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## Mr. LHS Crowned

The judges cast their ballots and the winner of this year's Mr. LHS was Lancer Track and Field star Patrick Hagearty. Out of the eleven contestants vying for the honor last week, Hagearty impressed the judges by breaking the school's dead lift record. See more photos on page 9. Photo by Chris Paul

## Pool Study Committee Publishes Report to Town

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Pool Study Committee has published its final report and recommendation to the Town Council. The committee was created on Aug. 2018 and was charged with researching and making a

recommendation to the Town Council as to the feasibility, interest in, and need for a town pool in Londonderry.

The committee researched the situation regarding the town pools in nearby communities, the construction and ongoing maintenance

costs, including of the personnel operating the facility on a daily or seasonally basis, the liability issues, the potential locations in Londonderry for such pool and the general interest among the locals.

The initial final date for the committee's recommendation is

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## Times Publisher Responds to Town Manager's Allegations

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Town Manager, Kevin Smith, recently sent a response memo to the Town Council regarding the Londonderry Times' editorial that addressed the town no longer using its hometown newspaper for legal notices.

At last week's Town Council meeting, Chair, John Farrell said that the memo was "confidential" and "very sensitive" and would not be shared that evening. However, the Smith response memo was not kept confidential and was released on social media by Jake Butler, a recently appointed

Planning Board member, and son of a sitting town council member. This was done just after Farrell had tried to shame the Times for their use social media.

In the memo, Smith stated his reasoning for the change was mostly financial, as the Derry News promised rates 10% lower than the Londonderry Times rates. However, Smith never approached the Londonderry Times in any manner to see if the Times would match the rate quoted by the Derry News.

Smith goes on to state that he had hoped the matter would stay out of public domain, and that the Londonderry Times

had, "used its own pages and social media to put forth a misleading story."

While the Londonderry Times acknowledges and appreciates Smith's concerns with bringing the issue to the public, Paul stated that had she been aware of these concerns she would have been willing to come to a compromise.

The "story" that Smith refers to numerous times in his letter, is not a story, but was an editorial. The definition of an editorial is, "An article written by or on behalf of an editor, that gives an opinion on a topical issue." The editorial was written from the

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## School Board Discusses New Data Network Infrastructure

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board members were presented during their last meeting, held on Tuesday, Apr. 16 at the Town Hall with the Londonderry School District Data Infrastructure Planning.

The presentation began with an Article 9, saying "Shall the Londonderry School District vote under RSA 35:1 to create a district wide information network infrastructure capital reserve fund to be known as the 'District Technology Network Infrastructure Fund' for the purpose of funding equipment and services for the school district net-

work infrastructure such as, but not limited to, routers, wiring, switches, access points, wireless network improvements or any other equipment software or service that is necessary for the maintenance, improvement, performance or management of the district's network and name the school board as agents to expend the fund; and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 to be placed in this fund; and further name the School Board agents to expend?"

The intent of the "District Technology Network Infrastructure Fund" is to continually appropriate funds on an annual basis

for the planned updates and improvements, so as to avoid any large expenditure in a given year. The suggestion is to spread-out the overall expenses in order to maintain the network annually with the fund being used as needed.

The presentation showed the complexity of the current situation in the Londonderry School

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# Local Elementary School Teams Battle With Book Knowledge



The second annual “Battle of the Books” took place last week at the Londonderry Middle School with three teams representing each elementary school being tested on the books the schools fifth grader had read over the past few months. There were three rounds with five questions each to decide the winners. At the end of regulation, last year’s winning school, North, was knocked out, leaving South and Matthew Thornton to finish. The Matthew Thornton team of Austin Holmes, Ben Simpson, Jake Birch, Ian Desisto and Nathan Fontaine came out on top.

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# Londonderry 18-Year-Old Arrested for Kidnapping Teen

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The Londonderry Police Department arrested 18-year-old Alexis "Alex" Martinez, of Londonderry, on Thursday, April 18, and he was charged with kidnapping and simple assault.

Martinez was first arrested on Sunday, April 14, by the Massachusetts State Police and then released on bail two days later. He is now facing charges in two different states.

On April 14, the Londonderry Police Department received a report from the Massachusetts State Police Troop-A3 Barracks, in Concord, Mass.,

that Martinez has been arrested for kidnapping, use of a motor vehicle without authority and negligent operation of a motor vehicle which is alleged to have originated in Londonderry. Martinez was held on a \$20,000 cash bail and arraigned on Tuesday, April 16, in the Ayer, Mass. District Court, where he was released on personal recognizable bail.

The report that was received by the Londonderry Police Department from the Massachusetts State Police said that the MSP received a 911 call on Sunday, at about 5:50 p.m. that a juvenile female was being held against her will by her ex-boyfriend, Mar-

tiniez. A Massachusetts State Trooper located the vehicle that Martinez and the victim were driving in Littleton, Mass., on I-495 near Exit 31.

The trooper then received assistance from the Littleton Police Department and other state troopers and took Martinez into custody. The victim was rescued and was soon reunited with her mother. While trying to fight Martinez and defend herself, she suffered minor injuries to her hands and forearm and was afforded medical treatment.

The woman reported that she and Martinez came to Londonderry that Sunday and he began to

follow her, driving on Route 102. His vehicle eventually passed hers and at that moment, she pulled to the side of the road, to allow him to continue.

Instead of doing this, Martinez then allegedly also stopped his vehicle, left it and approached her vehicle.

The woman's vehicle was locked, but Martinez, as she reported, gained entry into it, despite her efforts to prevent him from doing so. He then pushed the victim from the driver's seat into the from passenger seat and is alleged to have then driven the vehicle away.

While doing so, he left his own vehicle parked on the side of the roadway.

After he was arrested, Londonderry police officers located Martinez's vehicle on the side of the road, where the victim said it will be, confirming her report regarding the situation.

The initial arrest was made possible after the victim was able to send text messages during hers and Martinez's drive from the place he entered her vehicle to Littleton. The text messages assisted in locating the vehicle in Massachusetts.

Detective Justin Hallock of Londonderry Police Department led the local investigation and

sought warrants charging Martinez for kidnapping (a felony) and simple assault (misdemeanor). Martinez was then re-arrested in Londonderry on Thursday and released again on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date in the Rockingham County Superior Court in Brentwood on May 3.

Police are asking for anyone with information about the case to contact the MSP Troop-A Barracks at 978-369-4100 for the Massachusetts portion of the case and Detective Hallock at jhallock@londonderryhpd.org for the Londonderry portion of the case.

## Senior Resources Committee Talk With School Board Rep

JOHN J. GOGLIA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Senior Resources Committee (SRC) met last Tuesday the 16 of April, and agreed to approach the Town Planner about requesting a permanent Senior Resources Committee (SRC) sub-committee having a limited liaison role in the town's pursuit of the Age-Friendly Community status particularly as it would relate to seniors aging in place.

Guest speaker, Jen Ganem of the school board expressed her desire to have the school district more engaged with the town's senior citizens. Ganem said attempts to do this the past have been somewhat fragmented and therefore, mostly unsuccessful. She mentioned several possible ideas

such as: a seniors speakers bureau to share interesting life and work experiences with students; a seniors mentoring program; a "seniors" type prom; student workshops to instruct seniors regarding the use of cell phones, computers and other electronic devices; and better dissemination of student activities such as sports and musical events that seniors (and other community members) would be interested in attending. The SRC agreed that a part-time liaison from the school district would be an asset to the committee. There was also consideration given to making a recommendation about merging the school activity calendar with the town district calendar.

