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Walk and Learn

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Photo by Chris Paul

Council Abolishes Joint Negotiating Committee

MIKE BYERLY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council voted to streamline the process for evaluating and purchasing conservation land.

Among the changes was the elimination of the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC). Established in October 2011, the JNC had negotiated purchase and sales agreements on properties that the Conservation Commission recommended be purchased by the town for conservation purposes. With the dissolution of the JNC, the

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Changes Proposed at Planning Board to Commercial Zoning

MIKE BYERLY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The planning department is in the very early stages of creating a Commercial Performance Zone (CPZ) that would replace the existing Route 102 and Route 28 Performance Overlay Zones and subsume the current C-I and C-II commercial districts into this new zone. As proposed, the CPZ would be adopted as an Innovative Land Use Control under New Hampshire RSA 674:21. If approved, planning waivers for projects in the CPZ would be evaluated by the Planning Board instead of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux introduced an

initial draft of the proposal at a recent Planning Board meeting.

According to Mailloux, “The CPZ would incorporate many of the same, or stricter, standards of the old overlay district, but would allow for additional flexibility for allowed uses in the Route 102 and Route 28 corridors.” That flexibility comes in the form of latitude given to the Planning Board to review waivers in the context of the entire project on the proposed site. No changes are proposed to the Conservation Overlay District rules, so those rules would still apply for any properties in the CPZ.

She stressed that the goal of the CPZ is to simplify regulations and pro-

vide consistency in zoning in commercial areas. Currently, the zoning map of Londonderry shows many areas where C-I zoned parcels are mixed in with C-II zoned parcels. The CPZ would put all C-I and C-II parcels under the CPZ regulation.

Mailloux summarized the differences between the new CPZ and current regulation for C-I and C-II zoned properties in regards to the existing Route 102 and Route 28 Performance Overlay Zones. The most substantial differences relate to size of buildings that would be allowed in the CPZ zone. The maximum building height would be reduced to 45 feet from 50

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Town Council Addresses Various Topics at Most Recent Meeting

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night, April 16 Town Council meeting a variety of topics brought forth conversation between the council and the public.

Town Clerk Sherry Farrell announced that the Town Clerk’s office would be changing their hours of operation. On Monday April 30, the Town Clerk’s office will begin opening at 8 a.m. (rather than 8:30 a.m.) five days a week. According to Farrell, this will not change their closing hours at 5pm. The reason behind this change

was that some residents found it difficult to make the opening hour of 8:30 a.m. They may have to be at work for 9 a.m. Farrell also shared the idea of coming to the council every few months to discuss what is happening at the clerk’s office to keep the council in the loop of what’s going on in their offices. Town Manager Kevin Smith praised Farrell for a job well done on behalf of being more available to the residents.

Councilor Tom Dolan gave an update on the Public Comment Rules that have been ongoing on how to run a public

meeting and how there are only two ways that a member of a board/committee can shut someone down for speaking. The first is if he/she goes over a set time limit for speaking and the second if an individual’s speech is repetitive of what was

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Police Ride On what may have been the last snow fall of the season on Thursday morning, April 20, Madelyn and Mayson Tiernan got a police escort to North School. Madelyn had won the trip in a PTA raffle and brought her sister. School Resource Officer Adam Lane dove the girls.

Photo by Chris Paul

Spring Bring Rail Trail Clean Up Volunteers



The annual Rail Trail Clean Up, coordinated by The Londonderry Trailways, took place over the weekend and volunteers spread out all over the trail that runs through the north side of Londonderry to clean up the winter's trash. Pictured at left are, newcomers to Londonderry Susan and Stephen Moran, at right are Bob Ciarletta and his son Anthony.

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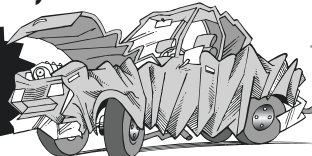
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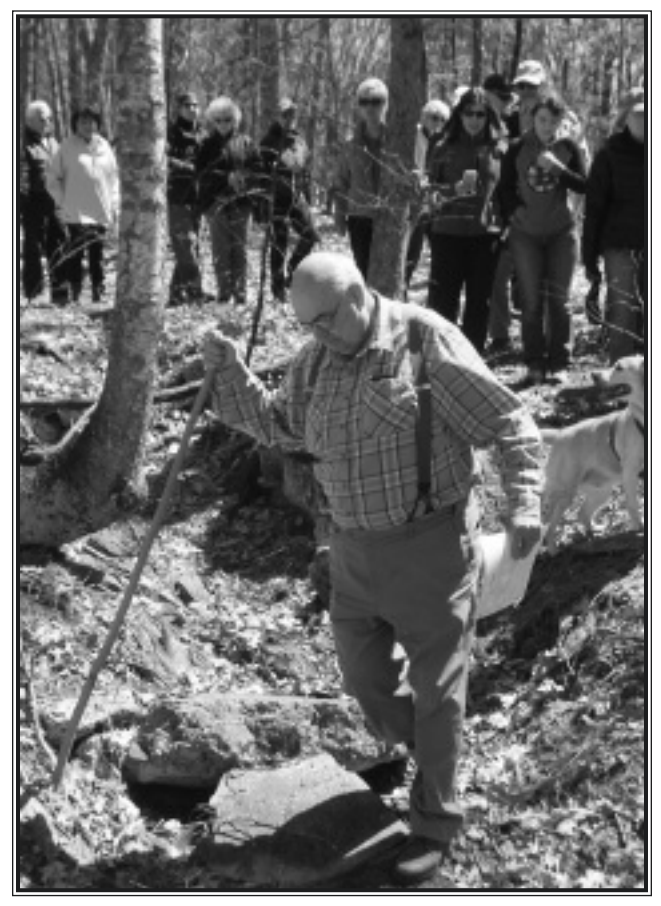
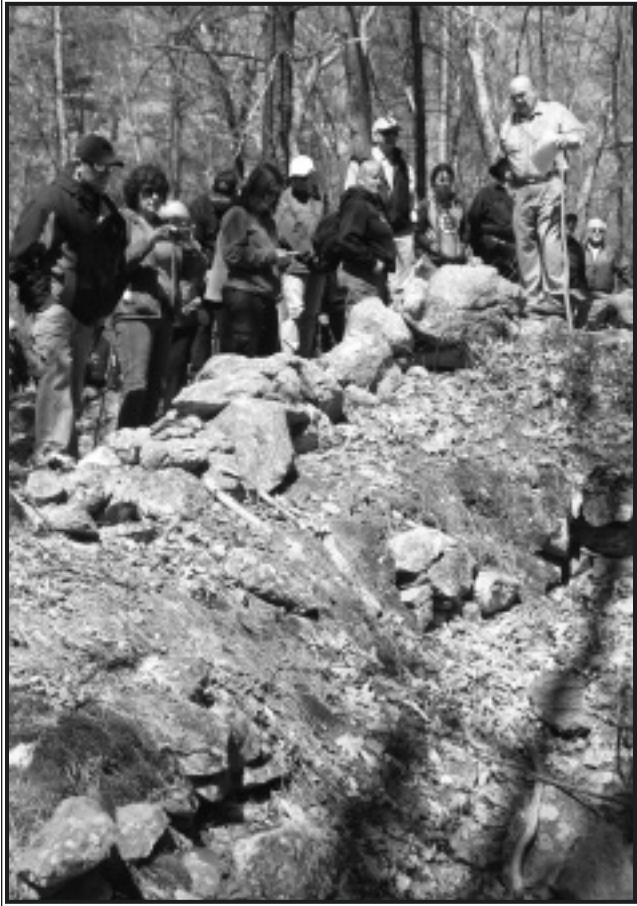
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David Ellis Takes Group Through Musquash on Historic Walk



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Saturday afternoon, April 21 Londonderry resident David Ellis met up with about 50 other residents at the Musquash Conservation Trails and lead them to see some of what be standing in the woods.

The "Musquash Cellar Holes: Walk and Learn" event was organized by the Londonderry Historical Society with the help of Ellis.

Ellis pointed out at the outset of the walk that he

doesn't consider himself to be an historian, but just an interested resident who wanted to share some of his findings with the folks in town.

