs on Thursday nights at

10/9c. High school science teacher, Patty Lawson was very proud of her students and explained what went into making the curriculum for "Mighty Microbes" with the help of her colleague Rich Levergood.

"We are both very excited and honored to have been contributing authors to the 210 page curriculum guide that accompanies the ten episode National Geographic program "One Strange Rock" (OSR)." Lawson said. "We are thankful to three of our students, Mike Carco, Jill Fitzgibbons and Ellen Kester for the help they gave us. In particular, they developed the slide show that accompanies a key lab activity that we submitted. It was a great

experience for the students - and to be recognized at the end of the OSR Lesson 4 slide show is something that they can list on their resume. I am sure that there are not many high school students that can say that they were recognized within a National Geographic curriculum."

Lawson continued and described how she and Levergood worked together to make the lesson plan and even learned things from each other they did not know before.

"The lesson provided an opportunity for the two of us to work together and merge physics, chemistry, biology and earth science topics. We

bounced ideas off of each other and learned quite a bit from each other as we are experts in different disciplines of science." she said. "Our first step in developing the OSR lesson was to watch preliminary "takes" from the parts of the OSR episodes that we were to develop the Mighty Microbe lesson from. As we watched these scenes, ideas began to form as to how to develop our lesson. Using our background knowledge and years of experience, we developed four activities to show the progression of how microbes may have evolved on Earth. We spent countless hours discussing ideas and re-writing our

activities before the lesson was submitted to Dr. Barry Rock and then to Journeys in Film, the company that develops curricula for various films. We then worked extensively with the editor of the OSR curriculum, Eileen Mattingly, to fine-tune our lesson before it was accepted by National Geographic and NASA."

Once the process was complete, both Lawson and Levergood were happy with their experience and thanked the people that made it possible.

"Overall, developing

the Mighty Microbes lesson was a great experience. We are very grateful to the project coordinator Dr. Barry Rock, Professor Emeritus at the Department of Natural Resources and EOS (Institute for the Study of Earth, Ocean, and Space, University of New Hampshire). Dr. Rock invited us to assist him with this project, and coordinated the efforts of seven other New Hampshire teachers and professors to develop the eight lesson curriculum guide for OSR." Lawson said.

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Editorial

Nothing to Hide

When people volunteer for public service, whether it's to run for elected office or to seek appointment to town boards and commissions, they've signaled their commitment to do what's best for the greater good the entire community.

And just as we all have personal reasons for making such a decision, we also have biases that we bring to these posts, along with our experience and expertise. With that said, the only way to conduct the public's business in as bias-free a manner as possible is to be as transparent as possible.

There's no way to force residents to pay attention to public meetings, by reading the paper or even with the ease of watching them on public access TV in the privacy of their own homes. But whether or not anyone is reading or watching, elected and appointed officials have to conduct their business in the public eye. After all, it is the public who polices the local town and school officials. We the people have to be responsible and keep an eye on what they are doing.

We're not talking about decisions that are made in public sessions, but the background leading to those decisions. The conversations and debates and the questions and the arguments are rarely

part of what the public gets to see.

And that's how rumors start. Rumors that can take on a life of their own, especially when bloggers get involved.

It is not about he or she is a nice person, it is about the facts and about taking the taxpayers' hard-earned money and using it for the greater good.

When property pops up for sale that was recently bought by a developer, is it for the people/town's best interest or not? Is a councilor or other official or two ever seen in discussion with a landowner? Our towns are too small for anyone to expect such meetings to go unnoticed.

Are these meetings illegal? Not exactly. But is that the only point we need to be concerned with?

Ethics is defined as a system of moral principles and rules of conduct.

In public life, appearances count. When residents don't know what their representatives are up to, they listen to rumors and conspiracy theories and ultimately end up distrusting the decision makers.

The public's business should be conducted in public. Keep us informed of what you're doing, every step of the way. We shouldn't have to worry that our officials having something to hide, or do we.

Police Department Offers Self Defense Classes For Women

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Londonderry Police Department are offering self-defense classes for women starting on Thursday, April 12 for women ages sixteen and up.

Some young women may be nervous about going away to college for the first time or want to know the basics of how to defend themselves in general. For the next two months, there will be a women's basic level self-defense class taught by certified instructors from the Londonderry Police Department.

The class requires no payment for students. There is limited space however, so students are encouraged to register early to be sure they receive a time slot.

Class dates are as fol-

lows Thursday April 12, Thursday April 19, Thursday May 3, Thursday and May 10. The classes will be located at the Londonderry Police Station from 2:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Why is this so important? Self-defense classes teach you how to defend yourself in a variety of different ways and situations, according to the official Livestrong website. If you know self-defense, you are less likely to feel anxious in public and will know the basics of how to quickly disarm an attacker.

The classes also offer exercise benefits such as muscle toning and strengthening. They can improve overall physical condition and also boost mental health.

Engaging in a self-defense class can also lead to a new found self-confidence, especially in wo-

men. According to the official Livestrong website, people develop more confidence in themselves and their surroundings after taking a self-defense class.

This type of training helps folks to be more aware of their surroundings and be prepared for the unexpected at all times.

Knowing that you have the power to defend yourself can also help you feel more comfortable with the world and your surroundings. You are more likely to get out and explore and meet new people.

To register for class, please send an email to Sgt. Joseph Bellino at jbellino@londonderry.org with your first and last name, date of birth, email address, and telephone number. You may also contact him if you have any questions about the class.

Shortfall

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According to the Town's Policy on the undesignated fund balance, the maximum allowed to be used in a calendar year \$3,705,887. However, the town has an estimated growth of \$0-\$1.2 million at year's end. The school district, which has only been permitted by the state to have a undesignated fund balance for four years, has a current fund balance of \$402,810 with the estimated end of year balance of \$300,000.

Board member Steve Young was the only opposed vote to the Vice Chairman's motion to not contribute any money to the shortfall. His reasoning came from a concern of depleting the school district's \$402,000 reserve fund balance, which Young described as "still in its infancy."

Instead, Young said he hoped to look into other alternatives so the school district could contribute to the shortfall. "I'm not interested in get-

ting into an argument or discussion," Young said. "The town is not a customer of mine, and the town is in the same pair of pants we're in."

Member Dan Lekas replied to this by saying he was correct that the money comes out of the same pocket. "So if I went to the ATM to withdraw \$150.00 and had \$100.00 in my checking and \$1000.00 in my savings, why would I withdraw from my checking account and risk a deficit?"

The shortfall issue was discovered in December of 2017. With that discovery, town officials were forced to find a reasonable solution to make up for the shortfall. This included reaching out to school officials for help.

Tuesday night's meeting was the first time the School Board had addressed the shortfall since the March election.

Town Council Chairman John Farrell announced at the Town Council meeting on April 2, that the School Board would be addressing the

issue on the April 3, but made no comment on what they (the School Board) would be announcing about the deficit. "We'll see where their discussion goes and then we'll bring it back to the council to see where we go from there." Farrell said.

Ultimately, the school district's portion of the shortfall was \$440,000. The Town Manager hoped to reduce that amount by asking for \$225,000 from the district. Although the shortfall may worry the public, there will not be a tax increase to resolve it according to Town Manager Kevin Smith.

During a follow up interview with the Times, School Board Chair, Jenn Ganem, said "I agree with Steve Young in as much as the taxpayers have already paid into the savings account - the undesignated fund balance - for the town. I just felt, like the other members, that it was the town's error to resolve." She added, "I also don't believe the taxpayers would want the school district to be in the red."

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In Loving Memory: Nutfield Publishing Bereaves Beloved Writer

In July of 2017, Nutfield Publishing took on a new employee – Katie O'Donnell – who dutifully wrote for the Londonderry Times and Nutfield News each week, always eager to use her talents to bring awareness to the people of Londonderry and Derry.

Last week, suddenly and tragically, Nutfield Publishing lost her and the world lost an incredibly tender soul.

O'Donnell, who studied Broadcast Journalism at Emerson College in Boston, Mass. graduated in 2013.

O'Donnell covered a variety of topics for Nutfield Publishing relevant to the towns she wrote for, from happenings at the schools to crucial town meetings.

O'Donnell had been battling leukemia for a number of years, and despite this, O'Donnell persevered, relentlessly pursuing her passions, ever the eternal optimist, in the words of Nutfield

Publisher, Debra Paul.

"It was a struggle she never gave in to," said Paul. "She always found good, even in the bad."