Chairman Doug Thomas

handed out an AARP study of statistics on Aging in New Hampshire. Chairman Thomas also had a Tufts Healthy Aging Data Report for 2019 with an insert specific to Londonderry, which would be copied and made available later to all SRC members.

Member John Wilson recommended that the school and town should consider linking their websites. All SRC members were asked to think about any short-term goals for the rest of the year that the SRC could discuss next month.

Cathy Blash, Senior Affairs Director mentioned that she has advertised for a part time senior transportation coordinator. Blash also mentioned she will be organizing the Senior BBQ for Old Home Days this year.

## OBITUARY

### Lynn F. Rice

Lynn F. Rice, 64 of Londonderry, NH passed away Monday April 22, 2019, at her residence after a lengthy illness. Lynn was born May 19, 1954 in Miami, FL, and was a daughter of Alvin Quack and the late Mabel Bedell. She lived in several locations in her younger life, including Louisiana, Texas and Tennessee. She resided in Virginia prior to relocating to Londonderry in 2000.

While living in VA, Lynn worked as a realtor with Century 21. Lynn was also a certified EMT in the Hanover County, VA area and was a longtime volunteer with the Red Cross. She was always ready to help others.

In addition to her father and stepmother of Groveland, MA, members of the family include her husband Robert (Bob) Rice of Londonderry, a son, David Rice of Londonderry, a daughter and her husband, Elizabeth & Tom Southward of Mechanicsville, VA and daughter, Jennifer Owren of New Kent, VA, her four grandchildren, Katelyn, Allison, Lucy and Cameron, three siblings, Greg Quack, Laura Burton and Susan Quack-Harris.

After cremation, a visitation will be held Thursday April 25, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, with a service to begin at 3:30 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, at [danafarber.jimmyfund.org](http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org) or American Red Cross PO Box 37839 Boone, IA 50037-0839. To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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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 those 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. That means business must take place in public session.

There's no way to force residents to pay attention to public meetings, even with the ease of watching them on public access TV in the privacy of their homes. But whether or not anyone is watching, elected and appointed officials have to conduct their business in the public eye.

We're not talking about decisions - those are made in public session. But the background leading to those decisions, the conversations and debates, the questions and the arguments, are rarely part of what the public gets to see.

Ethics is defined as a system of moral principles and rules of conduct. Meeting in small groups so as not to invoke a quorum may technically not violate the law, but it smells of circumventing the law. So

is that ethical?

Ethics is the core element to local government and its management. Accountability is an important part of any organization, but it's especially important in local government. Governments must responsibly use their resources to provide services that meet the needs of constituents. Local governments answer to state and federal laws and guidelines for effective operations. But most of all, they answer to the people they serve.

Ultimately, government accountability is about maintaining the trust between government officials and citizens. For local governments, core values such as integrity, equality, and transparency should provide the foundation for every decision and policy. Citizens should be able to see how the government is spending their tax money, what services the government is providing, and how government officials are working to improve the community.

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

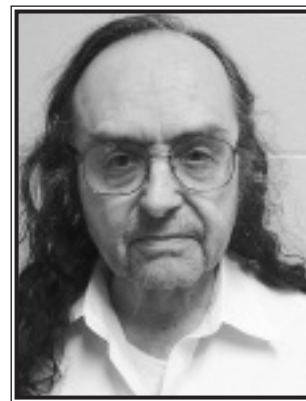
We're all adults here. The public's business should be conducted in public. Keep us informed of what you're doing, every step of the way. We shouldn't have to worry that our officials have something to hide.

## Derry Man Arrested for Having Child Abuse Images

According to a press release that was sent out last week, a 75-year-old man living in Derry was arrested on multiple counts of Child Pornography as well as on Distribution Of Child Sexual Abuse Images.

According to the release, on April 18, after a months long investigation, the Londonderry Police Department arrested Richard Gale, of Derry, for three felony counts of the Possession of Child Pornography (NH RSA 649-A:3) and one felony count of Distribution of Child Pornography (NH RSA 649-A:3-a).

The investigation began in May of 2018 when



Richard Gale

the Londonderry Police Department received a Cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that led investigators to Gale.

The Londonderry Police Department and the New Hampshire Internet

Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) conducted an investigation with the assistance of the Department of Homeland Security which ultimately resulted in Gale's arrest.

Gale resided in Londonderry during the time of this incident and the investigation.

Gale was released on an unsecured appearance bond and his court appearance is scheduled for May 3, 2019 at the Rockingham County Superior Court. Anyone with any further information about this investigation can contact Detective Michael Tufo at the Londonderry Police Department.

## Infasturcure

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District, regarding the Data Network. There are eight buildings, with 18 data closets, 42 switches, 151 Wi-Fi access points, almost 3,000 Ethernet ports and over 3,500 wireless clients every day. There also 25 servers, nearly 3,500 computing devices and over one hundred smart boards and other accessories. All of the above is part of the local data network and the current connections between the different parts of the network is done through the old SAU district office building, due to current fiber terminations. The majority of the Ethernet ports have

End of Support next year (2020) and by 2021, this number will rise to two-thirds.

The new suggestion is to address the End of Support products in place at the moment, lessen dependency on cabled infrastructure with continued emphasis on wireless, leverage multi-gig Ethernet support for the next generation wireless and wired needs, ensure throughput aggregation points are properly sized for downstream throughput, enable "Single Pane of Glass" Infrastructure Management, currently not supported and improve network security through access to wireless and wired networks per port access and man-

age a Bring Your Own Device and Guest access for security and efficiency.

The presentation marked several positive impacts to staff and students, should the new infrastructure be created: Continued support, better fault tolerance/reliability, improved speed, improved security and network accessibility, improved manageability and the introduction of metrics.

A Request for Proposal has been developed for the new infrastructure. The School Board had consensus regarding the infrastructure that was presented and agreed to move on with the subject.

## Have an Announcement?

This service is provided free of charge to Londonderry residents who wish to announce the birth of their child or grandchild, marriage engagement, wedding or milestone event such as a Silver Wedding Anniversary. This is a great way to share your news with your local community. The Londonderry Times also accepts obituary notices. Please contact us at 537-2760 or e-mail to [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

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# Speedway Gas Station Granted Variance For Changeable LED Sign

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A representative of the Speedway gas station and convenience store on Route 102 came before the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) seeking permission to convert an existing manual sign to a changeable electronic sign. The sign in question displays the current prices for gas.

A variance was required because Londonderry zoning ordinance 7.7.E.3 states that "Animated, moving, flashing, and noise making signs are prohibited. Changeable electronic message board signs are prohibited in all zoning districts."

Before Speedway presented their case, the ZBA read into the record a letter from resident David

Colglazier expressing concerns about the proposed sign. He said that based on similar signs he has seen elsewhere, he was concerned that a frequently changing sign could be distracting at night and may appear ugly and cheap. He asked that if granted, Speedway only be allowed to change the sign 1-2 times per day.

Presenting on behalf of the applicant, Carolyn Parker said that Speedway wanted to make the sign change to make it easier and safer for employees to change the fuel price display. She noted that today they have to use ladders or long poles to physically change the prices and that in snowy or wet weather this can be dangerous.

She added that the prices would be the only

part of the sign that would change during the day and that she expected they would change once or twice per day. She added that when the prices changed, the change would be instantaneous with no flashing or blacking out, so that unless someone was staring at the sign, they would not notice the change.