The walk started from the Hickory Hill Trail Head and the hikers made their way up the Landing Trail Road where there were two roads were laid out back in 1822 and headed to where the home of Captain Cyril Lee's Farmhouse use to stand.

Ellis showed folks the foundation of the home as

well as what he thought to be the well at the far end of the cellar.

Cyril Lee moved to Londonderry circa 1818 during an early sheep farming boom.

His farmhouse was built at that time and started as 81 acres. He added 75 acres in 1824/25 with his son, Lewis.

Cyril died in Truro, Mass. on Cape Cod in 1847.

James Aiken pur-

chased the farm in 1841. He did not live at the farm and may have been related to Ben Griffin's widow.

In 1848, Ben Griffin Jr. and his brother bought the farm from Aiken.

The group also hiked over to the home of Lewis Lee.

Lee's home was built circa 1825 on the addition and beside the Betty Mack Trail.

The sheep market had a downturn in the late

1820s caused financial difficulty and a final collapse in the 1830s.

Lee stopped farming in early 1830s; his marriage ended; he vacated his home.

Ben Griffin Sr. sold the adjoining farm and retired in 1836; he moved into

Lewis Lee's old home.

Ben Sr. died in 1840; his widow, Polly Aiken, remained in the Lee home with four teenage children.

They sold the farm in 1856 and both homes were unoccupied after that.

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Editorial

Ethics in Government: Charting the Right Course

Before beginning a discussion of ethics in municipal government, we must understand what ethics entails. Ethics by definition is: The discipline dealing with what is good and bad; a set of moral principles or values, the principles of conduct governing an individual or a group, a guiding philosophy based simply right and wrong.

The public rightfully expects its elected officials to conduct themselves with honesty and integrity. Working for the common good and representing democracy, demand these standards to function effectively.

Trust is the key word to describe the appropriate relationship between elected or appointed officials and their constituents. An elected official gains the privilege to serve only by earning the trust of a majority of the electorate. Each official must be careful not to compromise that trust in any way once he or she has been inducted into office.

The topic of open meetings and open records is one of central importance to the public's perception of how government operates. (Freedom of speech). A government that functions in secrecy by meeting behind closed doors restricts public access to full information about its operations. Such actions alienate and discourage those citizens who wish to participate in the process. Therefore, it is the duty of the people to openly communicate between citizens and with their government. Simultaneously, provisions must be allowed for reasonable constraints where necessary for the efficient operation of government.

The occupation of public office requires the public's trust. A fair bal-

ance of communication must be struck between protecting the integrity of government while maintaining transparency with the public. The people have responsibilities as well. They must stay informed and be vigilant. After all we "the people" are the protectors of our local government.

The duties of town officials may seem complex at first glance, but in reality they boil down to a single idea, that being fair representation of the public interest. The goal is to ensure that the public is fairly represented by themselves or a person whom they have freely chosen to do so.

This is both an honor and a burden, as ethics tend to constrain the personal actions of elected officials in many ways. A careful balance must be struck to encourage competent individuals to serve in public office. The problem of finding qualified citizens to hold office is exacerbated by many possible constraints: The simplest being those of time, work, family life, health, well-being, and happiness. The most complex may be experience or the possibility of conflict of interest. Ethics can allow for the optimal conflict-free action in the town while protecting the people from potential misuse of government. Additionally, voters should be allowed to raise their concerns and participate in town process at the every level. It is here where the voice and influence of the individual citizen is strongest. Preserving and encouraging local self-governance and accountability is critical to securing public participation in government and safeguarding our democratic institutions.

Letters

Thank you, Saint Mark's 9:30 a.m. Choir

To the editor,

Here I am. Thanking a group of people who have volunteered their services to sing at St. Mark's Church being dismissed like a group of delinquent students who have shown improper conduct. In Father Mike's letter on April 13, he said, "My vision is for our parish music ministry to be reflective of our Mission as a parish community and be welcoming, joyful, affirming and faith-filled! I disagree.

My mother, a devout Catholic always said, "When something, in your opinion, is wrong, find the good in the situation." Therefore, to honor my mother and her wonderful Catholic faith, I would like to say thank you to my Catholic choir members who have great musical talents and have inspired me with their hymns and love of God.

Alan, a special thanks to you for your outstanding leadership of this choir. You must be heartbroken. I am.

I have been a member of many Catholic parishes - St. Patrick's in Chateaugay, N.Y., St. Bernard's in Lyon Mountain, N.Y., Holy Angels in Altona, N.Y., St. Mary's in Newington, Conn., St. Peter's in Honey Brook, P.A., Our Lady of Lour-

des in New Holland, P.A., St. Jude's in Londonderry, N.H., and a founding member of St. Mark's the Evangelist, here, in Londonderry, N.H. Never before has a priest dismissed an entire choir thinking that their volunteer singing honoring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was not faith-filled or what our mission should be.

Probably, we will lose church members as a result of Father Mike Zgnoc's decision. We may lose the leader of our Children's Choir as a result of this decision, and that would be a shame! The Children's Choir honoring the birth of Jesus was one of the highlights of our Christmas celebration, and a church event for the children that will not be forgotten.

I will not leave St. Mark's even though I strongly disagree with this administrative decision. I feel the 9:30 a.m. Choir should remain the 9:30 a.m. Choir as is! I'm saddened by the Choir's termination. Would Jesus have made the same decision? I doubt it!

Again, thanks to St. Mark's 9:30 a.m. Church Choir members for your many years of service to us and to God as you sang his praises every Sunday. I will miss you.

Sincerely,
Joan L. Chmielorz

Putin Is The Enemy

To the editor,

Vladimir Putin denies Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. elections, but U.S. intelligence agencies have conclusive evidence of the meddling. Special Counsel Robert Mueller has charged 13 Russians and three Russian companies with interfering in U.S. elections. The U.S. has sanctioned Russian individuals. The Russian firm, Internet Research Agency, which directed the Russian espionage in the elections, was funded by Yevgenny Prigozhin, a close ally of Putin.

During an interview with Megyn Kelly Putin attempted to shift the blame for the election interference to Russian citizens who, according to him, are not real Russians. This dumb commentary was made by a so called world leader. Putin said "Maybe they're not even Russians. Maybe they're Ukrainian, Tartars, Jews just with Russian citizenship." Evidently, Communist Russia has varying classes of citizens based on ethnicity, religion, and other backgrounds.

Inhumane Putin and Communist Russia are enemies of the U.S. and other democratic countries

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

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Conservation Matters: What Does the Conservation Commission Do?

BY MIKE BYERLY

The ten members of the Londonderry Conservation Commission (LCC) - seven voting and three alternate members - are appointed by the Town Council to: (1) protect the town's natural resources, (2) advise various town and state government boards and agencies on the conservation impact of proposed projects in town, and (3) provide local education

and outreach on local conservation issues.

Natural Resource Protection with Public Access

The LCC manages a Conservation Fund that is one way to protect properties through purchases; however, LCC only recommends transactions to the Town Council, which approves spending money from the Conservation Fund for land. This presumes there is a landown-

er willing to sell the land or a conservation easement. While rare, some landowners donate property outright or sell it at less than its market value. LCC sometimes finds other conservation agencies willing to fund purchases, but they often have very specific conservation goals that may or may not apply to Londonderry parcels. In a recent success, New Hampshire Fish & Game along with the Southeast Land Trust

and NH Department of Environmental Services collaborated to protect the Mathes property abutting the Musquash Conservation Area to protect at risk wildlife. There was no cost to Londonderry taxpayers.

The LCC maintains an inventory of undeveloped properties ranked by their open space value as calculated in the Open Space Task Force report, available in the LCC section of the town website.

Most conservation property is open for public use and in many cases LCC works with Londonderry Trailways, Boy Scouts and other volunteers to put trails in place for easier access. LCC is in the middle of a major project to make it easier for people to find their way around the Musquash Conservation Area. This includes

adding more signs and providing maps in boxes at each trailhead.

The LCC also periodically monitors conservation properties to make sure they are used in accordance with conservation easements and restrictions. This monitoring takes many dozens of hours every year by LCC members.

Recommendations on Proposed Plans

In an advisory capacity, the LCC reviews proposed development plans including subdivision plans and site plans before the Planning Board. LCC looks at the environmental impact of the projects with special focus on wetland impacts. LCC provides input to the Planning Board, which ultimately approves or rejects projects.