O'Donnell passed away last week due to a heart attack caused by a rare form of Graft vs. Host Disease, a condition caused by the body rejecting foreign implants (stem cells in O'Donnell's case), which affected her heart.

O'Donnell was only 32 years old.

Paul said that just days before her untimely passing, as she was still recovering and leaving the hospital despite the majority of her doctors' wishes, she spoke with O'Donnell over the phone, who told her that she'd felt good, and that she could not wait to get back to writing, and in fact she had several pieces in the works that she could not wait to submit, further cementing her dedication and spirit.

Fellow Nutfield Pub-

lishing writer, Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien, had become close friends with O'Donnell during her short time at the home of the Londonderry Times, Nutfield News, and Tri-Town Times.

In her memorial piece, O'Brien recalls the very first time she met O'Donnell, who was dressed as a "Beautiful princess" joining the Nutfield Publishing family in greeting children as fairytale characters at Londonderry's Old Home Days Kid's Night. Since then, the two had formed a friendship based on similar interests and different views.

"A few times when I mentioned an opinion of mine," wrote O'Brien, "I could not tell if she agreed with me or not. I suspect she did not...but she was always so graceful and thoughtful about it.

"What a professional, she is in the right business,' I thought in those moments." O'Brien continued. "In this world of

over-politicized everything, Katie was a breath of fresh air."

O'Donnell's memorial service took place on Sunday, April 8 at the Carrier Family Funeral Home in Windham, to a full reception.

In O'Brien's words, "...just finding a parking spot was a challenge... crowds of people filled the largest room...with half of them needing to stand throughout the service."

Much like Cinderella, O'Donnell left empty shoes in the Nutfield Publishing family that could be filled by no other. There will never be another writer, nor another soul like Katie O'Donnell, and the staff of Nutfield Publishing will never, ever forget her.



Katie O'Donnell, a writer for Nutfield Publishing, passed away last week from complications due to her battle over the years with leukemia.



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LMS Celebrates 20th Trip To Washinton D.C. This Month

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Middle School Principal Richard Zacchilli announced at the School Board meeting last Tuesday that this will be the 20th trip to Washington, D.C. for LMS eighth grade students. To celebrate 20 years of travel, an arrangement has been made for the United States flag to be flown over the Capital on Wednesday, April 18th. This is the date the Londonderry students will be touring the United States Capital. The flag along with a certificate of authenticity will be given to the middle school to

commemorate this 20 year milestone, according to Zacchilli.

This year's trip will take place starting on Tuesday, April 17 to Friday, April 20. It will include a stop in Philadelphia to visit Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, and Franklin Court.

The students will also be going to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The pupils will be visiting the grave of Peter Sohm. He was a Londonderry High School graduate and Intelligence Officer in the United States Air Force. His mother is high school teacher Mary Sohm. They will also be

visiting the grave of Blake Marston, a Navy SEAL and son of Nancy Marston. She was a former middle school guidance counselor. The students and staff shall place wreaths on these graves and participate in a ceremony prepared by the teachers after everyone enters Arlington National Cemetery.

The buses will be leaving from two separate locations on Tuesday, April 17 at 5:30 a.m. Four buses will be at the middle school and two buses will be at the high school.

Local churches will also be providing a bag breakfast for students and chaperones to have

on the bus on Tuesday morning. For the past 20 years. Local churches have been supplying bag breakfasts to all students and chaperones and have never missed a year.

For this trip, the middle school will be taking 270 students and 31 chaperones to D.C. The chaperones include teachers, nurses, a retired police officer, and a retired fire official. "We currently have 325 eighth graders, so this represents 83% of our students that will be attending this trip, which is consistent with past

years." Zacchilli said. Students who choose to stay back will be touring the New Hampshire State Capital, the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, and working at school on related projects. This will be the first year that students will have the opportunity to visit the New Hampshire State Capital as an alternate to the Washington, D.C. trip. Some students who will not be attending DC either chose not to go or did not meet behavioral/academic requirements. Zacchilli made it

clear that no student was left behind because he/she could not afford the cost to go. "We provided scholarships to students who needed financial assistance through a variety of sources and budgeted money, the Blake Richards Scholarship, and some parent donations." Zacchilli said.

Currently 30 students are on scholarships this year and the overall cost of the trip is \$730. Buses will be returning back to Londonderry late (depending on traffic) Friday evening of April 20.

Upper Room & YMCA Patner for Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center is celebrating Child Abuse Prevention Month, by offering multiple opportunities for parents and educators to grow.

The focus on these activities and programs is to strengthen families and children. As a prevention organization, The Upper Room creates services and programs that build resilience, and increase potential. Our programs aim to recognize and affirm the strengths families and children have, and respond to the concerns and priorities they bring to us.

To create opportunities for families and childcare workers we will be offering the following programs: "Pearls of Wisdom for Positive Parenting" on Saturday, April 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the YMCA in Londonderry. To

register for the workshop, contact Lisa Fitzgerald at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry 603-232-8640 or lfitzgerald@graniteymca.org. Childcare is provided. Facilitated by Pam Miller Sallet, this class will provide strategies to increase positive behavior and decrease challenging behavior exhibited by children. Through the evidence-based strategies used in Active Parenting and Positive Solutions, attendees will learn some solid, practical processes to guide and promote positive behavior.

- Reflections, a place for parents and caregivers involved with the Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), to offer a judgment-free place to talk and share. Call 437-8477 x24 to register.
- Positive Solutions for Parents, a 6-part course provides simple

strategies to improve parenting, increase a positive relationship with your child and develop positive outcomes. Offered for parents of children 10 and under. Begins Monday, April 30, - May 21, class meets 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call 437-8477 x24 to register.

• Trauma Informed Early Childhood Services: a workshop for early educators, in partnership with Salem Family Resource Center, April 17, 6:15 p.m. call 898-5493 or visit info@salemfamilyresourcecenter.org to register.

Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director of The Upper Room, explains, "As a Family Resource Center, our aim is to help families live healthy lives. Helping parents encourage positive behavior and navigate difficult behavior, contributes to our mission. We embrace this opportunity to encourage parents to reach out."



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We believe a successful market is dependent upon many things, including hard work from our volunteer board who is working non-stop to make each week a vibrant event that we hope will attract many people to the downtown area.



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Saint Thomas Aquinas Brings Back Spring Auction

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Spring has arrived, but although gardening and getting back outdoors may be the top priorities for most people; St. Thomas Aquinas Parish has another great way for residents to celebrate the early springtime season. Their parishioners will be holding the latest "Shower of Blessings" Spring Auction on Saturday, April

14th. Held off and on for the past 15 years, the church will be providing plenty of great packages for attendees to bid on. These include: Red Sox tickets, a week-long vacation in Sicily, a safari in Southern Africa and even a day with the dog of the church's Pastor, Philip Pacheco.

The auctioneer will be local celebrity, Dollar Bill. In addition to the event,

raffle baskets and a prize wheel will also be offered, as well as a Gift or Gag Game. Participants can spend \$10 on a bag that may either contain a decent gift or a gag prize.

But that is not all, as the auction is also doubling as a Dinner Event. The menu includes: assorted appetizers fol-

lowed by: Roast Pork, Chicken Parmesan, and Baked Ziti. Delicious desserts will also be available.

Even though it is done on an irregular basis, the auction has still proven to be a very popular event in the past. "We usually get around 200 people", Pastor Phil stated. He also

went on to note that, before his arrival at the church, the proceeds for past auctions strictly went to the St Thomas Aquinas School.

Although education is very important to the pastor, he decided that the proceeds would be split between the school and the church, with funds for

the church going towards the various projects that it undertakes, including outreach efforts. Tickets will cost \$25 per person prior to the event and \$30 at the door. Doors will be opening at 5:30 p.m. For early pricing for tickets or more information, please call the church at 432-5000.

OBITUARY

Roger Higgins



Roger Baylies Higgins, 88, passed away April 6, 2018 at Presidential Oaks in Concord. He was born on March 28, 1930 in Arlington, MA, a son of the late Wilmer and Nettie (Stevens) Higgins. Roger was a resident of Londonderry, for about 50 years. He moved with his mother, Nettie S. Higgins, from his brother's home in Quincy MA in Aug. of 1956. Roger loved to hike and in his younger days traveled the American West and the Cascades. He also had an interest in engineering and electronics. Before moving to NH, Roger worked in the television business his brother Roy established functioning as Roy's hands. He also learned PC board work from his brother as "Roy had figured it out and there were no schools for it at the time." Roger went on to work for Sanders, a defense contractor in Nashua for many years as well as Bell Labs.