Parker also said that she did not believe that the intent of the ordinance was to prevent signs of this type. She felt the intent was to prevent electronic advertising that contributed to visual clutter and that changed frequently.

She added that the upgraded sign would not change the character of the area since it is in a busy commercial zone

and that making the change would not impact the health, safety and welfare of the public.

ZBA member Suzanne Brunelle asked why the numbers showing the price would be red since the current sign has white numbers. Parker said that it is a standard in the industry to show prices for gasoline in red and diesel in green.

Member Mitch Feig asked Parker how the pro-

posed sign compares to those at other gas stations in town. She replied that every company and brand has their own unique requirements.

Brunelle pressed Parker to explain what made this property unique since that is one of the five criteria that must be met to grant a variance. Parker talked about the new trend to use LEDs in signs and the improved safety from not having to

manually change the sign.

Feig asked why the ZBA had granted similar variances in the past. Other board members said that the uniqueness came from the federal requirement that prices be displayed and the safety risk of making changes manually in a high traffic area.

After brief deliberation, the board voted 5-0 to grant the variance.

## Pool Study

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ommendation to the Town Council was Dec. 1, 2018, but Assistant Town Manager Ms. Lisa Drabik, who was representing the town in the committee, indicated that it was unable to complete the task and requested for more time, which was granted.

Eventually, the committee gave its final recommendation in the Town Council Meeting last month (Mar. 18), recommending against the idea of building an outdoor town pool in Londonderry.

The committee mentioned as part of its recommendation the lack of an easily "buildable" spot in the town for an outdoor public pool, the estimated high cost of this

kind of facility (\$1.2-\$1.5 Million) and the very limited summer times in New England, where the pool will actually be available for public use. Other than that, the fact that around 35 percent of the residents in Londonderry already have their own backyard outdoor pool, and many others (An exact number was not given) have an access to a pool through their condo or apartment complexes, made the estimated number of people who will be using the town pool to low and led to the committee's recommendation against building one.

The committee did vote in favor of a different, much larger recommendation and urged the Town Council to "pursue a community center which would better serve the needs of Londonderry residents than would a

standalone, outdoor pool", per the committee's report.

The estimated cost of a community center is between \$5-\$10 Million (As the committee's researched found out) and the committee recommended that the town would engage in discussions with the YMCA about the potential private/public partnership. These kinds of community centers can be found in different towns in New Hampshire.

The Town Pool Committee members were Ms. Drabik (Chair, Town Manager designee), Al Sypek (On behalf of the Planning Board), Kevin Foley (On behalf of the Recreation Committee) and residents Noelle Bristol, Cheryl Hass, Debbie Johnson, Laura Pallotta, Sy Tebbets and Jen Kenney.

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# The Role of the Zoning Board of Adjustment Explained

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The role of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is one of the least understood among town boards, councils, committees and commissions. Its decisions are technical in nature, sometimes require legal interpretation and are guided by a strict set of rules that must be followed.

Before getting to how the ZBA works, it is useful to understand how they fit with the other entities that deal with zoning. There are four such groups involved with the formulation and administration of the town's zoning ordinance and map: The Planning Board, Town Council, Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer, and ZBA.

The Planning Board is primarily responsible for proposing the initial zoning ordinance and the zoning map, recommending amendments, holding public hearings on its own and petitioning amendments.

The Town Council adopts the zoning ordinance and approves any changes that are proposed. The Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer administers and enforces the ordinance and map as written.

The ZBA reviews applications for zoning variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers of dimensional requirements, and hears appeals from the decisions made by Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer or Building Inspector.

Of the four types of cases the ZBA can hear, most of them are requests to allow variance from the town's zoning ordinance. Generally, the requested variances have to do with relief from a specific zoning ordinance, for example, a road frontage or building setback rule. Less often, developers seek variances to allow a type of project or business on a property where it is not allowed by the zoning regulations.

## VARIANCES

In considering a variance request the ZBA considers five factors, all of which must be met to grant the variance. The ZBA does not have the discretion to grant or deny a variance because they like or do not believe the project is a good idea. Likewise, they cannot reject a variance because abutters do not think it is a good idea.

The five criteria are: (A) the variance will not be contrary to the public interest; (B) the spirit of the ordinance is

observed; (C) substantial justice is done; (D) the values of surrounding properties are not diminished; and (E) literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

For criteria A, the ZBA considers whether the variance is contrary to the public interest. To determine this, they determine whether the variance alters the essential character of the neighborhood or threatens the health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

For criteria B, the ZBA looks to the ordinance in question to see if the variance would violate the explicit or implicit statement of purpose in the ordinance itself. Beyond that, the ZBA also considers whether the proposed use would alter the essential character of the neighborhood and whether it would threaten the public health, safety or welfare.

Criteria C is difficult to assess since there are no rules that can measure or determine justice. The ZBA must judge whether any loss to the landowner outweighs any to the general public. They also examine whether a proposed development is consistent with the area's present use.

Criteria D requires a decision on whether the proposed variance will diminish the value of surrounding properties. Just because abutters think that it will is not enough of a reason alone to make that determination. Sometimes developers

provide letters from real estate professionals to make the case that property values would not be diminished. In the end, it is the judgment of the ZBA, though.

Criteria E, relating to hardships, tends to be the hardest one for applicants to understand. It is usually also the hardest one to prove to the satisfaction of the ZBA. To start, only when some characteristic of the land in question makes it different from others can unnecessary hardship be claimed.

Then the landowner must show that no fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property.

The ZBA may ask, is the restriction on the property necessary in order to give full effect to the purpose of the ordinance, or can relief be granted to this property without frustrating the purpose of the ordinance? Likewise, they could assess whether the full application of the ordinance to this particular property is necessary to promote a valid public purpose.

In addition to the above, for criteria A, an applicant must also show that because of the special conditions of the property, the proposed use is reasonable.

## SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

Unlike a variance which grants permission to use a specific piece of property in a more flexi-

ble manner than allowed by the ordinance, a special exception is a specific, permitted land use that is allowed only when clearly defined criteria and conditions contained in the ordinance are met.

Providing for special exceptions makes it possible to allow uses where they are reasonable in a controlled manner, but to prohibit them where the specified conditions cannot be met. When the ZBA considers a special exception, it cannot vary or waive any of the requirements set forth within the zoning ordinance.

## APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

The ZBA hears appeals if it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of any zoning ordinance. Typically, this means reviewing decisions made by the Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer or Building Inspector.

The ZBA may reverse or affirm, wholly or in part, or may modify the decision. When they hear the appeal, they must apply the strict letter of the law in the same way that the administrative official must. It cannot alter the ordinance or waive any restrictions under the guise of interpreting the law.

## EQUITABLE WAIVER OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

This provision was approved by the legisla-

ture to address the situations where a good faith error was made in the siting of a building or other dimensional layout issue.

When a lot or structure is discovered to be in violation of a physical layout or dimensional requirement, the ZBA may grant a waiver only if each of the four findings is true: (a) lack of discovery of the violation in a timely manner; (b) good faith error in measurement or calculation; (c) no diminution in value of surrounding property; and (d) the cost of correcting the mistake outweighs any public benefit.

While state law gives cities and towns the option to have ZBA members elected or appointed, in Londonderry, the five voting members who have volunteered to serve are appointed by the town council to three-year terms. In addition, three alternate volunteer members are appointed by the town council.