LCC also reviews

applications for projects in Londonderry that directly impact wetlands. These are called Dredge & Fill applications and are submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau. LCC cannot approve or reject applications; however, it can send comments for the Wetlands Bureau to consider.

Outreach and Education

The LCC reaches out to the public to keep them informed of conservation issues and outdoor recreation opportunities in town. This includes publishing a monthly e-mail newsletter, maintaining a Facebook page and leading almost monthly walks on town conservation properties.

~ Courtesy of Londonderry's Conservation Commission ~

Negotiating Committee

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to provide feedback after the Council had already voted to adopt the change. Both expressed their disappointment that the Conservation Commission was not afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the new process prior to the meeting. "It just seems that we [Conservation Commission] ought to be included. We ought to have a little bit better knowledge of what is going on," said Lievens. Speltz later added, "The first time I saw this was today when I got ahold of the full agenda. You can certainly make the case that this involves the Conservation Commission and I believe a draft of it should have been shared with the Commission before you considered for a final adoption."

In late March the Conservation Commission sent input on how they would like to see the land acquisition process improved. Chairman Farrell acknowledged that feed-

back was sent, but that the Council decided to go with the suggestion of the town attorney instead.

The newly adopted process has six steps. In the first, the Conservation Commission identifies a property with high conservation value owned by a willing seller. This step also involves getting an appraisal on the property. Step two has the Conservation Commission recommending the purchase to the Council which then meets in a non-public session to decide whether they want to try to purchase it.

Next the Council or designee negotiates a purchase and sale agreement with the seller. The Conservation Commission then holds a public hearing and votes to accept or reject the agreement. If accepted, it moves back to the Council which holds public hearings and then casts a final vote.

Commenting on the process, Speltz noted that while the new process was good, he had some

suggestions for improvement. One was to have the Conservation Commission informally preview potential purchases at the start of the process to get Council input before going to the time and expense of getting appraisals done. He also suggested clarifying that appraisals should be done by companies that are knowledgeable in raw land assessments.

Speltz also thought it was important to keep one part of the current process where a Conservation Commission member(s) provides insight on the conservation value of the property. His suggestion was to do this during the non-public Council session. In response Chairman Farrell was non-committal saying, "We invite guests to non-publics as necessary and as needed, so I'm not gonna see any need to add anything."

Councilor Dolan asked Town Manager Kevin Smith to collect input and determine if the resolution should be amended in a future meeting.



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School Board Earmarks \$868,000 for Summer Projects and Classrooms

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The April 17 meeting of the School Board kept on point with their Tuesday night agenda. Deliberations began with Business Manager Peter Curro. What action

the School Board would take regarding the withdrawal of funds from the Maintenance Trust Fund?

The suggested amount for withdrawal was \$759,253.32. The withdrawal is not meant for specific projects over the summer months, but will be spent on future projects. The School Board approved the withdrawal amount of \$759,253.32 to be taken from the Maintenance Trust Fund for projects this summer by a vote of 4-0.

What action the Board would take regarding the withdrawal of funds from the Capital Equipment Reserve, was next. Curro stated that the number being proposed to withdraw was \$108,628.45.

Almost all classroom equipment is put into a warrant article that is voted on by the voters of Londonderry. By withdrawing this proposed amount, the district would be taking the items that were budgeted last year and using the money from the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund. There were no deliberations amongst members of the School Board and the motion passed 4-0 to withdraw the sum of \$108,628.45 from the Capital Reserve Equipment Fund for classroom equip-

ment.

Up next was to see if the Board would accept the Proposed School Board Calendar for Aug. 2018 through March 2019. There were no conflicts with the schedule and the Board accepted the proposed calendar by a vote of 5-0. The Board also accepted the Proposed School Board Liaison Committee Assignments by a vote of 5-0 and finally accepted the third reading of Policy IMBD for middle school students being able to earn high school credit for their 7th and 8th grade coursework by a 5-0 vote.

After the delibera-

tions, Peter Curro gave his 3rd Quarter Financial Report and Superintendent Scott Laliberte gave his Superintendent's Report. According to Curro, the reporting at 2nd quarter is currently running on target and he does not foresee any surprises to the end of the year. The revenues are running a bit above target and the fund balance is estimated to be around \$250,000-\$300,000; which is what is to be expected from quarter two.

He also announced that the business office of the school district is getting close to launching an online payment system.

The way the system is set up now, parents can pay online for their student's lunch account. With this new system, parents will have the option to pay any and all fees such as yearbooks, field trips, lunches, etc. Curro hopes to have this new system launched before school begins in September of 2018. Superintendent Laliberte gave the March Enrollment Report which has not seen a lot movement and stated that this is typical for the end of March. Students are not necessarily enrolled in a new school in the month of March.

OBITUARY

Matthew Lapan

Matthew Joseph Lapan of South Portland, ME passed away unexpectedly Monday April 16, 2018. Matthew was born March 9, 1992 in Manchester, NH and was raised in Londonderry. He spent many years working in hospitality management and most recently started a new position with Pizzeria Uno in South Portland. He was the beloved son of Michael Norman Lapan and Christyne (Scholpp) Lapan and dedicated brother to his siblings Daniel Lapan, Elizabeth Lapan and brother-in-law Francis John Horohoe III. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents Catherine "Kitty" and Alfred "Fred" Scholpp of Westfield, MA and his paternal grandmother Pearl Lapan of Westwood, MA. He was the cherished grandson of his paternal grandfather Alfred "Al" Lapan and beloved nephew and cousin of all his extended relatives, of which there were many.

Matt loved swimming, traveling and exploring new places, and he had an appreciation for good food. He was a talented cook himself and in recent years found he had a knack for gardening. From a young age he was an avid animal lover and enjoyed reading. Asking friends and colleagues about Matt, you'll hear of his infectious smile, good natured sensibilities and positive attitude. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation will be held between 10 a.m. - noon, Saturday April 21 at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, followed by a brief prayer ceremony. Donations can be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at www.afsp.org (AFSP) or the National Alliance on Mental Health at NAMI New Hampshire 85 North State Street, Concord, NH 03301 (NAMI).



Dottie Grover Honored

The Londonderry Access Center was renamed last week as the Dottie A. Grover Access Center. The town of Londonderry recognized Grover in a ceremony by placing a plaque on the building where she served as director. The CAT was constructed in 2000, but Grover was director for 25 years and was the main catalyst in its being built. She passed away last year. Dottie's daughter Cindy Hastings and granddaughter Alia Hastings and son-in-law Ian Hastings are pictured during the ceremony.

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Londonderry's Grange #44 Turning 110 Years Old

ERIC SMITH
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's Grange #44 is a local 501 (C) organization dedicated to providing and promoting agricultural and environmental well-being within the community.

The building is located at 260 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. The land and building are owned by The Grange. It is agriculturally based and people from the community can meet together at the hall. "It is a good place to meet, have community suppers, have baby showers, receptions, etc.," said Cherylann Pierce. She is the Chairperson for Community Service and the Chaplin. "Our Grange Master is Bill Perry.

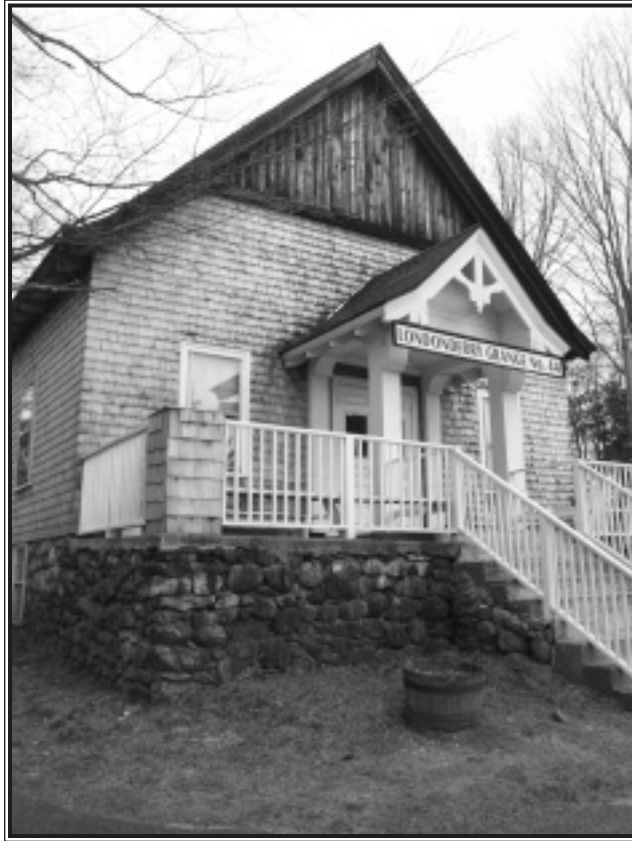
Pierce is a dedicated advocate for the Grange. The organization originally relied on a barter system. This meant that members would come to exchange resources whether it was lumber, squash, apples, and other non-monetary items.