Roger remained unmarried. In his last days Roger was surrounded by nieces and nephews; Marjorie, Susan, Bradley and Roy. Roger's devoted grandnephew, Christopher H. Barrett, steadfastly remained by Roger's bedside upon arrival from Washington state. Roger was close to Christopher. Upon learning of Christopher's goal to work in computer gaming, Roger enjoyed introducing Chris to Ralph Baer, the "father of video games" at Ralph's home in Manchester.

He is survived by his sister-in-law Lorraine Higgins, nieces and nephews, Susan J. Higgins, David M. Higgins, Roy A. Higgins and his wife Lisa, Donald I. Higgins Jr. his wife Jean C. Malpass, Marjorie A. Mickle and Bradley D. Higgins, grandnieces and grandnephews, Christopher H. Barrett, Timothy and Matthew Higgins, Kelley D. Higgins, Sarah E. (Mickle) Power, Matthew S. Mickle, Valerie A. and Rachel L. Higgins. Roger is predeceased by his brother Leroy W. Higgins, Roy's wife Jean and brother Donald I. Higgins.

There are no calling hours. A Graveside service will be held on Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 1 p.m. in the Westridge Cemetery, Charlton, MA. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry is handling the arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Children's Dental Network Celebrates 25 Years of Care in the Community

The elementary students of the Londonderry and Derry school districts have been fortunate to be the recipients of in-School Dental Care for 25 years. The first in-school, suburban dental program in the state began as a pilot program in Londonderry's South Elementary School and Derry's South Range Elementary School in 1993.

This concept of care began in 1992 when the Alexander Eastman Foundation gathered a working group of school principals, dentists and school nurses to create a school based dental program for students who had never been to a dentist or who had no dentist of record.

The first program director, Hope Saltmarsh, worked with school nurses Pat Plouff at South School and Sharon Butterfield at South Range to find school space to provide care for these chil-

dren, using older, portable and borrowed equipment. Local dentists volunteered their time and talents in this program to provide in-school screenings, classroom presentations, and later, in-office donated treatment.

Operated by the Londonderry School District, this pilot program went so well that it soon was extended to the remaining Londonderry and Derry Elementary schools.

In 2006 the small Children's Dental Network had grown into the Greater Derry Oral Health Collaborative Corporation, operating the continued Children's Dental Network and eventually the Salem Children's Dental Network thanks to the effort of the dedicated staff, the public schools, the area dentists, the parents and the funding organizations.

Now, the Collaborative has a 12 member board that donates their time to

help review and manage the program. Members include dentists, school nurses, a public health professional, a school principal, a lawyer and a school social worker.

Now, thanks to the continued financial support of the Alexander Eastman Foundation, United Way, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, The Exchange Club and many more civic organizations, the program expanded from preschool to middle school and includes the over 25 schools in Londonderry, Derry, Sandown, Chester, Windham, Hampstead, and Salem.

The service to communities provided by the experienced team of hygienists has given these students

easy, affordable dental care and taught these students healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

The staff is now based in the Derry Village School and bring their portable dental chairs, lights, and equipment into each school, and with the permission of the parents, offer to screen the students for dental needs and provide dental services or referrals.

Thanks to the continued care of this organization and its public health minded employees, area residents are beginning a second generation of great dental health.

For more information about this organization and their services, visit their website at www.ChildrensDentalNetwork.org.

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Steve Juster Selected to Receive Robert W. Lincoln Award

The Robert W. Lincoln Award Selection Committee is proud to announce that Steve Juster has been selected as the 2018 recipient of the Robert W. Lincoln Youth Service Award.

For many years Steve Juster has served the youth of Londonderry through his work for the Town's youth recreation programs and as a coach at Londonderry High School. Steve has also been called the "Heartbeat of Lancer Nation" for his efforts in spearheading assemblies to celebrate student success and school spirit. For more than a decade Steve Juster has organized the Pantene Beautiful Lengthens Program for which people will donate a minimum of 8 inches of their hair to make wigs, free of charge, for women who

are fighting cancer.

According to the school, "Steve Juster has given of himself selflessly for the youth of Londonderry and clearly exemplifies the spirit of giving and volunteerism that exemplifies Bob Lincoln's spirit of selfless volunteerism."

The award will be presented to Juster at the Londonderry High School spring pep rally on Friday April 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Londonderry High School Gymnasium.

Past recipients of the Lincoln Award are Kay Doyle, Terri Rouchelleau, Scott Hale, Mary Theos, Dave Kelly, Ron Campo, John Reynolds, Bob Slater, Gary Fisher, Kevin Foley, Bob Saur, Owen Walton, Rick Brothers and Paul D'Errico.

The award honors Bob Lincoln for over four

decades of dedicated volunteer service for the youth of Londonderry and recognizes those who best exemplify the spirit of Bob's years of selfless volunteerism.

Bob Lincoln was active in many facets of the Town of Londonderry. He served on the School Board for more than 20 years, the Budget Committee, had chaired various Building Committees (High School, North School Addition, Matthew Thornton and was a very active member of the Londonderry Lions Club. Bob had also been the chair of the Londonderry Fields Task force for over 30 years. Through his leadership and tireless work our athletes have gone from playing on fields strewn with rocks and debris to having facilities the town can be proud to call our own.

Bob Lincoln was the epitome of a person dedicated to his community. His heart and soul however lies truly in athletics and sports. Bob was a behind the scene worker who for over 25 years each summer spent two weeks of his vacation time to work 60 hours each week on the athletic fields in Londonderry. Bob was not just a project supervisor, although he did design and organize all work, he was a worker. You were most likely to find him with a shovel in hand, in a ditch helping lay pipe or conduit as you would be to find him ordering material and equipment.

Bob passed away on Sept. 15, 2015 at the age of 76 after a nine-month battle with cancer. He will be forever missed and admired by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.



Londonderry High School English Teacher, Steve Juster, shown during the annual "day of Giving" will receive the Robert W. Lincoln Award.

Londonderry DI Goes Global: Two Teams Advance after State Meet

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After conquering Regionals just a few weeks prior, two of the five Londonderry Destination Imagination teams have proven themselves in the DI State Competition over the weekend of April 7 and will be headed to Tennessee in May to compete in the Destination Imagination Global Competition.

Londonderry High School's "The Duct Tape Dudes," and "Team Uni-

corn Imaginations," comprised of Londonderry fourth-graders. They gave it everything they had at Bedford High School against 300 other schools in the DI State Finals, held May 22 - 26, and will be the two teams to represent the town and compete against students from 48 states and 15 different countries.

On top of demonstrating their technical and engineering prowess, the high school students also had to incorporate a fine arts element into their

team challenge. Similarly to the regional competition, the high-schoolers were challenged with navigating a device through a maze to retrieve an object at the end, this time having to create and perform a skit at while doing so. The students were tasked with performing their variation of "The Three Little Pigs," adapting it into a modern-day mystery.

The elementary-schoolers, armed with their knowledge of explorers throughout history, were challenged to come up with a skit to be performed on the spot about an explorer to be chosen by judges, as was the case in the regional tournament. Utilizing their improvisation and retention of research skills, these

youngsters had to come with a performance and demonstrate strong team work skills.

The teams were scored based on their aforementioned team challenges, as well as on how they fared in the "Instant Challenges" all teams were assigned. During Instant Challenges, teams were put into rooms and given challenges to complete within roughly five minutes completely on the spot. According to team coordinator, Christina Baez, students are sworn to secrecy after completing these challenges, as there are only about a total of 5 different Instant Challenges that could possibly be reused in the Global competition.

These teams have about six weeks to prepare for the next step, sharpening their research, technical, improv, engineering skills, and in the case of the high school technical team, refining and updating their robots as necessary. Perhaps most importantly of all, the students will be able to practice their teamwork skills in the six weeks leading up to the Global tournament.

"They have to be able to know that while their voice is heard, it's about compromise," said Baez. "It's about saying, 'You know what? That might work better. Let's try that.'"

Baez commented on her pride for her students, particularly her team of three fourth-graders, who

in just their second year of competing have already placed first in their division and are on to Globals.