Ideally the term expiration dates for members are equally spread across three years to avoid too many expirations in one year; however, currently six of the eight current members have terms expiring at the end of 2019.

In general, qualifications to serve on the ZBA are the same as those for any other position of trust in town: time, an interest in serving, impartiality, and a willingness to understand the process. While it is not required, some current ZBA members have legal backgrounds.

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# Alligations

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point of view of the Londonderry Times to inform its readers of a change.

Smith went on to say that because the town is utilizing taxpayer monies to publish legal notices, it favors the lowest bidder first and foremost. However, the town also considers factors such as quality, service, and previous experience. Smith then references the municipal code, specifically Title VI, Chapter VI section, purchasing policy.

The Times would have been more than willing to match the rate given by the Derry News, but was never given that opportunity. The Publisher of the Londonderry Times was unaware of the negotiations between Smith and the Derry News concerning their rates for publication of legal notices, until after Smith made his decision to move the legal notices regarding the Town of Londonderry to the Derry News.

Smith also stated that recent events with regard to operations of the Times had, "raised sufficient concerns, such that I no longer believe that the Times meets the required standards the town seeks when choosing vendors for professional services."

Smith cited a letter

dated March 28, 2019 by the New Hampshire Attorney General citing several alleged election law violations, "With regards to the Times owner and publisher, Deb Paul's advertisements related to her own candidacy for elected office." Smith states that the political advertisement failed to comply with RSA Chapter 664 in several respects.

Smith stated that Nutfield Publishing failed to file any rate card with the secretary of state office, to which Paul responded, "I informed the Attorney General's office, at the time, that my rate card is published online for all to see." I then asked, "Do all other papers that run political advertisements have their rate cards on file with you office?" His answer was, "I can't respond to that, we don't monitor it."

Smith mentioned that Paul's candidacy, while, "both legal and commendable," created numerous ethical concerns, while still owning and publishing the Times, as it allegedly violated the Code of Ethics to "Act Independently," and "Avoid political and other outside activities that may compromise integrity or impartiality, or may damage credibility." Furthermore, Smith referenced the Committee expressly stating that journalists or anyone

involved with journalism should not run for office themselves.

It should be noted and I quote directly, "The SPJ Code of Ethics is a statement of abiding principles supported by additional explanations and position papers (at spj.org) that address changing journalistic practices. It is not a set of rules, rather a guide that encourages all who engage in journalism to take responsibility for the information they provide, regardless of medium. The code should be read as a whole; individual principles should not be taken out of context. It is not, nor can it be under the First Amendment, legally enforceable."

The Society of Professional Journalists is basically a group that anyone can join. Not all journalists belong to this organization. It is merely an organization of journalists and the Code of Ethics provides suggested guidelines. Paul said, "I am not a member of this organization and frankly had never even heard of this group. After looking at this Code, I strongly feel I did not violate any of the suggested guidelines."

Smith also stated the Town has received regular complaints regarding inaccurate or unedited information in articles, which according to Smith,

"... causes confusion and has required the Town to spend additional monies to correct said misinformation."

Paul responded, "I was not made aware of any complaints, but I would be more than willing to hear and address them myself." Furthermore, Paul reiterated that any mistakes the paper makes, should they be brought to the Publisher's attention, are addressed with a correction and there is never a charge. "In the instance Smith is speaking of, I mistakenly wrote May instead of March in a Bio for the Town Council story we ran. When it was brought to our attention I told the Town we would run a correction, which we did, but they insisted they wanted to run a legal notice as well. This was the first time that the town felt the need to run a paid legal notice for a mistake we made."

Smith also mentioned in the memo that Paul regularly engages in social media, "... in the dissemination of inaccurate information and unsubstantial allegations regarding the Town."

Paul responded that in these particular instances, she is engaging as Debra Paul, not as the Londonderry Times publisher or as Nutfield Publishing. "As a citizen, I have every right to voice

my opinion and perspective on anything I want. The President does it on a daily basis."

Finally, Smith cited Nutfield Publishing's difficulty paying federal taxes in late 2016. Paul responded, "Yes, I owe federal taxes, but the reason the town was notified back then, was because a payment was missed during difficult financial period." She added she has an agreement with the IRS and is in the process of rectifying the situation.

Paul added, "I fail to see how this makes me a bad vendor," Paul stated. "And the fact that this notice was made public by the town, and also

given to our competitor at the time, brings into question the ethics being used at town hall."

The Londonderry Times, is open to any and all feedback from the residents it serves, had little to no opportunity to address these concerns. The goal of the Times, as is the goal of all of Nutfield Publishing newspapers, is to engage readers and keep the people informed.

The Londonderry Times invites its readers to bring any concerns to the publisher's attention, so the newspaper can address those concerns properly.

## OBITUARY

### Martha Green



Martha E. Green, 89, of Londonderry, NH, died Sunday, April 21, 2019, in Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH. She was born in Chelsea, MA on December 3, 1929, a daughter of Robert and Ruth (Harris) Bruce. Martha was known for her

beautiful high heels, impeccable tan and for baking the absolute best ricotta pies. In her younger years, Martha worked designing shoes and other accessories, furthering her love for high heels. She was an elegant woman who adored her granddaughters and her great-grandsons. Despite losing her husband 24 years ago she has never stopped loving him and has the fondest memories of him and their many nights spent dancing.

She is survived by her son, Daniel S. Green and wife Yvonne; two granddaughters, Vanessa LaMalfa and Janelle Jones and husband Chris; two great-grandchildren, Paul and James LaMalfa; brother, Fred Bruce and many nieces and nephews. Martha is predeceased by her beloved husband, Daniel R. Green; two brothers, Robert Bruce, Sr. and Malcolm Bruce and two sisters, Ethel Sullivan and Caroline Gill.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held Wednesday, April 24, from 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd. Londonderry. A memorial service will follow at 5:30 p.m.

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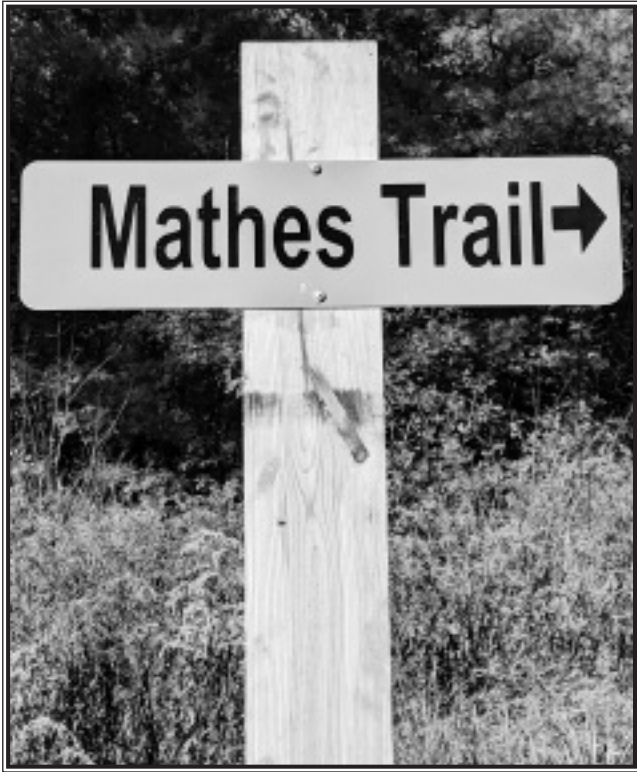
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# Eagle Project Completed In The Musquash Conservation Area



One of many new signs added in the Musquash Conservation Area by Eagle Scout Justin Jolicouer.