Of course, interest in fellowship and community as well integrity are paramount. To become a member of the Grange simply requires filling out an application and paying dues. The organization generously is open to

everybody in the community. Grange members meet every second Monday of the month for about an hour and a half at seven o'clock that evening. "Anyone is welcome to attend, whether you are just interested in finding out what it is like or are interested in joining" she said.

Fundraising events are also organized to help maintain the structure of the historical building. The roof needs a lot of work due to tree branches allowing less access to the sun. There is moss build up and ice damming causing damage to the hall, in addition to some issues within the bones of the Hall as well. The Grange needs a lot of work done to it, but with fundraisers and help from the community, the historical building can be kept up with. "We want the hall to be in great shape for the town's three hundredth anniversary next year," said Pierce.

The organization has been tremendously grateful of every single donation that has ever been given. Each one helps the Grange a long way, and with more fundraising and community service, the historical building will reach its finest potential. "In the past, about five to



The Londonderry Grange #44 was built in 1909 and is supported by its Patrons and Friends.

seven years they raised \$20,000 to re-shingle the building. Some of those who bought a shingle, even wrote their name on their shingle".

The Grange has also been chartering Boy Scout troop 521 for about twenty years. The troop buys the oil for the building and has been the site for many Eagle Scout projects, keeping up with its history and importance.

These include, renovating the kitchen, window replacements, bathroom renovations, water restoration, and rebuilding the railings on front porch and around the porch itself, and others.

The hall also hosts different events throughout the year. This upcoming October for example, the National Syrup Producers will be coming to the hall, giving New Hampshire



Patrons of the Grange enjoy fruit kabobs fashioned by Lecturer Emily Perry (in hoodie).

their first opportunity to host the event.

Currently, there are 30 or so dues paying members including a dozen core members who are on hand for all its programs. They are always looking for more.

For those interested in

assisting in the restoration of the Grange Hall, feel free to donate and give some support to the town's history. Contact Cherylann Pierce at 603-437-5413. Also, feel free to check out the Londonderry Grange #44 Facebook page.

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Save Money (And the Environment) on Your Home Garden

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the raised interest in locally grown vegetables and fruits in recent years, more Americans have been going as local as it gets—their own backyards. A study by the National Gardening Association in 2014 showed that home gardening has become more popular in recently than it was when it was more of a necessity, to the point where an average of \$3.5 billion was spent on seeds and gardening supplies that year.

With so much money being spent in the undertaking, the prospect of home gardening, while appealing, can be overwhelming for some. But when it comes to feeding the crops, lots of money can be saved by looking in the garbage.

Composting is an important part of home gardening, as it acts as a supplement, or “vitamin” to the crops being grown. According to the EPA, compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow, ranging from anything from food scraps to dead leaves. Using compost helps to enrich the soil that plants grow in, helping it to retain moisture and suppress potential diseases and pests.

The EPA further states that food scraps and yard waste currently makes up 20 to 30 percent of what is thrown away, where it releases methane, a

potent greenhouse gas, into the air. Rather than let this waste needlessly accumulate in landfills all over, it can be easily reused and supplemented to home grown fruits and veggies.

In order to compost at home, there are a few necessary ingredients: “Browns,” or yard waste such as twigs, dead leaves, etc to provide the compost with carbon, and “Greens,” which includes grass clippings, vegetable waste, fruit scraps, and coffee grounds, which provides the compost with nitrogen. These ingredients should be layered in equal amounts of browns and greens of different sized particles. Finally, a good amount of water will help to provide moisture to help break down organic matter in the pile.

Aside from enriching the soil and keeping waste out of landfills, composting helps reduce the need for chemical fertilizers, which not only add up in cost, but can be harmful to the environment, and even the crops that they are used on. Composting also encourages the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi that break the organic matter down into a rich, nutrient-filled material called “humus,” helping the plants grow healthy and strong.

Home composting can be done with tools that many already have in their backyards, such as

square-point shovels and water hoses with a spray head. Compost should be made in a dry, shady spot near a water source, with brown and green materials added as they are collected, making sure to shred or chop larger pieces, moistening as added. Piles should be turned frequently to aerate and encourage breakdown.

Composting is not limited to those with ample backyard space—indoor composting is made possible thanks to special composting bins available at any local hardware or garden supply store, and compost is made in much the same way as its backyard counterpart. Proper-

ly managed bins should not attract pests or produce a bad smell, and compost is usually ready within two to five weeks. Indoor compost can either be donated to friends and relatives with larger backyard gardens, or be used right away in container or windowsill gardens.

When it comes to composting, most picture vegetable and fruit scraps. However, there are a number of surprising additional items that can be added to a compost pile, such as coffee grounds and filters, eggshells, tea bags, nut shells, shredded newspaper, cardboard, paper, sawdust, hay and straw, cotton and wool rags, hair

and fur, fireplace ashes, and even dryer and vacuum cleaner lint. All of these organic materials can help further nourish the compost and more material helps to encourage compost breakdown.

That being said, not all organic materials are created equal. Materials that should never be composted include: Black walnut tree leaves or twigs (may contain harmful substances), coal or charcoal ash (may contain harmful substances), dairy products (create odor problems and attract pests), diseased or insect-ridden plant material (post a risk for disease transfer), fats (create odor problems and attract pests), meat

or fish bones and scraps (create odors and attract pests), pet wastes such as litter and dog droppings (possible parasites, bacteria, germs, pathogens, and viruses harmful to humans), and yard trimmings treated with pesticides (may kill beneficial composting organisms).

Now that spring seems to have finally sprung, and the conditions are right for gardening, home-grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs can taste even better thanks to the money and environment saved by home composting.

For more information on composting and for other ways to reduce food waste visit www.epa.org.

Council

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previously said by another person. The council is basically asking for the residents to be polite and courteous to the council and each other. These rules are mostly aspirational and left up to the Chairman to enforce. The motion was made to accept the rules by a vote of 5-0.

The news was also made that the soccer leagues of recreation and travel are coming together to form the “Londonderry Soccer Club”. This was approved by the Recreation Commission and the Recreation Director Art Psaledas felt this was the best thing they could do for soccer. Psaledas tried a few years back to unite the two organizations, but was

unsuccessful. With the two groups coming together, they have combined their efforts and skills and are working together.

This helps to train coaches, put on clinics for the kids, and also working well with the town. It provides the best of what’s available to the kids of Londonderry and will continue to get better according to Psaledas.

Kevin Smith also took a moment at the end of the meeting to recognize the passing of Londonderry Times reporter Katie O’Donnell. “She always had a very cheerful attitude and was a very positive person,” Smith said. Chairman John Farrell also added that he was shocked at her passing and that she was a super nice person.

Zoning

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feet under current regulations. However, the maximum footprint allowed for a building as a percentage of the total property size would no longer be capped at 25%. Mailloux pointed out that while the footprint could be larger, the regulations limiting the amount of

impervious surface, required road setbacks and necessary vegetation would remain in place limiting the practical footprint.

Planning Board members expressed concern that if they granted a specific waiver for one development they would be obligated to allow it for all other developments. Mailloux assured them that this typically would not be the case. If there

were substantive differences between projects because the Planning Board would be reviewing waivers in the content of that specific project, these would not set precedents.

In the coming months, the Planning Department will continue to get input from the Planning Board. There will be public information sessions and discussions with affected

property owners. After collecting this input, the Planning Department will prepare final language for consideration by the Planning Board which will hold a formal public hearing. The Planning Board would then make a recommendation to the Town Council which will ultimately vote to approve or reject the new zone.

