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## Bunny Clean-Up

Kennedy Welsh collected over a dozen plastic eggs during the annual Egg Hunt at Londonderry High School. The event was organized by the Class of 2023 and featured about 10,000 eggs on the LHS track. See more photos page 8 and 9. Photo by Chris Paul

## Rules of Public Comment Brought Up Again at Council

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The rules on how public comment is allowed to be conducted was once again addressed at the Town Council meeting on Monday night, April 10.

Resident Glenn Douglas, began the discus-

sion and spoke on a number of issues he felt needed to be addressed by the council.

He began by saying he was happy to see that the council has started to record their decisions through a role call vote, mentioning that the rule was established in the Town Charter. He added,

"This is the first time in 16-years that I've seen that," referring to the voting method.

Douglas also pointed out some confusion regarding the new rules for Public Comment, saying that he was told the rules were adopted in 2017, but after some

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## Black Tells Board, "We're a Very Safe School District"

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After having a moment of silence for victims of the latest school shooting during the beginning of the meeting, the School Board received an update regarding safety upgrades during the April 4 meeting.

"I think what we see internally is anytime another incident happens everyone gets worried," said Superintendent, Dan Black.

He said he wanted to

reiterate how safe the schools are in Londonderry.

"We're a very safe school district," said Black.

Black pointed to things like the emergency operations committee, which includes school resource officers as why he feels the district is safe. He also pointed to the second Alice drill taking place.

"We're in a really good place," said Black.

The district is currently in the process to make upgrades to the

district's safety infrastructure.

Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, pointed out that they have three major funding sources right now for the upgrades, which includes a grant and two warrant articles that were approved.

"I thought it was a good time to update the School Board and the public about where we stand," said McKenney.

McKenney stated that the \$560,000 SAFE

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## Young Road Project Hits a Snag at Planning Board

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board were scheduled to review a proposed subdivision plan during its April 5 board meeting, but far too many waivers got in the way of moving forward with that review.

The developers proposal is for 21 single-family homes at 20 and 22 Young Road. Variations of this plan have been discussed conceptually for a number of months by various town boards and commissions.

Initially the plan was to put well over double that amount of dwellings on the two properties.

The issue the Planning Board had to address during the meeting was in regards to the

waivers being requested by the owner of Cedar Crest Development, Aaron Orso.

"Before we get to the plan we have to determine if it's complete," said Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said she had just received a waiver request for the 10 outstanding checklist items, and because she didn't have time to review it all, they were recommending that the application not be considered complete.

Caron pointed out that one of the items that was missing was the stormwater report. It was explained that a version of the report was submitted as part of the design review, however,

it wasn't part of the formal submission.

Planning Board member, Jake Butler, said it sounded like there was a conversation about everything by everyone involved, but "It's just not in the checklist itself."

Butler, who appeared to be speaking in favor of forgoing the oversight said, "It almost seems more of a housekeeping issue."

Another one of the waivers being requested

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# State Approve Rolling Meadows Over \$4M for Water Supply

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission met on Monday of this week and announced that the Rolling Meadows Condo Association in Londonderry is scheduled to receive over \$4 million through PFAS Remedia-

tion Loan Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

The funding will be for a drinking water connection to the Pen-nichuck Water Works Company to rectify PFAS that have been discovered in the association's groundwater.

The funds the local condo association will

be receiving are largely targeted for construction costs, which are estimated at \$3.5 million with a \$350,000 added as a contingency. There is also roughly another \$215,000 in planning, engineering and legal costs.

The funds they will be receiving are from three different sources.

There will \$2 million from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWSRF) loan; \$1.5 million from a Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Remediation Loan Fund (PFAS RLF) Grant; and \$565,000 through a PFAS RLF Loan. The \$2M DWSRF loan will be forgiven, leaving the association to pick up the

remaining \$565,000.

The project is expected to start with the design by June 15 of this year with a construction start date of April 1, 2024. The anticipated completion of the project is expected to happen by June 15, 2025.

The project will benefit roughly 614 residents at Rolling Meadows.

In 2022, the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund awarded a total of \$26,612,380 for Drinking Water Assistance Loans; Drinking Water Assistance Grants; New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Programs; and Source Water Protection Grants.