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A young Londonderry resident, Justin Jolicouer, completed a variety of improvements to the Musquash Conservation Area as part of his Eagle Scout service project. Working in consultation with the Conservation Commission, he greatly expanded the number of trail signs to make it easier for the public to navigate the roughly 1,100-acre conservation area.

Jolicouer, who frequently mountain bikes in the Musquash, got the idea while on one of his rides. Charlie Goodspeed, owner of DG Cycle where Jolicouer works part-time, put him in touch with the Conservation

Commission to get their input.

Jolicouer, of Troop 521 in Londonderry, presented his plan to the Conservation Commission, his troop Scoutmaster and a local Board of Review for approval last year. He then worked during the Fall to fundraise and complete the work.

The signage improvement effort started with navigating the over ten miles of trails to identify locations where more signs were needed. After reviewing the locations with the Conservation Commission, he then created and installed trail signs on trees in upwards of twenty locations.

He also added many "you are here" signs at trail junctions. These

signs include localized maps, GPS coordinates and directions to the nearest Musquash trailhead. Years ago, Londonderry Trailways started installing such signs on heavy duty wooden posts. That work fell off but was finished by Jolicouer.

In many cases he created and added the signs to the empty posts that Trailways had installed. In other cases, he updated the maps to correct errors and reflect changes. In a handful of cases, he had to carry in the heavy posts and install them in holes that he dug by hand.

In addition to the trail signs, Jolicouer also built a small woodshed at the Landing Area to store firewood that is used by the Conservation Commission during the winter Musquash Field Day. He also constructed a plank walkway at one spot along the new Mathes Trail to allow trail users to cross over a small stream.

Jolicouer spent

approximately 70 hours on the service project. He said the most time-consuming part of the project was creating the "you-are-here" signs on Microsoft Publisher using maps provided by the town GIS department.

Now a senior at LHS, Jolicouer has been in the scouting program since second grade. Starting as a cub scout, he advanced to boy scout and then worked through the Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life ranks before finishing at the highest level, Eagle.

Jolicouer has completed all the requirements for Eagle Scout and will receive his rank in a ceremony planned for June 2019. In addition to the service project, Jolicouer had to earn 21 merit badges, assume a leadership position in his troop, document other leadership roles inside and outside of the troop and provide personal references to vouch for his character.

## Community Caregivers of Greater Derry to Host Non-Profit Give Back Night, May 8

Non-Profit Give Back Night, a benefit fundraiser at La Carreta's in Londonderry, will be held by The Community Caregivers of Greater Derry and The Loaner's Closet on Wednesday, May 8. This event will happen throughout the day.

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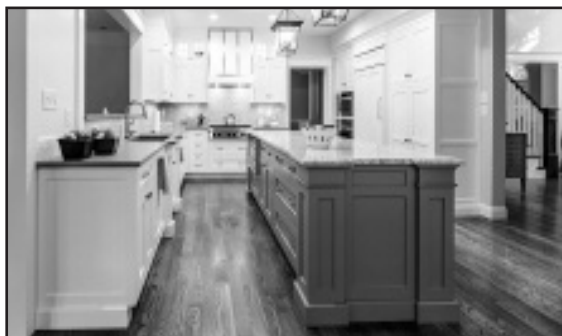
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# Eleven High School Contestants Battle to Wear the Mr. LHS Crown



After deadlifting 675 pounds as the final contestant during the annual Mr. LHS competition, Patrick Hagearty was named this year's winner. Eleven other students took to the stage at the Londonderry High School gymnasium to show off their skills a dazzle the judges, but Hagearty came out on top. Other performers included: Evan Cormier, Devin Janas, Ian Goodspeed, Jimmy Fitzgibbons, Mike Crowley, Kyle Bernard, Cam Ness, Pat Cohan, Eric Nowak and Harry Feig.

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## High School Has a New Bowling Club

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School's Assistant Principal, Katie Sullivan, recently started a Bowling Club at the school, and the first meeting took place at the Merrimack Ten Pin on Thursday, April 11.

Ms. Sullivan says that during the winter, she contacted the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) and inquired about the possibility to open a Varsity Bowling team at Londonderry High School, but found that the commitment was too big, and the decision was made

to start as a club and build on that.

There were 15 Varsity Bowling teams in New Hampshire in the 2018-19 winter season.

The Londonderry High School Bowling Club is currently open to any student who wants to join and meets every other Thursday to play "two games for fun and then the third match for competitive fun", as Ms. Sullivan called it. Students who want to become part of the club should see Ms. Sullivan and the fee, which covers the three games and the bowling shoes, is \$13.



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## LHS Hosts its First Track and Field Meet of the Season

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One week after some bad weather made it impossible for the Londonderry High School's Outdoor Track and Field team to complete what was supposed to be the teams first home meet of the season, things went much better Tuesday, April 16, as the Lancers, Winnacunnet and Dover competed, with the home team finishing second in both the boys (58 points) and girls (65) meetings.

Brian LeClair was tied for third in Pole Vault (8') and Patrick Hagearty won the Shot Put with 48'2.5", with Eugene Donovan placing third (36'6"). Hagearty was also the Discus Throw Winner

(136'4"), way ahead of the rest of the field, with Zachary Chau getting the second place (98'1"), as well as the second place in Javelin Throw (119').

Londonderry took 1-2-3 in the 100-Meter Dash with Justin Cussidy (11.8), Damon MacLeod (11.8) and Jake Holland (12.2) and won the 4X100 with a time of 45.9 seconds. MacLeod was the 300-Meter Hurdles winner (44.0) and Cassidy of the 200-Meters (23.8), where Khalique Bagley finished third (25.8). Christopher Burpeau placed fourth in the 3,200-Meter run (10.40.3 minutes).

For the girls, at Pole Vault Maddie Croteau took first with 9', Ashley Griffin, third at 8'6" and

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Patrick Hagearty continued his dominance in the state by winning both the Discus and Shot Put events during the teams home meet last week.



Maddie Croteau came back from a season-ending ankle injury last season to win last week with a 9-foot pole vault. Photos by Chris Paul

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# Lancer Tennis Teams Complete a Three-Meet Week

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It was another busy week for the Londonderry High School Varsity Tennis teams, with both groups playing in three matches.

The girls team started on Tuesday, April 16, with a tough 5-4 home loss to Winnacunnet, who won the ninth and final match to take the victory. Rachel

Cook gave Londonderry a point with an 8-6 win; Rachel Court won her singles match 8-3 and the two played doubles together, winning an impressive 8-1 match. Melanie Methot won her singles match 8-2.

On Thursday, April 18, coach Betty Mak and her team traveled to Hudson to take on Alvirne High School, the match-up had

the Lancers only able to come out with one point, losing 8-1. The LHS squads only point was won by Amanda Wells, who beat Emilienne Tar-rani 8-2.

Then, back home the next day, the Lady Lancers lost in straight sets, 9-0 to state champions Derryfield. Mary Nicoli (one game) and Emily Hatem and Methot

in their doubles match (four games) were the only ones who managed to win any games for Londonderry.

The boys traveled all the way out to the sea-coast and played the Winnacunnet Warriors on Wednesday, April 17, winning 7-2. Cam Ness (8-3), freshman Camden Poitras (8-1), Jay Hayes (8-2) and Tanner Fortier (8-4) won their singles matches and the Lancers swept the doubles matches, with Ness and Hayes winning 8-3, Poitras and Fortier winning 8-2 and Ben Doris and Jacob Escott finishing with the same result.