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Juster Honored at Pep Rally with Bob Lincoln Award

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Folks who knew Bob Lincoln and are aware of the selflessness he exhibited in and for Londonderry for decades feel strongly about the Robert W. Lincoln Award and what it stands for.

And that's one major reason why the Lincoln award selection committee takes pride in announcing that Londonderry High School writing teacher Steve Juster.

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 "Heart-beat 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 eight inches of their hair to make wigs, free of charge, for women who are fighting cancer.

The award was pre-

sented to Juster at the Londonderry High School spring pep rally on Friday April 20, in the Londonderry High School Gymnasium.

Although he was the Master of Ceremony of the event, and at times was losing his voice, Juster was presented the award by fellow English teacher Crystal Rich.

After receiving the plaque he took back the microphone and called to the floor those people who he said made it possible to be recognized for the award.

Steve brought in his wife, Elizabeth, who is also an English teacher, his daughters Katie and Kelly, and also had his eighth grade teacher Barbara O'Brien-Miller who he said helped steer him into a career of teaching.

He also called a group of his "Pantene Angels" to share in the moment.

The criteria which are considered for the award include having a nominee who has demonstrated more than 10 years of active service to the community, has been in a position of responsibility during that period, has



Above, Steve Juster, after collecting the Bob Lincoln Award called on those in his life that made it possible. At left, an emotional Juster greet his eighth grade teacher Barbara O'Brien Miller.

demonstrated devotion to the youth of the Londonderry, and has demonstrated the spirit of volunteerism.

The Robert W. Lincoln Youth Service Award honors Lincoln, a man who put gave four decades of dedicated volunteer service for the youth of Londonderry. Lincoln served on the Londonderry school board for more than 20 years and also served on the budget committee, chaired various building committees, and was a very active member of the London-

derry Lions Club. He also served as the chair of the Londonderry Fields Task force for over 30 years.

Bob Lincoln passed away in September of 2015, but the mark he left on Londonderry is indelible and he lives on in many ways.

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.



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High School Holds Annual Spring Pep Rally at Gym



The spring sports teams entered the the Londonderry High School gymnasium to the cheers of their peers. The annual high school Spring pep Rally featured acknowledgement of some staff members. Above left, Douglas Stith was named the Middle School Teacher of the Years. Above right, Greg DeCloux was named the High School Teacher of the Year. At far right, Music Director, Andy Soucey was thanked for his many years of great work as he gets set to retire. Steve Juster was awarded the Bob Lincoln Award. See story page 9.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lady Lancer Lax Crew Sees Season Record Even to 3-3

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

All in all, the Londonderry High girls' lacrosse squad had reasons to feel that last week was a pretty productive one.

The girls entered that span holding a record which sat just below the .500 mark in tough Division I at 1-2. But the team managed to defeat two of the three opponents who they faced on their own home field behind the Matthew Thornton School

during the span covering April 16 to 21 to enter this week sitting right on the .500 threshold at 3-3.

The LHS crew brought the hammer down - and evened its season record at 2-2 - with a 19-2 pulverizing of the Dover High Green Wave at Londonderry High on Tuesday, April 17.

The locals outscored their guests by 9-1 in the first half and then washed over the Wave by scoring 10 more second half goals to Dover's one.

Veteran Catie Derhak had a monster game for the winning side, notching some eight points on five goals and three assists.

Meghan Jackes scored four times, Maddy Walden was good for two goals and two assists, Shannon Fraser and Sarah Duarte each scored twice, and Grace Chicko, Jenna Stowell, Hannah McCutchen, and Lauren Doherty each netted one goal. Kaitlin Nartiff and Sammy Leclair both contributed one

assist to the lopsided victory, and LHS goalie Morgan Brutus turned aside five shots.

Things were much tighter for the Lancers in their home battle with the Manchester Central Little Green on Friday, April 20. But when the final whistle blew, the locals had a 15-13 success in hand.

Derhak had another stellar performance for her side on that very cold and wind-swept afternoon, netting seven goals and setting up two others for a nine-point day.

Sarah Duarte scored three times for LHS, Allie Marsh lit it up twice, and Jenna Stowell, Sammy Leclair, and Victoria Kelly each netted one shot in the tight match. Meghan Jackes dealt out one assist on the winning day.

However, after winning by a two-goal margin on Friday the Lancers fell by two tallies the next day in a 12-10 decision against Exeter's Blue Hawks.

Derhak and Duarte each scored three times for the locals, Marsh tallied twice, Jackes and Grace Chicko each scored one marker, and Maddy



Catie Derhak has been a scoring machine for the Londonderry High girls' lacrosse squad of late. She netted nine points in this match with Manchester Central last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Walden dished out two assists. LHS goalie Brutus turned aside seven Exeter shots.

After a few days away from competitive action, the Lancers got back

down to Division I business this Wednesday, April 25 against Nashua North in the Gate City. They play a big match against arch-rival Pinkerton in Derry this Friday.



Lancer Dancers

The Londonderry Lancer Dance Team had its final performance of the year during the Spring Pep Rally held in the LHS gymnasium on Friday morning, April 20. The rally also featured the awarding of the Bob Lincoln Award to LHS teacher Steve Juster and the awarding of Greg Decloux with the Teacher of the Year honor.

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Laxmen Suffer First 2018 Loss to Pinkerton then Beat Windham



CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over the last dozen years or more, the biggest tests for New Hampshire high school boys' Class L and Division I lacrosse teams have come in games against Bishop Guertin and Pinkerton Academy. And that continues to be true here in 2018.

The previously-undefeated Londonderry High Lancers suffered their first loss of the season - to the opponent against whom they most hate to lose - on Tuesday, April 17 when they traveled the short distance over to Derry to face off against the host Pinkerton Academy squad.

The hosts won every quarter except the third, which was scoreless.

Pinkerton managed a 5-2 lead after one quarter, and after outscoring their

guests by that same margin in the second period the Astros had a 10-4 advantage stepping into halftime.

The score didn't change during the tightly-played third period, but coach Brian O'Reilly saw his now 3-0 PA charges put the matter of who might win to rest by outscoring the Lancers by a 3-2 tally in quarter four.

The host team received four goals and one assist from Ryan Auger, a goal and four helpers from Hunter Drouin, two goals and one assist from Shawn Tewksbury, a goal and two assists each from Gennaro Marra and Owen McCormack, two goals from Chad Teresky, and a goal and a helper from Mason Drouin. Pinkerton goalie Alex Sturgess contributed six saves to the success.

Now 2-1 Londonderry received two goals each from Jeff Wiedenfield and Jake Holland and one each from Anthony Federico and Nate Andrews.

Londonderry's first-year varsity coach Roger Sampson felt that the turning point of the match came in period two when his Lancers suffered four big turnovers which led to four PA goals.

"Losing face-offs and turnovers kept us from



Cole Keegan makes his way past a Windham defender during the LHS Lancers' 18-9 hammering of that opponent this past Monday afternoon.

Lancer Jake Holland rifles home a shot during his skilled squad's home game against Windham this past Monday afternoon. Photos by Chris Paul

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generating offense," lamented the LHS coach. "Those really hurt us."

Patrick Murphy, like Federico and Andrews an LHS ice hockey standout during the winter season, made 11 saves in continuing on as the Lancers' starting goalie in place of the squad's regular goal-tending duo.

With Londonderry's two regular keepers - Josh Harmon and Ross Carroll - suffering from a broken

thumb and concussion symptoms respectively, Sampson expects to have volunteer goalie Murphy protecting his squad's net for the time-being at least.

The Lancers looked to get back on the winning path Monday, April 23 when they traveled to Windham High.

And the locals handed an 18-9 walloping to Windham that afternoon, making the Londonderry High crew's 2018 record 3-1.

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Londonderry Softball Squad Builds on a Winning Streak

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Ask any of the six teams which the Londonderry High softball squad had played through last weekend, and they'll all doubtless tell you that the Lancers are talented and determined, and a crew to watch in Division I this spring.

As of Saturday afternoon April 21, the Lancer girls had posted a 5-1 season record and were in the midst of an impressive four-game winning streak.