# Historical Significance Questioned at Heritage Commission Meeting

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Heritage Commission reviewed a site plan amendment to merge two existing lots during their March 23 meeting. The proposal was to merge 215 and 217 Rockingham Road into one lot and the owner of V&W Investment Group, LLC

proposed to construct a 16 unit residential building.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said that the proposal was originally to be a mixed use site for commercial and residential when they went to the Planning Board last year for a conceptual discussion. However, it was decided to go

with just residential.

"It's since changed to the 16 two-bedroom unit residential only," Caron said.

One of the questions raised during the meeting came from David Ellis, who questioned whether or not there is any historical value to it.

He said he didn't know why the original

building was recognized as a historical resource by the state, which is a database kept by the state. Ellis said he didn't have access to the database to see why it was historic.

Caron said they can look into it, but didn't have any additional information.

"I don't have any

additional information," Caron said about the potential historical significance.

Vice Chair, Art Rugg, said by looking at it, he doesn't see anything historic about it.

"To me it doesn't look historic," Rugg said.

He also noted that it wasn't on the historic properties list for the town, which was developed from a 2006 task force.

However, Heritage Commission Chair, Christopher Kenney, said that it made sense to look into the historical significance first before moving forward.

"It doesn't look anything special to me either," Kenney said.

Aside from the question of whether or not there was any historical significance, Kenney noted they were missing information, including a lighting plan. The applicant wasn't in attendance to answer any question.

"This is missing a lot of stuff," Kenney said.

Caron said she didn't think it would be unreasonable for the applicant to come in if they have additional questions.

"I don't want to misrepresent what their intentions are," Caron said.

In terms of signage, Caron stated that she believed there wouldn't be any signage other than potentially a wall sign on the building.

"My understanding is there is no proposed signage," Caron said.

Overall, Kenney said that he thought the rendering presented looked good.

"The rendering looks decent to me," Kenney said.

The Commission ultimately decided to recommend that the applicant come back with material samples and with a design that had more color variation. Kenney said he also hopes to have someone in attendance to answer any questions they have.

## District

Continued from page 1 grant mostly funded the access controls on all the different doors across the district.

"Which means you have to have a badge to get in," said McKenney.

McKenney noted that the latest article will allow them to complete the interior door locks at all of the schools. Particularly it will pay for the

door locks at the high school, middle school, and south school. She added that they would bid out for them and they would come back to the School Board to report out what the bids are when the information comes in.

She told the board they would also be bidding out for the access controls. Unlike the emergency alert buttons, McKenney said the

access controls can be done after school throughout the school year.

McKenney said they would also be getting interior door locks as well, which means if there is an emergency, the alert button will be triggered and the doors will automatically lock, taking away the human element.

She said they experience supply chain issues.



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# Middle School Promotion Ceremony Set For June 14

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the agenda items discussed during the March 21 School Board meeting was in regards to the promotional ceremony for Londonderry Middle School.

It was explained by Londonderry Middle School Principal, William Van Bennekum, that last year they decided they would "reignite" their 8th grade promotion ceremony.

"We're in place to do that," said Van Bennekum.

Van Bennekum said the ceremony will be taking place on Wednesday June 14 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. and will be taking place at the High School. He added that the high school students would be out by 11:30 a.m. when their exams end.

Following the ceremony, Van Bennekum said that families and those in attendance would have the chance to take photos.

For attire, he stated that they would be giving the students Londonderry High School t-shirts with the names of

all the students in the Class of 2027. He explained that it might be difficult to have formal attire since the students would be walking from the middle school to the high school.

"It will be casual attire," said Van Bennekum.

Van Bennekum said they will take a "ceremonial walk" where they become an official high schooler and will be greeted by their house assistant principal. He added that when they get to the high school they are split up into "houses" by alphabetical order.

"For the first time they'll be all together by

a house," said Van Bennekum.

Van Bennekum said they will be working with the high school for a guest speaker, possibly the senior class president or student council president.

From the middle school, Van Bennekum said they will have short speeches from some of the students and music selection by some students or by a student.

One question asked was whether or not there will be a limit on how many guests they could have per student.

It was pointed out by Londonderry High School Principal, Jason

Parent, that they can hold up to about 2,000 people.

"I think we'll be all set," Van Bennekum said.

Van Bennekum said it would also be the last day of school for eighth graders.

"They will finish on this day," Van Bennekum said.