The next match scheduled for the Lady Lancers is a trip to Nashua South High School on Monday, April 29, followed by a home meeting with the Concord girls on Wednesday, May 1.



Junior Lancer Rachel Court was an 8-3 winner in her singles match and a 8-1 win in doubles against Winnacunnet. Photo by Chris Paul

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# LHS Softball Evens Record with a Three-Game Winning Streak

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After dropping the first three games of the season, Londonderry High School's Varsity Softball team bounced back nicely as they went on a three-game winning streak last week, bringing the team's record to 3-3 for the season.

Londonderry's home game against Exeter was moved from Monday to Tuesday, April 16, and the Lady Lancers came out on top, winning by a score of 6-4. The visitors scored with the lead-off player, but the home team got a

run in the first and second. The fast pace continued and after Exeter equaled the score in the top of the third, LHS scored again in the bottom of the inning. Exeter made it 3-3 in the fourth, but Londonderry again answered with two runs and after Exeter cut the deficit by half in the fifth, Londonderry got a big run in the seventh and was able to hold off the late comeback attempt.

The next day, the Lady Lancers beat the girls from Timberlane in a close 12-11 battle. Londonderry scored two

runs in each of the first four innings, but a big fourth inning by the visitors (five runs) led to an 8-8 tie. Each team scored once in the fifth and Timberlane took the lead, scoring twice more, but Londonderry answered with three runs in the bottom of the seventh, including a walk-off hit by Delaney McGrath.

Then, on Monday, April 22, the Lady Lancers traveled to Bedford, and came away with a big 3-2 win. Olivia Chau, as the lead-off batter, scored quickly for LHS, but Bedford made it 1-1 with a home run in the

second. The visiting team scored twice in the fourth and the Bulldogs got their second home run in the sixth, to bring the score to 3-2 in favor of Londonderry. A huge defensive play in the seventh inning turned a possible Bedford one-out triple into an out and the Lancers went on to win the game.

In that play, Bedford tried to stretch a double hit to centerfield to a triple, but junior Gia Komst threw her out with her throw to Delaney McGurn at third base.

Coach Wayne MacDougall commented on the game, "The play in the end was huge. We are fighting better in the last game. We still have a long way to go. Defense was way better. We only scored three runs. It usually won't be enough, but we still got the win. I am really excited about this team and proud of them."



Junior Pitcher Jilian Glynn led the Lady Lancers to a third win in a row with a solid in Bedford.

Photo by Idan Vinitsky

## LHS Baseball Team Stays Hot, Retain Their Perfect Record

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Last year, Londonderry High School's Varsity Baseball team had a slow start, but enjoyed a good second half of the season. Not this year. After two weeks of baseball, the Lancers have a perfect record 5-0, and are clicking on all cylinders early in the season.

LHS had back-to-back road games on Tuesday, April 16, at Exeter and on Wednesday, April 17 at Timberlane High School and ended up winning both of them.

Against Exeter, Londonderry took the lead with a single run in the second inning and the home team scored twice in the fourth, before coach Brent Demas saw his players scoring twice in the fifth to win it 3-2. Pitcher Nolan Linoln was the hero for Londonderry, pitching a complete game and striking out nine batters, while allowing only six hits and two runs. Londonderry got RBIs from Reece Manor, Nick Cote and Jack Dingman.

The next day, the Lancers exploded in the third inning, coming back from a 4-0 Timberlane start with 11 runs and adding one in the fourth and the fifth and two in the

sixth, to get a great 15-6 win. Offense was led by Manor, with three hits and four RBIs. Chris Tutt sent three runs home and Luke Marsh and Brandon Fish had a couple of RBIs each. Sean Cavanaugh finished with three hits. Owen MacDonnell was pulled out after 1 1/3 innings and four

earned runs. Evan Cormier replaced him and pitched 5 2/3 strong innings, allowing only three hits and two more runs.

Londonderry's home game scheduled for Monday, April 22, against Bedford was postponed, because of rain, to Thursday, April 25, at noon.



### LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT Summer Enrichment Programs

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# LHS Volleyball Team Still Looking for First Win of Season

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**L**ondonderry High School's Varsity Volleyball team played three times last week and despite winning their first sets of the season, coach Jon Buatti and his players are still trying to break through for their first win of the season.

Last Wednesday, April 17, the Lancers lost three sets to one at Keene High School. The opening set was one sided (25-10) and Keene took the second as well (25-20), but Londonderry fought hard and stayed in the game with a dramatic 26-24 victory in



*Harrison Feig and his fellow Lancer volleyball players battled BG on Monday evening.*

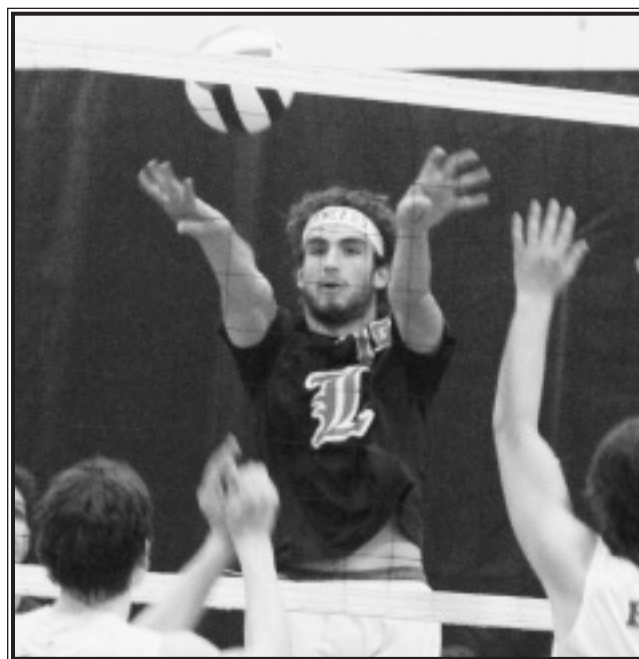
the third, before Keene closed the game with a 25-20 fourth set.

Two days later, the Lancers did not stand a chance on the road

against the two-time Division I state champions Timberlane Regional High School, losing in three straight sets, 25-7, 25-9 and 25-14.

On Monday, April 22, the Lancer squad returned to its home court to hosted the Bishop Guertin for what wound up being a close match, that ended with a four sets Cardinals win. The visitors took the first set (25-17) and Londonderry leveled the match with a 25-20 in the second, before BG got victories in the third (25-19) and fourth (25-16).

Londonderry has another difficult match-up this week, as they play on the road against the Salem Blue Devils on Thursday, April 25.



*Senior Lancer James Buttafuoco is one of the major forces at the net for this year's Londonderry Lancer Volleyball squad. Photos by Chris Paul*

## Track

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Sophie Hagymas fourth with a similar result. Akolam Wambu placed fourth in the Shot Put (26'3.5") and in Discus Throw, Paige Velie finished second (82'3") and Wambu third (79'3"). Makenzie Gagne (69'5") and Sage Matzger (56'9") took third and fourth respectively in Javelin Throw.