The Lancers bagged their third win of the young season and second in a row - while continuing their pattern of scoring in double digits in victories - in a 15-1 throttling of the host Bishop Guertin Cardinals in Nashua on Wednesday, April 18.

Senior star Lauren

Misiaszek thumped five hits in five official trips to the plate and drove in four runs, and her teammate Gia Komst contributed two hits and three runs batted in in a battle which only went six innings thanks to the 10-run rule.

LHS pitcher Ila Brown did great work in the pitching circle, holding Guertin to a paltry two hits and one walk while striking out some nine would-be hitters. BG slid to 0-3 with the loss.

The locals then played host to the Concord High Crimson Tide at LHS on Friday, April 20 and rolled over that opponent by a 15-2 tally in bagging their third straight success.

Londonderry put the 10-run-rule into effect thanks in part to four big hits from Alivia Proulx - who drove in two runs -

and three more safeties off of the bat of Misiaszek, who drove in three teammates. Brown contributed three hits and two RBI along with more fine pitching, and her catcher Emily Nelson was good for two hits and three ribbies.

In her role in the pitching circle, Brown struck out eight would-be hitters and walked just one.

The Lancers weren't quite so prolific on offense in their 7-1 win over Windham on the road on Saturday, April 21, but they did more than enough to bag consecutive victory number four against the Division II opponent.

The LHS side plated three runs in the top of the first and ended up having no real reason to look back over its shoulder at the opponent. The

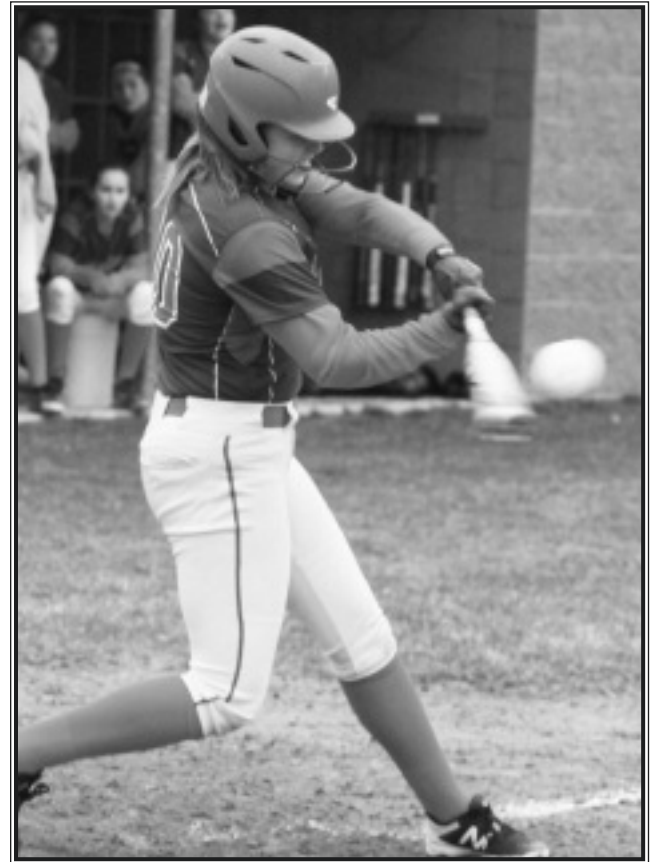
Lady Lancers' lead bulged to 4-0 in the third and then to 7-0 in the fifth. Windham plated its only run in the latter half of the seventh inning.

Gia Komst smacked two hits - including a two-run double - and drove in three big runs on the day. Cassidy Raza and Misiaszek also laced two hits, and Proulx contributed a two-run triple.

Pitcher Brown struck out some 12 batters and held Windham to five hits in yet another fine pitching effort.

The busy Lady Lancers then had Sunday off before returning to game play on Monday at Exeter.

And once again the Lady Lancers were running on all cylinders in a 14-2 walloping of that opponent which made the locals a stellar 6-1 on the campaign.



All-Stater Lauren Misiaszek is right on the ball during one of her potent LHS softball squad's recent contests. Photo by Chris Paul

Lady Lancer Tennis Troop Goes To The Break With a 1-3 Mark

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A loss to Salem followed by a victory over Manchester Memorial last week left the Londonderry High girls' tennis team contemplating its modest 1-3 Division I record as it headed into vacation week.

The Lancers got manhandled by the visiting Salem High Lady Blue

Devils in Londonderry last Tuesday, April 17, with the visitors tallying a lopsided 8-1 success.

The lone Londonderry victory was difficult to collect, but it was collected none the less in singles by Amelia Brenner in a 9-8, 7-4 tie-breaker.

The hosts also dropped a pair of tie-breakers. Amanda Wells lost her singles battle by a 9-8, 8-6 tally, and the doubles tan-

dem of Allison Hamel and Alyssa Treanor fell by a 9-8, 7-4 score.

But coach Betty Mak's Lady Lancers rebounded beautifully the next afternoon on their home courts, claiming their first match win of the still-young campaign with a 6-3 success against visiting but winless Memorial.

The hosts had the match decided by the end of singles play, with indi-

vidual victories coming from Brenner (8-2), Wells (8-6), Emily Hatem (8-4), Melanie Methot (8-1), and Sydney Martin (8-5).

The sixth LHS victory came via the 8-4 success of the number two doubles duo of Wells and Hatem.

The Lancers were slated to play their final pre-vacation match against Bishop Guertin in Nashua

on Thursday May 19th, but more lousy weather postponed that meeting. Hence, the LHS squad

became free until its home battle with the Timberlane Regional Lady Owls of Plaistow on April 30.



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Londonderry Baseball Squad Faces Ups and Downs Early

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Veteran coach Brent Demas feels as though his 2018 Londonderry High baseball team has the ability to be one of the stronger teams in Division I this spring. But after starting out 2-3 in the league and 2-4 overall, the Lancers have some work to do.

Demas saw his Lancers bag their second victory of the still-young season in a 7-6 nipping of Bishop Guertin at Nashua's historic Holman Sta-

dium on the evening of Wednesday, April 18. But the LHS crew then fell to the Concord Crimson Tide here in the Granite State's capital on Friday the 20th before making the trip across the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border the next day and getting dealt a defeat by a Bay State contingent.

In the edging of the BG Cardinals during the middle of the week, Londonderry had senior catalyst Ricky Perry enjoy an excellent overall game with two hits including a

home run, three runs batted in, two stolen bases, and two runs scored.

The locals tallied some clutch hits with men on the base paths, with Jake Bolduc thumping a two-run double and Andy Ross and Dylan Walsh each lacing two hits and driving in one run.

"Perry was the star though, as his hit proved to be the decisive hit on the day," said Demas.

Anthony Pirolli got the pitching start for LHS and gave his crew a gritty 6

2/3 innings, in Demas' words, "Keeping BG off balance all night while he refined his spots. It was a great bounce-back game from the Spaulding game (a 5-2 loss)."

But Demas wasn't very pleased following his squad's 6-2 loss to the host Concord Crimson Tide two days later.

"We came out flat today against Concord and couldn't overcome the early hole we dug," lamented the coach. "Too many free bases and mental mistakes led to extra outs against a good club."

Anthony Ferraro was a standout for the locals, bashing three hits in

three official trips to the plate while also contributing solid defense at first base.

The Lancers also received a superb catch from Ross in left field which prevented a run from scoring and got his squad out of a tight spot.

Dakota Johnson, Walsh, and Zach Luongo did the mound-work for LHS, with Luongo making his varsity debut in relief and recording four strikeouts in two innings of work.

"We have the ability to be a top team, but the kids need to figure out how they want this season to go," stated Demas.

In its out-of-state contest at Andover High School on Saturday the 21st, Londonderry was dealt a 5-3 defeat. And after a Sunday break from competition, the locals entered this week looking at a Monday game against 2-1 Exeter at LHS.

But it's pretty safe to say that coach Demas and his bunch would much rather forget about that early-week contest, which the locals dropped by a 15-0 count to an Exeter contingent which advanced to 3-1 with its third shutout of the young season.

LHS next plays Merrimack next Monday.

LHS Track Crews Do Strong Work at North Invitational

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Both the Londonderry High School boys' and girls' spring track and field contingents put forth noteworthy performances at the 13th Annual Nashua North Invitational last Saturday, April 21.