A portion of Destination Imagination activities and trips are funded by the school district, however, a trip of this magnitude will likely run into out-of-pocket expenses. Regardless of the cost, an opportunity like the NH DI Global Competition for any STEAM student is priceless.

For more information on NH Destination Imagination, visit www.nh-di.org. For more information on upcoming fundraisers or volunteer opportunities, visit www.londonderrydi.org, or visit the Facebook page, Londonderry DI. Coordinator Christina Baez can be reached at info@londonderrydi.org.

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Local Artist, Craig O'Neil Displays Work at Leach Library This Month

ERIC SMITH
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Craig O'Neill is a local artist displaying his artwork at the Leach Library throughout the entire month of April.

O'Neill began painting at just eight years old. From there he went to high school in New York City, where he studied art and has then been taking painting and drawing classes in the local area.

After taking drawing classes at Cambridge Center for Adult Education and having a self-portrait published in the Boston Globe, he has been devoted to his passion. In recent years, he has presented his work at exhibitions in Cambridge, Stoneham, Plaistow and Londonderry.

However, that drive to create art was always within him.

When asked about why he loves to paint so

much, Craig responded, saying "I have an internal drive. I have to do it."

If you haven't seen his shows before, his paintings tend to consist of people, portraits, figures, landscapes and interiors. Craig quite often combines those elements, making the main image pop out to the viewer for optimum enjoyment. His creative paintings are often recreations of real images and portraits of people. The sources of his paintings come from his life, real images, and most importantly, real emotions.

O'Neill has numerous paintings on display at the library. "Two Dans, Two Davids" is a painting that uses mirror imaging, "Reverie" is a painting with sunflowers on a table and his wife in the background (it combines elements of its interior and exterior), and "Salt Marsh

Morning" shows us O'Neill's talent in terms of landscape painting. His color-splashed paintings; "Poinsettia" and "Gina's Lemons" also reflect his overall talent as an artist. These are just a few of the paintings on display at the library.

When asked about his strategy, Craig opened up by stating, "First, I figure out composition. That's the most important thing and then the elements sort of develop as I go along." Given that O'Neill has been doing this since he was a child, it comes mostly naturally to him. However, that doesn't mean there aren't any struggles that come with it. Craig says "The biggest struggle with "Poinsettia" was getting the poinsettia to stand out on the canvas, since there is purple and red in the background. It is all in the hands of the artist and

you have to decide what you want it to look like". This local, talented artist gives his paintings his complete attention and makes it his goal to make them appear as he desires.

To O'Neill, each painting is like a different adventure. Creating about one painting every week, the talented artist immerses himself in his art and makes it his goal to lead the viewer towards having the same experience. "I focus on getting people to look at the painting and then keep them in the painting. You have to create that type of scenario where they will be immersed in it", said O'Neill. He creates his paintings, not only because of his internal drive, but because of the people. He loves showcasing his talented work and receives positive reception from all who attend.



"Reverie" an oil painting by Craig O'Neill.

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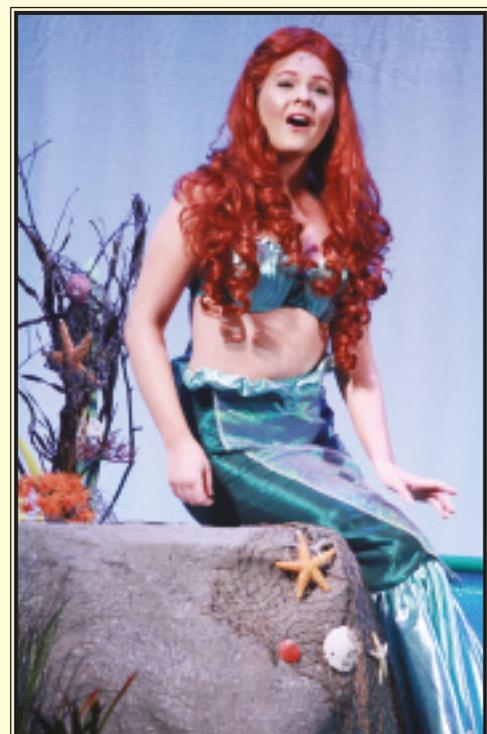
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High School Drama Club Presents "Little Mermaid" at Opera House



Disney's Little Mermaid was performed over the weekend by the Londonderry High School Drama Club to the hundreds of attendees at the Derry Opera House. During the Saturday afternoon performance lots of eager fans dressed in their favorite Disney costume, and got a chance to meet characters after the show. The show was Directed and Choreographed by Valerie Psoinos Nelson. The orchestra was directed by Serge Beaulieu with Danielle Loschiavo directing the Chorus.

Mary Sullivan played the lead role of Ariel, Sebastian was played by Ben Dionne, Flounder was played by Andrea Cashin, Joey Tannalfo played Prince Eric. Ursula was played by Ellen Kester with her henchmen Noah Payeur and Andrew Johnson, King Triton was Mike Crowley, Scuttle was played by Timmy Costello and Ariel's sisters were played by Hayley LaFond, Alexis Coughlin, Morgan Goselin, Emily Haney, Abby Palmer, and Josie Collins.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Grad Lambert Nets Her First Post-Accident Lacrosse Goal

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Soon after the 2016 moped accident that resulted in the loss of her left leg, former Londonderry High multi-sport standout Noelle Lambert told everyone that she would one day return to playing Division I women's collegiate lacrosse at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

Though some folks might have seen the possibility of that happening as highly-doubtful if not simply a dream, those for whom Lambert played high school sports - including former LHS lax coach Bob Slater and current school soccer coach Derek Dane and basketball coach Nick Theos - stated plainly that very few of the athletes who they had coached over the years could in fact

return to playing with a prosthetic limb, but Noelle Lambert was absolutely one of those few.

The ex-Lady Lancer showed everybody - the nay-sayers and the believers alike - that she could in fact rebound from such an awful injury to play women's college lacrosse. And the whole world has taken notice.

It happened late in the first period of her team's blowout victory over the University of Hartford squad in Lowell last Saturday, April 7, with Lambert getting her first playing time of the 2018 season.

Lambert took a pass from a teammate in the upper-right section of the slot in front of the Hartford net and zinged a lightning-quick shot past the opposing goalie before she even had time to react.

The former LHS multi-sport star and her teammates - every teammate, including the ones on the bench - celebrated the event with the gusto and tears which were called for on the occasion.

Subsequently, Lambert received messages of praise from all over the place - on her Facebook page and well beyond - and video clips of the goal were run on ESPN and a great many other places.

Therapist Jason Lalla wrote, "A year-and-a-half ago Noelle came into Next Steps office after losing her leg above the knee in a moped accident. She told me she wanted to play lacrosse with her team again, a D-I lacrosse team. I had my doubts. It's tough enough to run on a prosthesis with a mechanical knee, never mind catch and throw at the

same time. I watched her take her first steps, I watched her bust her butt in physical therapy, and now 1 1/2 years later she takes the field and puts points on the board. Truly awesome!"

All of the athletes and coaches who had Lambert in their midst prior to the loss of her leg were completely aware of her amazing intestinal fortitude, mental toughness, and intense competitive fire. But by returning to play D-I women's college lacrosse she took all of that to a still higher level.

Her friend Stephanie McDonald wrote on Facebook, "She made broken look beautiful, and strong look invincible. She walked with the universe on her shoulders, and made it look like a pair of wings."

Lambert was also asked to throw out the first pitch prior to one of the Red Sox/Yankees' games this week at Fenway Park.

Needless to say, Lambert's example will stand as one which will doubtless inspire folks, young and old, dealing with



Former Londonderry High lacrosse, soccer, and basketball stalwart Noelle Lambert gained national attention last Saturday by scoring a goal in her first game back with the University of Massachusetts at Lowell women's lacrosse squad in 18 months. She lost her left leg in a moped accident in 2016 and made an unlikely but incredibly comeback.

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adversity which others can answer, "Maybe, but look at what Noelle Lambert did."

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Lady Lancer Lacrosse Crew Looking to Fill Key Spots This Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Emily Holland, Sammy Lecaroz, and Kaitlyn Marchant were all extremely important cogs in the machine that was the 2017 Londonderry High girls' varsity lacrosse team last spring.

That contingent posted an excellent 14-5 record for first-year coach Scott Walden and made it as far as the Division I tournament quarterfinals before being felled by those arch-rivals from Pinkerton Academy.