Julia Ethier won the Long Jump (14'2") and Erica Waters finished third (13'4"), Hagymas was fourth in the Triple Jump (28'10") and in the 100-Meter Hurdles, Nikki Longua won with 17.6 seconds and Seana Kelly was second, with the same time. Griffin won the 100 Meter Dash (13.7 seconds) and Jenny Dutra placed third (14.9). Caitlin Boufford was fourth in the 1,600 Meters

(6:04.4) and the relay team won the 4X100 with 53.3. Kelly was the 300 Meter Hurdles winner (53.40) and Longua of the 200-Meter Dash (29.2), where Waters took second place (30.1) and Ethier fourth (30.3). Finally, Grace McDonough won the 3,200-Meters with 12.28.7.

The Lancers continued to participate on Saturday, Apr. 20) in the 14th annual Nashua North Invitational. Cassidy placed fifth for the boys in the 100-Meter Dash (11.87) and third in the 200 (23.69). Matthew Griffin finished the 1 Mile Run after 4:33.92 minutes, which was good for fifth

place and MacLeod was sixth in the 300 Meter Hurdles (45.01). Hagearty took second place in Shot Put (45'7") and third in Discus Throw (114'3").

Ashley Griffin won the 100-Meter Dash with 13.48 seconds, after having only the 11th best time in the qualifying round. Kelly took fourth place in 100-Meter Hurdles (17.70) and the relay team was sixth in 4X100 (Croteau, Griffin, Hagymas and Longua - 53.41) and fourth in 4X800 (Jasmine Brown, Cailey McDonough, Kaelyn Rourke and Boufford - 10:50.83). Suzie Moore took second place in Pole Vault with a 9' finish.

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## Athletes of the Week

Week of April 14

**Cam Ness**  
Senior - Boys Tennis



Ness posted 8-0 scores against both Manchester Memorial and Spaulding High School in each of his singles first matches. Ness also had 8-2, 8-4 wins in his two doubles matches as well in those matches.

**Amanda Wells**  
Senior, Girls Tennis



Wells has proven to win points with increased strength in her swift cross court returns this season. Wells has helped her fellow Lady Lancers teammates enjoy a strong start this year.

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# Girls Lax Squad Gets One Big Win, and One Tough Loss

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With a dominant win and a lopsided loss, Londonderry High School's Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team ended the second week of the season with a 2-3 record.

The Lady Lancers hosted Manchester Central on Tuesday, April 16, and were able to quickly put behind their loss to Pinkerton the previous day, with a 23-12 victory. The locals built a big lead in the first half and finished the opening 25 minutes up by 10 goals (14-4).

The second half was more even, but Londonderry's lead was not threatened until the end of the game.

Grace Chicko was unstoppable, scoring seven goals and assisting five more. Lauren Doherty scored five times and Sarah Duarte four. Hannah McCutcheon and Jenna Stowell finished with two goals each and Maddy Walden, Ciara Amerena and Izzy Augusta with one.

Two days later, the Lady Cardinals of Bishop Guertin proved to be just too strong for the Lady Lancers, winning 20-4 at

the Lancer field.

The visiting BG team scored the first six goals of the game before Doherty was finally able to put the Lancers on the board.

It was 11-2 for the Lady Cardinals at halftime and the next 25 minutes did not look too different. Doherty finished with two goals and Stowell and Duarte with one.

The Londonderry girls were scheduled a road game against Salem on Tuesday, after the Londonderry Times went to print and will host Hanover on Saturday, April 27, starting at 11 a.m.



Grace Chicko, right, scored seven times in the Lancer game against Manchester Central last week and Sarah Duarte got four. Photos by Chris Paul

## Lancer Boys Lacrosse Squad Scores 17 at Keene, Loses to BG

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Boys' Varsity Lacrosse team had mixed results last week, starting with a 17-8 win at Keene High School and then going on to give Bishop Guertin a bit of a fight before falling 14-7 to last year's DI runner ups.

The Lancers had a terrific first quarter against Keene on Tuesday, April 16, leading 7-1 after 12 minutes and setting the tone for the rest of the game. The home team closed some of the gap in the next quarter, but Londonderry still led 9-5 at the break and scored eight more goals in the

second half, leaving Keene well behind. Cole Keegan and Anthony Federico both finished with hat tricks, while James Toomy, Blake Melnik and Aidan Dennis scored twice each. The five other scorers were Zach Fawcett, Hunter Smith, Jack Kester, Derek Mower and Jacob Naar.

Two days after that win, Londonderry played BG at Stellos Stadium in Nashua and found themselves down 7-0 in the middle of the second quarter, before scoring three straight goals.

The local squad stopped Londonderry's run with a goal, just 14 seconds before halftime and led 12-4 entering the final quarter, where the Lancers were able to score three more times. Keegan had his second three-goal game of the week and Dennis scored two, with Mower and Toomy completing the goal scoring list for the visitors.

The Lancerboys lacrosse squad was scheduled to host the Salem Blue Devils on Tuesday, April 23, after the Londonderry Times press time, and will play Exeter on the road on Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m.



Senior Lancer attacker Anthony Federico scored three times in the teams game against Keene High School last week. Photo by Chris Paul

## Three Local Boys Gymnasts Have Success in New England Event

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The annual Men's Region 6 Championships were held at the Westfield State University for Level 4, 5, 6, 7 and Junior Developmental (JD) on April 13 and 14. The competitions are a qualification-only event for the top gymnasts from

New England.

In Level 5, Zachary Crimmins, of Londonderry, finished sixth on the Rings at his 11+ Year Age Division. In the JD competition, Logan Bower, of Londonderry, placed fourth on Vault and Sixth on Parallel Bars in the 13-14 Year Age Division. Nolan McKivergan, also

from Londonderry, finished sixth on Parallel Bars in the 15-18 Year Age Division.

The three local gymnasts are part of the Impact Gymnastics Academy in Bow and are coached by Craig Thibodeau, Tyler Reimer and Stu Goldstein.

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: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

## Londonderry Rail Trail Spring Clean-up

Londonderry Trailways has rescheduled its annual spring rail trail clean-up due to recent rain for Saturday, May 4, 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.

## Hypnotist Show

Help support Boy Scout Troop 109 by attending a Hypnotist Show on Friday, May 3, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and will be held at Londonderry South School. Be an Audience Member or a Participant.

## Summer Enrichment Programs

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## Creating with Pressed Flowers

The Leach Library will host "Art from the Garden - Creating with Pressed Flowers" on Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. Ms. Roden will offer ways to preserve flowers, leaves, and other plant material and transform them into beautiful art. She will share some of her own work as well as various flower pressing techniques, tips, and ideas. The event 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.

## Fun & Games

On Thursday, May 9, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Participants in grades 6 - 12 can take part in an enjoyable hour of fun games and activities at the Leach Library. Participants are encouraged to bring their own games to share with the group. In addition, at this special event, snacks and beverages will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is required.

## Open House Sunday Camp

Etz Hayim Synagogue Invites you and your youngsters, age 4 to 6 years old to explore our wonderful program and join us for an Ice Cream Social on Sunday May 19, from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Our Sunday Camp is a program geared towards introducing children and their parents to Jewish culture, holidays and the Hebrew language, in a warm and fun filled way. Please R.S.V.P. to [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 432-0004 by May 16. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located on 1 1/2 Hood Rd. Derry, NH.

## Bremen Town Musicians Puppet Show

What are a donkey, a dog, a cat, and a rooster to do when they have to leave

the farm? Try to become world famous musicians, of course! Join CactusHead Puppets on Monday, May 13, from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Leach Library for the hilarious tale of four farm animals who set out on the road to Bremen to pursue their dreams of fame and fortune, and come together to create beautiful music and a new home. 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 Monday, May 6.