The invitational is a non-scoring event, so all of the focus was on efforts in the individual events. And both the Lancer males and the Lady Lancers stood up tall.

The LHS girls had juniors Maddie Croteau and Suzie Moore - both stand-out gymnasts during the winter season - excel in the pole vault. Croteau

proved unbeatable in that event with her effort of 9 feet, and Moore finished a strong third.

Other top-six performances came from Akolam Wambu in the discus (third), Jessica Brien in the 200-meter dash (third) and the high jump (tied for fourth), Ashley Griffin in the 100 dash, the 4x100 relay quartet of Brien, Croteau, Brittany Fernandez, and Griffin (fifth), and Kaylie Longua in the long jump (sixth).

In boys' competition, the Lancers had Will Heenan win the freshman/sophomore mile with his time of 4 minutes and 43.99 seconds. His teammates Kerry Daley

(fifth) and Matt Griffin (sixth) also went top-six.

Other top-six performances were bagged by Patrick Hagearty in the shot put (second) and the discus (third), Khalique Bagley in the 200 dash (third), the 4x100 relay quartet of Damon MacLeod, Cam Taranto, Bagley, and Justin Cassidy (third), and the 4x400 quartet of Heenan, Daley, Brian Metro, and Taranto (fifth).

The LHS tracksters are now free from competition until way up on May 5 when the freshman/sophomore meet takes place on their home track. And young Lancers should excel at that event.

Lancer Boys' Tennis Troop Goes Into Long Break With 4-1 Record

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2017 Londonderry High School boys' tennis team collected a total of four match wins. But through its first five matches of the current season, the 2018 Lancer boy racketeers had already bagged four victories in posting a superb 4-1 record.

Coach Janice Norwesh's Lancers advanced to 4-1 last week with a pair of 7-2 victories over Salem and Manchester Memorial, driving into a lengthy break from competitive play which will last all the way until May 1 when the LHS squad plays host to the Winnacunnet High Warriors of Hampton.

Londonderry and the

host Salem High Blue Devils dealt with freezing cold and wind in their Tuesday, April 17 match, with the visitors winning five of the six singles contests and two of the three doubles battles none the less.

Singles wins were collected by Jay Hayes (8-2), Tanner Fortier (8-2), Ryan Leo (8-3), Tyler Cullen (8-2), and Ben Doris (8-1).

Doubles wins came from the duos of Hayes and Doris (8-3) and Fortier and Cullen (8-2).

"With confident wins from our top five and strong doubles play, we defeated the Devils 7-2," said the LHS coach. "And nobody dropped more than three games. The game ball went to junior Jay Hayes for his strong net play."

But there was more good stuff to come for the Lancers on the road at Memorial the next day.

Singles wins were delivered by Hayes (8-0), Leo (8-2), Cullen (8-1), and Doris (8-3). And the locals put the matter to rest by sweeping doubles thanks to the work of Fortier and Cullen (8-3), Hayes and Doris (8-1), and Leo and Jacob Escott (9-7).

While Londonderry advanced to 4-1 that day, Memorial's Crusaders slid to 0-3.

But the locals had their scheduled Thursday, April 19 home match with Bishop Guertin cancelled by more lousy weather, and got to start their break from competitive play a day early.

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Questions Linger About Altercation After Local Lacrosse Match

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's understandable that many folks would be agghast after hearing that there was a physical altercation between adult fans of the Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School boys' lacrosse teams immediately after the match played by the rival teams in Derry Tuesday, April 17.

But a local man - with connections to both schools - who witnessed everything that transpired insists that initial media reports from several area sources were wrong in their account of what actually happened.

The initial reports in question stated that a Londonderry fan had been taunting and making obscene gestures toward Pinkerton fans during the

match and that eventually a fight broke out between the LHS follower and one specific PA supporter.

However, Pinkerton Academy graduate and former multi-sport standout Greg Warren - who is also a former Londonderry High assistant principal and resides in Londonderry - says things occurred a bit differently.

And he insists there was never actually a "fight" as such involving Londonderry parent Gene Holland and the PA fan.

"I've known Gene for a long time. I coached his kids in the past. And there's no question that he can have a big mouth at times," said Warren, who has a son playing for the LHS lacrosse squad.

But Warren insists

that the vast majority of Holland's yelling was directed at the game officials and the LHS bench, and Warren certainly made no excuses for the behavior of the Londonderry High fan.

When the match was over, Warren said, Holland headed down the paved hill beyond the field toward his car, but was followed.

"A fan, a Mr. Drouin, who is a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, followed Gene and said things like 'Hey big mouth, shut up,' and prevented him from going to his car," said Warren.

There are two Drouin youngsters on the PA lax squad, a sophomore and a freshman.

What then ensued, according to Warren, was what one might call

"trash talking" between the two men until they reached the paved segment of parking lot. Drouin then struck Holland with what Warren called "an open-handed blow, like you'd see someone with martial arts training give."

The blow delivered by Drouin carried so much momentum that Drouin, who is shorter than Holland, fell to the ground himself. That may have been why folks coming down the hill from the bleachers thought the two men were both striking blows.

As Holland reeled from that unexpected strike, Warren states that Drouin "grabbed Gene's head and slammed it to the pavement."

When Derry police arrived, Holland was on

the ground and bleeding. An ambulance was called and Drouin was spoken to by the police and allowed to leave. Warren also made a statement to the police detailing what he had witnessed.

"This was a totally preventable incident," he said. "The only physical contact was made by the agent (Drouin)."

The members of the Londonderry and Pinkerton lacrosse teams were unaware of what had occurred until shortly thereafter, and neither coach wished to comment on the event.

LHS athletic director Howard Sobolov said, "I was not there and I would rather the story focuses on the athletes and the hard-fought game. High school athletics stories should not be embarrass-

ing for student/athletes to read about their parents with bad behavior."

Pinkerton communications coordinator Bryan Geary released a statement which said, "Pinkerton Academy is aware of an incident at last night's varsity lacrosse game against Londonderry and has had communication with all parties involved. The incident was caused by a single party and was defused immediately by those on hand. Pinkerton always encourages students, parents, and fans to cheer on our student-athletes with courtesy, respect, and responsibility. Additional questions can be referred to the Derry Police Department."

The Derry Police Department is investigating the matter.

Lancer Spikers Bag Their First Victory of Young Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The still-young 2018 season has been a real challenge for the Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad and its first-year coach Jon Buatti thus far. But things took a positive turn for the locals last week when they collected their first match victory following an 0-5 start.

The Lancer spikers suffered consecutive match defeat number five last Wednesday, April 18, in a battle in which they claimed their first game win of the new campaign.

The locals fell to the host Keene High Black-



Patrick Cohen contributed to the LHS volleyball team's first win against BG.

birds by a 3-1 tally in the match, with Keene evening its own season record at 2-2 with that success.

Londonderry then found itself back home on Friday the 20th for a battle with the Winnacunnet High Warriors from Hampton. The Lancers strode into that match winless, but Winnacunnet was also scuffling at 1-3. And coach Buatti's bunch would bag its first match success that evening.

The locals won game one by a 25-13 score, only to see the visiting Warriors win games two and three by scores of 25-21 and 25-21.

However, Londonderry battled its way to a gutsy 28-26 win in game four to keep the match going, and it powered its way to a 15-7 success in deciding game five to earn a first post-match celebration.

"I'm very excited to pick up the first win," said coach Buatti. "It was a great moment for the team. They banded together to pull out a scrappy win in a five-game match. Hopefully

we can keep that momentum going into our game against BG Monday."

Seasoned veteran James Buttafuoco paced the determined LHS effort with 12 kills, four digs, four service aces, and two blocks. Logan Agrella contributed 10 assists, four digs, four aces, and two kills. Josh Ryan was good for 10 digs, Nick Weinmann was good for seven digs, Alex Crutcher managed six kills and four aces, and Patrick Cohen

registered four assists, three aces, and two kills.

The Lancers then drove forward toward what they hoped would be more success on their home court against the Bishop Guertin Cardinals from Nashua this past Monday the 23rd.

However, the results weren't good for the Londonderry High crew, which fell in a 3-0 shutout in its fifth blanking of the campaign in dropping to 1-6.