Among the biggest personnel losses to graduation from that talented crew were midfielder Holland, defender Lecaroz, and rock-solid goalie Marchant. And replacing them is among the biggest

challenges the 2018 Lady Lancers are facing as they stride into the new campaign in hopes of once again being a real player in the league title hunt.

The team does return six skilled and battle-tested starters and a total of 14 players from that fine 2017 squad. So second-year coach Walden knows that his crew's foundation is all kinds of solid. And there are newcomers who have caught his eye as well.

"We have some talented freshmen who we need to step up quickly and adapt to the speed of varsity-level lacrosse," said Walden. "The team needs someone at midfield, defense, and goalie to step up and fill roles of departed stars Emily Hol-

land, Sammy Lecaroz, and Kaitlyn Marchant."

The aforementioned varsity starters who are back in the fold are senior attacks Meghan Jakes, Catie Derhak, and Shannon Fraser, senior defender Isabella Bourque, and juniors Sammy LeClair (defense) and Sarah Duarte (midfield).

The other varsity returnees include 12th graders Allie Marsh (attack), Victoria Kelly (midfield), Katelyn Nartiff (midfield), Courtney Baharian (attack), and Jackie Baumann (defense), 11th graders Morgan Brutus (goalie) and Hannah McCutcheon (midfield), and sophomore Grace Chicho (midfield).

In expressing his expectations for the Divi-

sion I power picture, coach Walden stated, "I feel Bishop Guertin will be the team to beat, with Bedford not far behind. Rounding out the top five are Souhegan, Pinkerton, and us."

With those facts laid out there, coach Walden and his charges began their 2018 campaign with some challenges. They got the season officially started this Tuesday, April 10 - after Londonderry Times press time - with a home match against Guertin. Then on Friday the 13th the locals will be way out in Keene to take on the Lady Blackbirds, followed by a road match in Amherst the next morning against the defending state champions from Souhegan High.



LHS lacrosse veterans Allie Marsh (left) and Sammy LeClair face off during a recent practice session. Photo by Chris Pantazis

LHS Boys' Outdoor Track Team Counting on Veteran Leadership, Talent

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A mix of battle-tested and talented veterans and a slew of promising but less tested newcomers on his 2018 Londonderry High outdoor track and field squad has veteran coach Matt Smith hopeful but

unsure regarding what the fate of his Lancers will ultimately be in tough Division I this spring.

After having his 2017 LHS contingent wind up a humble 11th at the DI championships last spring, Smith finds himself with quite a few question marks but consider-

able potential.

"We will have a lot of new faces in new places this season," said former Lancer athlete Smith. "Our roster has had significant turnover from last year, so we will be relying on our veterans to step into new roles and take on more responsibil-

ity. There's also a great opportunity for the new guys to get some big-meet experience and contribute right away. For us to be successful, we'll need everyone to continue progressing and improving in their new and expanded roles."

The coach, who sees the defending indoor and outdoor champions from Pinkerton as well as the Nashua North Titans as the front-runners in Division I, has a group of key returning stalwarts which includes seniors Jared

Barton (throws), Nathan Seeley (distance runs), Cam Taranto (middle-distance runs), and Brian Metro (mids), juniors Patrick Hagearty (throws) and Khalique Bagley (sprints), and sophomore Kerry Daley (distances).

Other varsity returnees include senior Jake Donnelly (distances) and juniors Christian Smith, Eric Nowack (both distance men) and Zach Chau (throws).

The sizable list of strong newcomers includes senior sprinter

Kyle Dickson, junior sprinter Justin Cassidy, and freshmen Matt Griffin (distances), Ryan Young (distances), Will Heenan (distances), Damon MacLeod, Anthony Ramy, and Lucas Seaman (all sprinters).

The locals officially got their 2018 campaign started this past Tuesday, April 10, at Salem High School against the host Blue Devils and the Timberlane Regional Owls of Plaistow. That event took place after Londonderry Times press time.

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Weather, Opponent Make LHS Tennis Team's First Week Rough

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Neither Mother Nature nor its first opponent was at all kind to the Londonderry High boys' tennis squad during the first week of its 2018 campaign last week.

During the span covering Monday, April 2 to Friday the 6th, coach Janice Norwesh's LHS squad had four matches cancelled and one played. And in the one that was played, the Lancers took an 8-0 loss on the chin.

After having their season-opening match against Bedford cancelled by bad weather on Monday, the locals' rescheduled contest against that opponent on Tuesday got snuffed out too. Then their Wednesday match with Bishop Guertin of Nashua got whacked as well.

But the Lancers finally got down to playing on the chilly afternoon of Thursday, April 5, at home against the tough, defending Division I champion Bedford High Bulldogs. And that opponent wound up winning handily, handing its host the 8-0 shutout defeat.

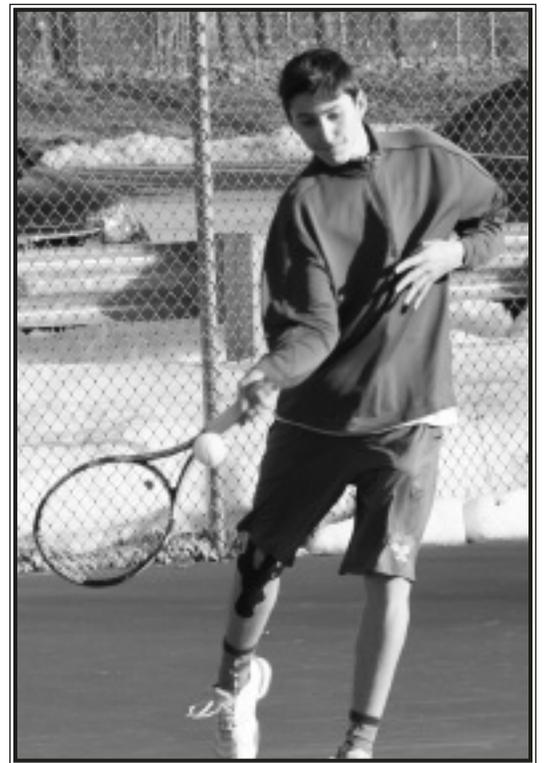
Among Londonderry's best and closest singles battles were number three man Cam Ness' contest, which wound up being an 8-4 loss. A little further down the ladder, number five man Tyler Cullen was handed an 8-2



Jay Hayes took the number one singles spot on the LHS boys' tennis team last week against Bedford High.



Youthful Tanner Fortier was assigned the Lancers' number two singles post last week in the team's match vs. Bedford.



Cam Ness begins the 2018 campaign playing third singles for his Lancers.
Photos by Chris Paul

loss despite a spirited effort.

Doubles action was considerably tighter thanks to the performances of the tandems of Ness and Cullen and Tanner Fortier and Ben Doris, which both dropped 8-5 decisions despite playing well.

"I'm very happy with the Lancers today," said coach Norwesh. "Our goal each year against the state champs is to take more games. Not only did we improve that by about 25 percent, out numbers two and three doubles battled it out with great

play from our new pairings of Cullen and Ness and and Doris and Fortier. They both just fell short to the Bulldogs."

The next afternoon the locals were scheduled to face off with the Salem High Blue Devils on the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border, but that match was cancelled by April snow.

The Lancers then stepped into this week warily, not certain whether their Monday, April 9 match at home against tough Derryfield might be knocked off by a hurricane, tornado, bliz-

zard, sleet, or even space debris re-entering earth's atmosphere.

But the weather cooperated, and the Lancers evened their season record at 1-1 with a 5-4 win over that Derryfield crew.

The two teams each won three singles contests, with fourth, fifth, and sixth players Ryan Leo (8-2 win), Tyler Cullen (8-1), and Ben Doris (8-5) respectively taking wins for the locals.

Derryfield went up 4-3 with a win at first doubles, but the LHS tandems of Ness and Cullen (8-3)

and Fortier and Doris (8-2) decided the match in their squad's favor.

"Today was a good day," said coach Norwesh. "It wasn't looking too good at first when we lost our first three singles in some tough matches. But then senior captain Ryan Leo had a convincing 8-2 win at four, followed by senior captain Tyler Cullen dominating with an 8-1 victory. It was exciting to watch our new pairing of junior Doris and

freshman Fortier close out our first win of the season with an 8-2 victory. I'm so proud of this deep team. Not one person will ever carry all the weight. It's truly a team effort and a team win."

The locals then strode ahead aiming at continuing their winning ways at Merrimack High on Wednesday, April 11 - after Londonderry Times press time - followed by a home battle against Exeter on Friday the 13th.