## Exchange Student Program

Greenheart Exchange has many wonderful exchange students. Would you like to enrich your family, community and school? Ask about hosting an exchange student. Want to know more? Contact Ginger Smith 603-397-2494 email [grandmaginger15@gmail.com](mailto:grandmaginger15@gmail.com)

## Antiques Appraisal Day!

The Historical Society will hold Antiques Appraisal Day on Sunday, May 19, starting at 1 p.m. doors open at 12:30 p.m. Bring your antiques, collectibles & family treasures to the Londonderry Historical Society's second annual event featuring Daniel F. Reidy, appraiser/antiques dealer/auctioneer. Reidy has 30+ years experience and is the owner of Discerning Eye, an estate appraisal and disposition planning business. The Morrison House Museum, 140 Pillsbury Rd, Londonderry. See more at [www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety](http://www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety)

## Hop into It!

Join us on Tuesday, May 28, from 4 - 5 p.m. for a program full of high energy fun at the Leach Library. During this program, participants

will hear stories of the many different animals that hop. From leaping frogs and hopping bunnies to bouncing kangaroos and jumping fleas, participants will enjoy these exciting tales. We will also learn some fun animal facts and will end our program with a race to see which animal can hop fastest. Each participant will leave with a bouncing plush bunny ball to help them keep the fun hopping along. This adventurous program is open to 90 participants of all ages, and advance registration is required.

## Healthy Kids Day

The YMCA of Greater Londonderry's Healthy Kids Day takes place on Sunday, May 5 at 206 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry, from 1 - 3 p.m. For more information, please contact Lisa Fitzgerald, Branch Director at [lfitzgerald@graniteymca.org](mailto:lfitzgerald@graniteymca.org) or call 603.437.9622.

## Car Seat Check Event

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## Remembrance Concert

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Concert on Wednesday May 1, at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. A concert of music composed by those who perished or survived the camps. Viktor Ullman's Quartet #3; Gideon Klein's Opus 2; Simon Laks' String Quartet and Erwin Shuloff's Stucke Fur Streichquartett Performed by NH Lakes Region Symphony String Quartet Including Memorial Candle Lighting, Prayers of Remembrance and Kaddish.

## Community Toy Sale

Save the Date! Saturday

May 18, at Matthew Thornton Elementary is the Annual Community Toy Sale. 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 be donated to the Londonderry Elementary and Kindergarten PTAs. For consignment sale rules and to register, visit the Leach Library or [www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toysale](http://www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toysale). The event is hosted by the Londonderry Women's Club. Go to [www.londonderrywomensclub.org](http://www.londonderrywomensclub.org)

## Opioid addiction forum

An open forum on Opioid addiction will be free to the public on May 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Londonderry High School. For more info [tkoski@londonderryhnpd.org](mailto:tkoski@londonderryhnpd.org).

## Q & A with Ted Kitchens

Airport of the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, director Ted Kitchens, will hold a Q&A on Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m.

## Vintage Movie Night

Roman Novarro in 'The Flying Fleet' (1929) Classic aviation drama filmed on location at U.S. Navy bases; silent with live music will be shown on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum. Cost for Londonderry, residents \$5 for members, \$10 for members-yet-to-be.

## Revival: Reimagined

Join us for an inclusive day of welcome on May 4, with music, spirituality, and exploration. In the afternoon (1 p.m.), we are excited to hear the Rev. Tricia Lyons (Missioner for Evangelism and Community Engagement in the Diocese of Washington DC and author of 'Teaching Faith With Harry Potter') as our featured speaker to learn how to share our faith, engage our communities, to make a difference and find deeper peace and meaning in our lives. In the evening (6 p.m.), we will gather for song and celebration and close our day with a festive Eucharist as God's people. Come for all of the day or some. This is a free event that includes dinner and refreshments throughout the day. This event is a collaboration between two Episcopal Churches in Southern New Hampshire, St. Christo-

pher's in Hampstead and St. Peter's in Londonderry, and is funded by a grant given by the Mission Resource Council of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire. It is open, free of charge to the public, and includes dinner. Our focus area is Southern New Hampshire.

## Londonderry 50+ Softball League

The Londonderry 50+ Softball League is looking for players for the upcoming season. The league is for players 50 and over. The league is primary for Londonderry residents but non-residents are welcomed consistent with town restrictions. We play Tuesdays starting at 6:30 p.m. Expect to start playing sometime in April ending sometime in October. If you are interested in playing contact Jim Edwards at [jimedwards48@comcast.net](mailto:jimedwards48@comcast.net) or call 603-432-5720.

## Giant Yard Sale

Londonderry Lions Giant Yard Sale is on April 27, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE! At the Londonderry Lions Hall, Rt. 128, 256 Mammoth Road, across from the Town Common. Donate your goods to the Lions! April 15 thru the Friday before the sale at the Londonderry Lions Shelter. Please, no large kitchen appliances, couches, skis, air conditioners, computers or TV's. Sell your own Goods by renting spaces, by call Tom in advance at 603-548-5011. Proceeds for donated goods and rented spaces to benefit: Lions Local Charities including Local Eye Care.

## Free Symphony String Quartet Concert

On May 1, at 7 p.m., to commemorate the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism ("Yom HaShoah Ve-Hagevurah"), Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Windham, is hosting an evening concert featuring the New Hampshire Lakes Region Symphony String Quartet. In addition to a memorial candle lighting and prayers of remembrance, the Quartet will present music composed by those who perished in or survived the camps: Viktor Ullman's Quartet #3, Gideon Klein's Opus 2;

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Simon Laks' String Quartet; and Erwin Shuloff's Stucke Fur Streichquartett. The concert is generously supported by Etz Hayim Synagogue of Derry, NH, Etz Hayim's William Einhorn Interfaith Education Fund, and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. Although the event is free, we would appreciate those who plan to attend to, if possible, RSVP on Etz Hayim Synagogue's Facebook page.

### Londonderry Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on May 15, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers) Proof of age Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to

register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

### Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

### Teen Information for Parenting Success

A weekly support program for young parents ages 13 to 23 will meet every Wednesday, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Childcare available. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 12.

### Vaping Deterrent Workshop

Do you know someone who is looking to give up vaping? This workshop will show teens how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options. On

Thursday, May 2, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Participants will gain strength by being with other people also trying to quit. This event costs \$25. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 15. Will also be held on June 6.

### Transitions Young Adult Strategies

A new group where young adults can talk about things that are challenging meets every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome. Call 437-8477 to register ext. 24 for more information/options for dates and times.

### UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.

### Londonderry Early Education Program

Now accepting applica-

tions for the 2019-2020 school year! Are you considering preschool for your child? If your child turned 3 by Sept. 1 and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling your child in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool program. We are a developmentally appropriate preschool that is respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. Our teachers are all certified educators and the program is provided by the Londonderry School District. Programs for three-year old preschoolers meet from 8:45 - 11 a.m. either 2 or 4 days per week and our program for our prekindergarten students meet from 12 - 2:30 p.m. either 3 or 4 days per week. Tuition rates are: Preschool: \$150 per month for a 2 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Prekindergarten: \$180 per month for a 3 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online

on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Kathy Kelley at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Kathy Kelley at kkelley@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

### Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

### Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in New Hampshire meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

### Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. all seniors over 55 are welcome, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee

per card. If you want more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

### 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.

### Journey of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 - 7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and chaos of addiction; through education, encouraging support and compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journeyofhopenh@gmail.com



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