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Free Meals

Community Meals Network; Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Dinner on April 27, at First Parish, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m., for information call 434-0628. Lunch on April 29, at St. Jude's, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., for information call 432-3333; Dinner on May 19, at St. Luke's, Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Dinner on May 20, at Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry, from 5 - 6:15 p.m.; Dinner on May 25, at First Parish, East Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Breakfast on May 27, at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Derry, from 9 - 10 a.m.; Lunch on May 27, at St. Jude's, Londonderry, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. For more information on any of the meals or our services please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

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The Londonderry Republicans are pleased to announce an "Ice-Cream Social" with former Manchester mayor and candidate for District 4 Executive Council Ted Gatsas. Come and meet the former mayor and hear his views on being an Executive Councilman. Other candidates for county positions will also appear and speak on their positions. Join us on Thursday, May 10, 6:30 p.m., at the Victory Baptist Church annex, 78 Litchfield Road, Londonderry. Help us welcome in the Spring season with some ice cream and get to know the candidates. Please park in the back and enter through the rear door.

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Londonderry Antiques Appraisal Day!

On Sunday, May 20, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House Museum, 140 Pillsbury Rd. Bring your antiques, collectibles & family treasures to our first annual event featuring Daniel F. Reidy, appraiser/antiques dealer/auctioneer. For additional information: www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety

Wine & Beer Tasting

On Saturday night (beginning 7:30 p.m.), May 5, Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH, is hosting a Wine and Beer Tasting and Silent Auction and Wine Bottle Raffle. We are offering a collection of international and American wines curated by Laurel McLain and Alison Miller, M.Ed., who regularly run private wine group tastings and pairings and hold WSET advanced certifications in Wine & Spirits. The craft beer we are featuring is from

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

Railroading in New England

On Thur., May 17 at 7 p.m., "A Fond Look Back at Railroading in Northern New England" Mr. Brian Jennison to present this slideshow presentation journeys through the history of New England railroads with an emphasis on the Boston & Maine (B&M) Railroad. Mr. Jennison's collection of photos will detail some construction of precursor railroads, their eventual acquisition by the B&M, and their decline throughout the 20th century due to

highway and airline competition. The presentation will also include color slides from the late 1960s through the early 1980s. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the Leach library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Secret Codes

On Thur., May 10 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. take part in an exciting program about secret codes at the Leach Library. We will explore some well-known cryptograms. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will have a chance to create and decipher their own puzzles. There will be a fun door prize raffle and light refreshments will be served. No registration is necessary.

Puppet Show

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Seaside Stroll

Summer days will soon be upon us, on Tue., May 29 from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Leach Library hear stories of the animals to be found in a tide pool, to the fun of sand and sun, audience members will be ready to pack up and head for the beach. Each participant will leave with a plush ocean friend as a memento. This adventurous 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 Monday, May 21.

Model Railroading Derry Fun Night

On May 11, the Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Control panels are still part of building a model railroad even in the DCC world. The May program is a demonstration of how to use Touch Toggles to create a neat graphic design for today's control panels. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Senior Yoga Class

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Art in Action

Art in Action returns for the 14th year. Demonstrating 2-Dimensional Fine Art at Mack's Apple Farm and Market on 230 Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Artists/Artisans will be in a "working studio" environment throughout the week-end on Saturday, May 5, and Sunday, May 6, This free

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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).

Book Drive

The LHS Community Service Club has been sponsoring 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).

Garden Club Scholarship

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - April 16

12:07 a.m. Services rendered for report of missing person on Mammoth Road.

4:56 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

5:44 a.m. Assisted New Hampshire State Police on Route 93 Exit 4 south.

9:31 a.m. Alarm at residence on King Arthur Drive investigated.

4:21 p.m. Disturbance on Winterwood Drive results in transport to hospital.

4:31 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Trent Road, Derry. Thomas Lindner, 18, of Derry charged with Disorderly Conduct.

4:34 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Abbey Road. Jake Mullin, 18, of Londonderry charged with Disorderly Conduct.

4:48 p.m. Domestic disturbance investigated on Mohawk Drive.

5:05 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Pinyon Place.

5:23 p.m. Services rendered for traffic hazard on Kimball Road at Watts Road.

5:56 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Merrimack Street, Manchester. Vincent Bousnakis, 19, of Manchester charged with Disorderly Conduct.

6:36 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Shasta Drive.

Tuesday - April 17

9:20 a.m. Pedestrian Check results in Arrest on Mammoth Road at Londonder-

ry Middle School. Six officers assist in the arrest of Phillip Nash, 21, of Hopkinton. Nash is charged with Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest or Detention.

10:17 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Taylor Street, Granby, Mass. Connor Reynolds, 25, of Granby, Mass. charged with Attempt to Commit Robbery and Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

10:26 a.m. Motor vehicle accident Investigated on Gilcreast Road.

2:09 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

5:17 p.m. Warrant served at Hillsborough County House of Corrections. Jason Barrows, 32, of Barrington, N.H. charged with Forgery; Disobeying an Officer; Reckless Operation; Stop Sign/Yield Sign violation; Yellow Line violation; and Theft from a Building.

6:02 p.m. Juvenile offenses results in transportation to hospital from Whittemore Road. Three officers responding.

6:05 p.m. Services Rendered at Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Wednesday - April 18

2:31 a.m. Domestic Disturbance call results in Transportation to hospital on Pillsbury Road.

7:21 a.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on St. Charles Street.

8:02 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offens-

es on South Road.

10:17 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. at Londonderry High School
4:21 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Maplewood Drive.

6:12 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Winding Pond Road.

6:59 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Scots Place.

9:41 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Constitution Drive.

Thursday - April 19

12:26 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry South School

1:23 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Raymond Wieczorek Drive at Traffic Circle.

1:39 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Sleep Inn Perkins Road

2:39 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Pinyon Place.

3:46 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry High School.

3:42 p.m. Services rendered for Missing Person on White Plains Avenue.

8:44 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Forest Street.

Friday - April 20

3:07 a.m. Services rendered at Structure Fire on Wayland Drive.

8:24 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

8:55 a.m. Suspicious activ-

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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.

Kids Fishing Derby

The Derry Lions are once again sponsoring the annual Derry Lions Kids Fishing Derby on Rollins Street at Hood Pond in Derry on May 5. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with fishing commencing at 8

a.m. until noon. For newcomers to the area the pond is just past the town hall at the end of Manning Street. Kids up to and including age 15 can fish free. Donations are welcome to defray the cost to stock the pond with over 400 trout. Trophies are given for several categories of fish including largest and smallest. Each child receives a participant ribbon.

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 the library's lower-level

meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

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/derryandlondonderry or on Facebook @GDLRelayforLife.

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in NH meets every 4th Thursday of the month 7

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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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Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

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Police Log

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ity reported on Sargent Road.

6:04 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Yellowstone Drive.

9:11 p.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Nashua Road at Winding Pond Road.

Saturday - April 21

12:37 a.m. Alarm at residence investigated by four officers on Iris Lane.

10:03 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Merlin Place.

12:28 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Buttrick Road.

10:34 p.m. Criminal threatening investigated on Elijah Hill Rd

11:09 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Morway Drive.

Sunday - April 22

1:23 a.m. Response to complaint results in transport to hospital from Pinyon Place.

7:29 a.m. Criminal Mischief Investigated United Methodist Church on Mammoth Road.

10:15 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Holton Circle.

1:51 p.m. Three officers

investigate motor vehicle accident which results in an arrest on Nashua Road at Avery Road. George Stanley, 44, of Derry charged with Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense).

2:31 p.m. Weapons offenses investigated on Wiley Hill Road.

2:42 p.m. Services rendered for Overdose on Royal Lane.

2:59 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Pinyon Place.

3:21 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Wilder Street, Nashua. Jeremiah Nunez, 39, of Nashua

charged with Obstructing Report of Crime or Injury; Theft; and Criminal Trespass.

4 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Sandstone Circle.

8:18 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on West Road near Soccer Fields. Ian Komisar, 21, of Bedford charged on a Bench Warrant.

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Information regarding SNHPC can be found on the Town's website. There is an application deadline of Friday, May 4th, 2018 at 4 p.m.

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