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After Fast Start, LHS Laxmen Hang On For Season-Opening Win

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Londonderry High School boys' lacrosse coach Roger Sampson didn't sound anything close to overjoyed with his first varsity coaching win this past Monday, April 9. His Lancers began their 2018 season with a somewhat-harrowing 9-7 victory over the visiting Salem High Blue Devils at LHS.

The longtime Londonderry High sub-varsity lacrosse and football coach - who is getting his first chance to lead a Lancer varsity squad this

spring - saw his LHS laxmen sprint out to a 4-0 lead in the first period only to have to hold off the Blue Devils' man-up powered comeback during the final period of play.

The hosts took a commanding 5-1 lead at the end of one quarter, a 7-3 advantage at halftime, and an 8-4 lead when three periods had been completed.

The visiting Blue Devils then outscored their hosts 3-1 in the final period but had their furious comeback effort fall just short in the end.

"It could have been prettier," lamented Sampson. "We drew two costly penalties in the third quarter and then two costly penalties in the fourth quarter, which helped them to get back in."

Standouts Jake Holland and Anthony Federico combined for seven of their successful squad's nine goals, with Holland potting four shots and Federico - who is fresh off of an excellent high school ice hockey season for Londonderry - netting three goals and setting up one other in a four-point performance.

The victorious locals also got a goal and two assists from Jeff Wiedenfeld, one score from Nate Andrews, and a single helper from Cole Keegan. Lancer goalies Josh Harmon (five saves) and Ross Carroll (two stops) combined to turn aside seven Salem shots.

In the wake of that somewhat modest, season-starting success, Londonderry looked ahead to a Thursday, April 12 home battle with a Nashua South contingent which was to be playing its first match of the new season that afternoon.



Jeff Wiedenfeld contributed a goal and two assists to his LHS lax squad's season-opening victory over Salem this past Monday. Photo by Chris Pantazis.

Teamwork a Big Key For the LHS Lady Lancers' Track Squad

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It was an extreme rarity for the Londonderry High School girls' indoor track and field squad to not even make much of a ripple at the 2017-18 Division I championships earlier this year. Longtime coach Sue John-

son's Lady Lancers are at least competitive in the team scheme of things just about every year.

Which brings us to the 2018 outdoor season, and you can rest assured that coach Johnson and her extremely versatile charges want to be more involved in the D-I mix

between now and early June.

Lady Lancer outdoor teams finished as the D-I runner-ups in 2013, 2014, and 2015, when they ended up behind a Bedford High bunch which has now won a truly stellar five consecutive state crowns.

Coach Johnson, who has been involved with the Londonderry High track program since the 1980's, is all about team concept and what the group can do when the different contributors do their stuff.

"Everyone has to be all on board and healthy," said the coach. "We have some veterans who know the ropes, and they need to bring along the newbies as well as tow the line for their own training, competition, and attitude. Our new athletes need to be open to learning and trying new things. Together we can succeed."

The locals have a number of athletes who competed in other winter sports than track and field - including gymnasts, basketball players, and cheerleaders - who will contribute to the spring effort.

The veteran mentor sees the defending indoor champs from Pinkerton along with Exeter and Bedford being the front-runners for the 2018 outdoor crown.

Among the Lady Lancers' key returnees are seniors Jessica Brien (multiple events), Gianna DelViscovo (pole vault), Jill Doris (multiples), Kalin Gregoire (middle-distance runs), Kaylie Longua (multiples), Alex Seeley (mids), and Kiara Quitayen (multiples); juniors Maddie Croteau (multiples), Elizabeth Campbell (throws), Brittany Fernandez (multiples), Seana Kelly (multiples), Hunter Langley (multiples), Ashley Lynch (multiples), Suzie Moore (multiples), Paige Velie (throws), and Kaelyn Rourke (mids); and sophomores Caitlin Boufford (mids), Jasmine Brown

(mids), Julia Ethier (multiples), Mackenzie Gagne (throws), Alexis Groulx (multiples), Juliana Hamel (sprints), Molly Lagasse (throws), Cailey McDonough (mids), McKenna Muldoon (multiples), Celia Ponto (sprints), Gillian Vilela (multiples), and Akolam Wambu (throws).

The team's sizable list of newcomers includes junior Jenny Dutra, sophomores Kelly Calawa, Alex Perry, and Leonie Wittig, and freshmen Ashley Griffin, Sophie Hagymas, Alex Kelly, Nikki Longua, Isabella McCutcheon, Gabby Page, Abby Rollison, Delaney Root, and Erica Waters.

The Lady Lancers opened their new campaign at Salem High this past Tuesday, April 10 in a three-team meet which included the Timberlane Lady Owls from Plaistow.

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Lady Lancer Softball Squad Keeps Up Its Title Hunt

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

As though the 2017 Londonderry High School softball team was going to deliver the first state championship in program history to longtime coach Wayne MacDougall.

But when the Division I championship plaque was hoisted skyward it was the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals' squad from Nashua who did it.

The locals had three players snag All-State honors - including senior pitcher Andi Nelson, who was also named Division I Pitcher of the Year and New Hampshire Gatorade Player of the Year - while MacDougall received D-I Coach of the Year honors.

The lone All-Stater back from that crew is senior outfielder/second baseman Lauren Misiaszek, and MacDougall makes no bones about the

fact that he would have handed over his much-deserved coaching award with a wide smile in exchange for the state title for which he and his charges long.

The 2017 Lancers' squad went 18-2 overall - ripping off two long winning streaks in the process - and bagged the top seed in the Division I tournament. But their title hopes evaporated with a 5-0 loss to number nine Bedford in the tournament quarterfinals.

"I was rewarded for our regular season with Division I Coach of the Year, and I am pleased by that. But it's little consolation when you know you had a team capable of being champions or at least competing for it," lamented MacDougall last June.

Fast forward to April of 2018, and the veteran coach finds himself with a team which was certainly



Returning All-Stater Lauren Misiaszek and the LHS softball squad had their season-opening game slated for this past Monday cancelled by bad weather and rescheduled for Saturday at 1 at Pinkerton.

stung hard by graduation whose dad Peter was a but which still boasts lots of experience and talent.

Along with the aforementioned Misiaszek -

battle-tested veterans in seniors Sarah Fawcett (first base), Cassidy Raza (outfield/third base), Ila Brown (pitcher), and New England College-bound Emily Nelson (catcher), junior outfielder Miranda Galan, and versatile sophomore Gia Komst.

The squad's roster also includes Aliceyn Lacey, Alivia Proulx, Alyssa Vaillancourt, and Nina Perry.

As always seems to be the case, coach MacDougall has his crew well-analyzed as its 2018 campaign commences.

"The real key, as is the norm in this sport, is pitching. And we will be depending on Ila especially, with Gia and Nicole Perry backing her up," said the coach. "We have great hitting potential and should score runs, and our defense should be solid. Leadership will need to come from our very capable captains

Sarah and Lauren, as well as the other seniors."

MacDougall, who has been coaching softball at LHS on the junior varsity and varsity levels for more than 30 years, takes the question of whether he'll return for another season one year at a time. And he now finds himself among the deans of D-I softball coaches.

"The story line this year is the departures of a third of the Division I coaches, including the gold standard Harold Sachs of Salem. Salem should still be very good, and I expect Pinkerton and Concord to be improved."

MacDougall's Lady Lancer teams have made it to state championship games three times - all since the start of the 21st century - and they've been beaten by Salem every time. Getting back to the 2018 title contest will be plenty tough.

Londonderry Boys' Volleyball Starts Season with New Leader

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2017 season was a rather rough one for the Londonderry High boys' varsity volleyball team last spring. But then-coach Dave Starin and his Lancers ended the campaign feeling pretty good about themselves and seeing the development for which they'd worked so hard.

The team went 1-10 through its first 11 matches, but then posted a 3-2 record through its last

five contests.

Citing a desire to spend more quality time with his young family, learned and respected coach Starin has handed over the coaching reins to his former JV leader John Buatti, a former Salem High School spiker whose first official varsity coaching test came this past Monday, April 9, at his alma mater against the host Blue Devils.

Returning from the 2017 contingent are junior middle-hitter James Buttafuoco and a slew of

young men who saw playing time with both the varsity and coach Buatti on the JV last spring.

The seniors include Abhy Patel (middle-hitter/outside-hitter) and Logan Agrella (setter), and the returning juniors are Matt Nickerson (defensive specialist), Alex Crutcher (OH/MH), and Patrick Cohen (OH).

Varsity newcomers include senior defensive specialist Josh Ryan and

sophomore outside-hitter Nick Weinman.

When asked about his expectations for his crew this spring, coach Buatti responded, "I've been telling the kids that cohesiveness is the word for us this season. We're looking for everybody to work together and have each other's back."

The Lancers took a 3-0 loss on the chin from the Blue Devils at the start of the week, and their sched-

ule for the rest of the week included their home-opener against Mascenic Regional of New Ipswich this Wednesday the 11th - after London-

derry Times press time - followed by another home match against those arch-rivals from Pinkerton Academy this Friday.

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April 18, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

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I. Draft minutes to approve: March 2018

II. Report by Town Council liaison (if any): n/a

III. Public hearing of cases:

A. **CASE NO. 4/18/18-1:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.3.1.3.C.2 to encroach 12 feet into the 15 feet side setback for the construction of a shed, 54 Hunter Mill Way, Map 18 Lot 13-40, Zoned AR-1, Ed & Michelle Moraros (Owners & Applicants)

B. **CASE NO. 4/18/18-2:** Request for a special exception under LZO 3.12.1 for a family day-care business as a home occupation, 33 West Road, Map 2 Lot 38-2, Zoned AR-1, Daniel & Maria Arias (Owners) and Maria Arias (Applicant)

IV. Communications and miscellaneous:

V. Other business:

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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 londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Music & More of Israeli

On Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry, Noam Wolf, the Jewish Federation of NH Shlichah (emissary) from Tel Aviv, Israel, is living in NH for the year, traveling across the state, educating us and enriching our lives on Israeli life. She will discuss Israeli culture and will also sing some songs by Israeli artists. Please join us for what will be a fun and educational event. The event is open to the public and free (although donations are gratefully accepted to help enable the synagogue to continue to host educational programs for the public).

Nutfield History

On April 13, 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall, a Presentation by First Parish Church of Derry, will be held discussing the Nutfield area and history of local building in the area.

Musquash Cellar Hole Walk

Join the Londonderry Historical Society and take a Musquash Cellar Hole Walk with tour guide/Musquash historian David J. Ellis on Saturday, April 21, 1 p.m. We'll be visiting two former farm and home sites and learning about the families who once lived there. We'll meet at the Musquash's Hickory Hill Trail Head on Hickory Hill Drive in Londonderry; expect it to take 2 hours for walking, discussions and exploring the sites. Good walking shoes are recommended, but remember to dress for the

weather and surroundings, and to bring a water bottle. A snack will be provided. There are seats at "The Landing" if anyone wishes to take a short break half way round the walk. Rain date Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m. Please check the Londonderry Historical Society's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety for weather updates and for more information.

Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

Londonderry Christian Church is hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction Saturday April 21, at 5 p.m. All proceeds go to support the high school and middle school students trip to Hopkinton, NH to provide home repairs to elderly, disabled, or under resourced residents at no cost to the homeowner through workcampNE. Tickets are \$8 per person or \$25 per family.

Spring Luncheon

Londonderry Democrats Spring Luncheon Please join us Sat., April 21, 12 p.m., at La Carreta 44 Nashua Road, Londonderry. Tribute and Thank You to US. Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. (secure.actblue.com/donate/ldcluncheon2018). There will be a Silent Auction/Raffle with "wicked cool" items to win, so bring your checkbook! For more information please contact Tam Siekmann at 603-785-1999 or chair@londonderrydems.com

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser

Londonderry Grange Hall # 44, located at 260 Mammoth Road, is hosting its Annual Electronics Recycling Fundraiser on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Boy Scouts from Troop 521 will be on hand to unload your items. It will be safe to exit the driveway North (taking a right turn onto Mammoth Road). The fees have remained the same with a few exceptions due to the cost of recycling glass. CRT monitors \$10 and small \$18, medium \$32, and large \$45 size TV's. On the plus side fees for air conditioners and microwaves have gone down \$2!! (\$16) Grangers will guide you to a stop point to tally your fees. Checks should be made payable to: Londonderry Grange #44. Cash is also acceptable. We will not be able to process credit cards. As you prepare to celebrate Earth Day please help us out by bringing your unused or useless electronics to drop off. This will keep electronics safely out of our landfills. The small fees we re-coup from our friends at Recycle, USA will go directly toward a fund to replace our roof on the north side of the Hall. The entire fee schedule is available on our Face Book page as well in print form at Town Hall. Thank you for your continued support.

Trail Clean-Up

Londonderry Trailways will be holding its annual spring trail clean-up Saturday, April 21, from 9 - 11 a.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at the North Elementary School parking lot. Garage bags will be provided. Pick-up trucks are needed, and work boots and work gloves are recommended.

Book Drive

The LHS Community Service Club has been spon-

soring a book drive for the past two weeks. So far, over 700 books have been collected. The books are being donated to the Upper Room, family resource center, in Derry. We are collecting used books which would be of interest to young families, both children and parents. In the first two weeks of the drive, the LHS community (Lancer Nation) has donated over 700 books; we would like to get to 1000 books donated, so we are extending the drive into April. Collection areas are in the High School House Offices, Main Office, and Library. Our contact at the Upper Room is Janis Lilly (JLilly@urteachers.org).

Senior Trip

Seniors are going to Deerfield Mass. to visit the Yankee Candle Village Store and the Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory on Wednesday, May 9. Lunch will be on your own at Cracker Barrel. The trip will depart from St. Anne's Church at 8:30 a.m. The sign up will be on Wednesday, April 25 at the Meeting House at 20 Emerson Ave. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Signups end at 9:30 a.m. The trip is cash only payable at the sign up and the cost per person is \$15 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Hampstead Seniors are given first choice and all others are placed on a waiting list. Proof of residency is required and age restriction is 62 years or older. For more information please call 489-1664.

Harlem Wizards

The PTAs from all three Elementary Schools are joining forces to bring the Harlem Wizards to town. Similar to the Globetrotters, they are known for their 'tricks, hoops, and alley oops!' We put together a team of local teachers and staff to "play" against them for an all-exciting game of fun! The game will be Monday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) at the Londonderry High School Gym. Tickets can be purchased either by sending the Ticket order form back into school (cash or check to MT-PTA) or online at www.harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets Tickets are \$12/child, \$14/adult.

Garden Club Scholarship

The Derry Garden Club has announced a \$1,000 scholarship to a current stu-

dent or recently graduated New Hampshire student who is planning to major in some field of Environmental Studies. Student must be planning to attend an accredited educational institution. Deadline is May 1, 2018 and information is available on the Derry Garden Club webpage, www.derrygardenclub.org.

Toy Swap

Save the Date! Saturday May 19, at Matthew Thornton Elementary. It's time to start collecting all those used toys, games, and baby items. Let us sell your gently used toys, while you reap the rewards! All proceeds will provide basic supplies and aid to our local students in greatest need. For consignment sale rules and to register, visit the Leach Library or www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toyswap. The event is hosted by the Londonderry Women's Club. Go to www.londonderrywomensclub.org for information.

50-AND-OVER SOFTBALL

The Londonderry 50-and-Over Softball League has begun its registration for the 2018 campaign, and it will continue until April 14. Anyone who is at least 50-years-old this year is eligible to join the league. Although the league is primarily for Londonderry residents, there are a number of slots available for non-residents. The league plays in Londonderry on Tuesday nights. For more information, please contact Jim Edwards at 603-432-5720 or email him at jimedwards48@comcast.net.

Karaoke Night

Karaoke with DJ Sharon will take place on April 20, with Music starts at 7 p.m. located at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend.

History of the Vietnam War

On April 14, from 2- 4 p.m. the American Legion Post 27 will be hosting a video presentation of "All Gave Some: An Oral History of the Vietnam War" at Londonderry High School. This is a documentary film created by Timberlane High School about eight New Hampshire veterans and their experiences during the war. After the 55 minute video is shown there will be

a question and answer session for the second hour with some of the veterans featured. Londonderry High School will provide light refreshments. Seated is limited to 100 people. Contact Bob Stuart at 603-234-7040 for more information.

VA Bingo

On April 23, 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.

Immigration and the Granite State

On Tue., April 17, at 7 p.m. the Londonderry Historical Society will host the program "Immigration and the Granite State" at the Leach Library. This program focuses on those who came to New Hampshire during the Great Wave of immigration, between the mid 1800s and early 1900s, will include images and artifacts, and will be presented by an educator from the New Hampshire Historical Society. This event is free and open to the public. We invite you to come and learn about your ancestors! For more information, please visit our website at www.londonderryhistory.org.

Lions Club Meeting

General Lions Club Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m., at Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. We are always welcoming new members to help support our community, so stop in to learn more.

Spaghetti Dinner

On Fri., April 20, the Londonderry Lions Club will hold its 1st Spaghetti Dinner from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall and will be serving Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, Garden Salad, soda, water and plenty of dessert to choose from. This is event free and open to the public, donations will be accepted. All proceeds are to help with high school scholarships.

Spring Yard Sale

A Yard Sale will be held on Sat., May 12, Gates open at 7 a.m., donations will be accepted starting Sat., April 28, and can be left behind the Lions Hall under the pavilion.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - April 2 6:47 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Route 102.

8:46 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Derry District Court. Kristen Brown, 53, of Londonderry charged with Stalking.

9:40 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School

11:14 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief at Londonderry High School

12:05 p.m. Juvenile offenses investigated at Londonderry Middle School

3:53 p.m. Juvenile offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

5:01 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Matthew Thornton School

7:31 p.m. Neighborhood disputes investigated at Vista Ridge apartments.

7:48 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Brown Avenue, Manchester. Kelsey Domosiaris, 23, of Manchester charged with Theft; From a Building.

11:34 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

Tuesday - April 3

8:58 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Ross Drive.

10:39 a.m. Services Rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry Middle School.

12:36 p.m. Arrest made for Violation of Protective Order at Londonderry High School.

2:37 p.m. Suspicious act-

ivity investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

4:16 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

4:31 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on South Road.

5:30 p.m. Report of Disturbance results in arrest on Rockingham Road at Triangle Mobil Mart. Douglas Boggs, 29, of Manchester charged on a Bench Warrant.

6:44 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Mammoth Road.

Wednesday - April 4

2:31 p.m. Assault investigated on Winding Pond Road.

2:46 p.m. Homeland Security investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:12 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Raymond Police Dept. Nicole Candela, 31, of Derry charged with Burglary.

10:14 p.m. Domestic Disturbance results in arrest on Winding Pond Road. Four officers involved in the arrest of Philip Leone, 53, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief (vandalism).

10:48 p.m. Report of wires down investigated on High Range Road at Royal Lane.

10:58 p.m. Services rendered for traffic hazard on Jefferson Drive.

11:07 p.m. Report of wires down investigated King John Drive.

11:57 p.m. Services ren-

dered for report of wires down on Sanborn Road at Clark Road.

Thursday - April 5

12:31 p.m. Services rendered for trespassing on Raintree Drive.

5:42 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Winding Pond Road at Lincoln Drive.

5:55 p.m. Neighborhood disputes investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

6:31 p.m. Investigating Drug Offenses leads to arrest at Brewster Road Boat Ramp. Joshua Smith, 28, of Londonderry Charged with Fugitive from Justice.

9:45 p.m. Missing Person investigated by four officers on Winding Pond Road.

Friday - April 6

1:48 a.m. Trespassing reported. Building Checked and secured on Brewster Road at Eversource #345.

6:23 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital from Hunter Mill Way.

7:07 a.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Pillsbury Road at Michels Way.

10:34 a.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road at Action Blvd.

2:15 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Liberty Place in Randolph, Mass. Maxherve Fleurme, 39, of Randolph, Mass. Charged Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, Identity

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Father/Daughter Princess Party

Pathfinders Father / Daughter Princess Party will be held at the Merrimack, Mastricola Upper Middle School's Multi Purpose Room, 26 Baboosic Lake Rd. on April 7, at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fathers and Daughters are invited to a fun-filled night with the Southern New Hampshire Indian Pathfinders. Music, dancing, food, pictures with Princesses, pictures of each couple and Tiaras are all included. Dress as you are or come as your favorite princess. Price is \$30 for those who pre-register and \$40 at the door. Corsages and boutonnieres are available for additional \$15. We look forward to having you and your Princess join us so please register

Police Log

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2:24 p.m. Missing person investigated at Starbucks on Nashua Road.

2:34 p.m. Assisted Litchfield Police Dept. at Litchfield Sand and Gravel.

2:47 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Pinyon Place.

5:32 p.m. Services rendered at report of wires down on Chase Road at Tranquil Drive.

5:47 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Cherokee Court.

6:07 p.m. Suspicious activity Investigated on Mammoth Road.

9:27 p.m. Overdose transported to hospital from McAllister Drive.

10:19 p.m. Services ren-

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Library Hours

The Leach Library Hours for the month of April are as follows: Mon. - Thur., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Native American Stories

Join us at the Leach Library on Thur., April 19 at 7 p.m., as Anne Jennison shares stories and cultural traditions of the Northeastern Woodlands. She will interweave song, drumming, audience participation, drama, and humor throughout her storytelling performance. This 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.

Tickborne Diseases

On Thur., April 26 at 1 p.m., the Leach Library will hold a presentation by Carolyn Fredette, a Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services (DPHS). She will review the signs and symptoms of tickborne diseases as well as the ways to prevent illness. The audience will learn about the health hazards ticks pose in our area and have the opportunity to ask questions. Free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in

dered at motor vehicle accident on Mammoth Road at Litchfield Road.

10:44 p.m. Attempted Suicide transported to hospital from Treadway Lane.

Saturday - April 7

6:25 a.m. Officers render services at disturbance on Macintosh Lane.

6:48 a.m. Attempted suicide transported to the hospital from Midridge Circle Condominiums. Three officers respond.

9:05 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Tanager Way.

12:01 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Mill Road.

3:37 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. at Nashua Road Mobil on Nashua Road.

5:48 p.m. Services ren-

the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Book Bingo

Join us at the Leach Library on Thur., April 12 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for a fun hour of Book Bingo. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will win and have a chance to choose from our special selection tables. In addition at this special event, snacks and drinks will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is necessary.

Fantastic Frogs

Come to the Leach Library on Mon., April 16 from 4 - 5 p.m. to hear exciting stories of fabulous frogs. All participants will leave with a wind-up toy frog ready for some fun in the water. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon., April 9.

April Vacation Scavenger Hunt Bingo

The Leach Library Children's Room will be offering a fun new twist on two classic games during April vacation. Starting Mon., April 23 through Sat., April 28, participants can pick up a bingo card in the Children's Room, then explore the library to collect items that will make bingo: five in a row vertically, horizontally

dered for Animal Control on Mohawk Drive.

7:04 p.m. Peace restored at Neighborhood Disputes on Pine Street.

8:08 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Gilcreast Road.

Sunday - April 8

2:26 p.m. Services rendered at motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road at Mammoth Road.

2:44 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Pinyon Place.

2:51 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on South Road.

3:55 p.m. Three officers investigate a motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road at I-93.

4:11 p.m. Services rendered for Fish & Game Violations on Reed Street.

or diagonally. Return the items to the Children's Room for a special treat and a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize bag.

April Vacation Craft

Starting Mon., April 23 through Sat., April 28, participants will have a chance to create their own colorful swimming fish. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your perfect spring accessory in the library, or in the comfort of your own home.

Relay for Life

American Cancer Society Participation in Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry to Help Attack Cancer From Every Angle is calling on all community members to participate in the annual Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry on June 23, 2018 from noon - 10 p.m., at the Pinkerton Academy Track. Be part of the fight, and together we can beat our biggest rival. American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to form teams and stand shoulder to shoulder with us and cancer patients and those supporting them. To learn more about Relay For Life, and register a team, visit RelayForLife.org/derryandlondonderrynh.com or on Facebook @GDLRelayforLife.

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Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

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2nd Annual Run for Healing for ALS, to raise funds for ALS and to highlight Israeli advances in research and treatment of this heart breaking disease. On Sunday, April 22 from noon - 3 p.m. is the Run/Walk for Healing for the whole family, even people who cannot walk or run can come and celebrate. The event will begin with an interfaith 'Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem' for Israel's 70th birthday. Our unity can multiply the power of our prayers. NH4Israel, a 12 year old, organization, is a committed group of Christians and Jews passionate about Israel. The event will take place at Etz Hayim Synagogue on Derry NH's Inter-

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Lamplighters

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