Van Bennekum stated that there was a Committee of eighth grade teachers and himself that helped to organize the ceremony.

It was also noted during the meeting that in April there would be two Chaos & Kindness performances at the Middle

School Gym.

Van Bennekum explained that they would have two different performances, one for fifth and sixth graders and the other for seventh and eighth graders.

He said that the performers are good with the age groups.

"They are very good with this age group," Van Bennekum said.

He said the middle school PTO would be buying t-shirts to have raffled off. He added that each of the elementary school PTAS have donated to share in the costs of the fifth graders going to the middle school for the event.

## OBITUARY

### Barbara Ruth Sheppard Berg



Barbara Ruth Sheppard Berg of Londonderry passed unexpectedly on March 28, 2023 in Cape Coral Florida surrounded by her loving family members.

She was born in Lynn to Lesley and Harriet, and raised in Somerville, MA, where she met and married Martin Berg.

Together they had two children Donna and William.

They moved to Burlington, MA. where they resided for 40 years. While in Burlington Barbara developed her passion for Ceramics. She cultivated this passion into a career of teaching and helping others in their pursuit of ceramics. Her devotion to this teaching reached all levels of individuals from students to seniors to special needs individuals.

When she retired she and Martin moved to Londonderry to be closer to their children and grandchildren. After Martins passing Barbara continued to travel to Florida where she spent many a carefree winter. While in Florida she met Doctor Paul Minnillo (Doc) and developed a deep and loving companionship.

Barbara is survived by her children William Berg and his wife Donna, Donna Podziewski and her husband Chip. Grandchildren Jasmine Gosselin, Gerry McGee, Martin Berg, Greta Campbell, Amanda Berg, Bill Berg, Robbie Faria, Austin Podziewski, Barbara Faria and 14 Great Grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Doris Ogren and her husband Brad.

She is predeceased by her two brothers William and Richard.

Memorial Service to be held on Saturday May 20th beginning at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 11 Dan Hill Rd., in Londonderry, NH.

In lieu of flowers donations are requested in her name to Our Place, a future residence for adults with special needs in Dover, NH. They can be reached at the following link: [www.ourplacenh.org/support-us](http://www.ourplacenh.org/support-us).

## Young Road

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was in regards to all the different lots having lot numbers identified by the assessor.

However, it was argued that they couldn't get those numbers without the merger going through first.

Caron stated that she has seen merger requests with formal submissions in the past, so they can identify the lot in advance.

She explained if they

were to accept any of the waivers, it would be for acceptance only.

"They still need to fulfill these requirements," said Caron.

Rugg said he thought it would be better to have all the information first before making a decision.

Butler asked if the board would consider at least accepting the waivers for completion of application purposes.

"Can't we as a board exercise some forward thinking here," said But-

ler.

The board took a vote to accept all the waivers for application completion purposes. That vote failed on a 2-5-1 vote, with Butler and Bruce Hallowell being the only members voting in favor.

Butler then asked if the board could get it on the agenda for next week.

Orso seemed to think they could have everything addressed in a week and could be back in front of the board.

"We feel very confident that we can be back here in a week with every one of these things addressed," Orso said.

However, there were concerns by some of the board members about how big of an agenda they already would have for the April 12 meeting and whether or not everything could be formally submitted in time.

The Planning Board agreed to continue the proposed subdivision plan at the May 10 meeting.

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# Editorial

## The Importance of Reputation vs. Character?

Are you more concerned about your character than your reputation? Your character is what and who you are when no one is looking, while your reputation is merely what others think of you.

Having a good reputation isn't everything, I know plenty of people who have a stellar reputation and yet have no character. The opposite is also true, there are people who have a bad reputation and have an outstanding character.

A person of character is often out in front, regardless of who is watching, doing what they believe is the right thing.

Reputation seekers cannot lead that way because they need to be sure people are looking. When you care more about your reputation, it means you care more about how the public views you rather than doing the right thing.

Character takes a lifetime to build, but can be lost in an instant. Once it's lost, it can be difficult to regain. Your true character is revealed when no one else is looking. Character is more important than reputation, but having a good reputation is also a necessity.

The general public may not know who we are, so they base their judgment merely on what someone said AKA reputation.

The fact is that your character is much more important in defining your success than your reputation

will ever be. Your character defines the person you are, regardless of the circumstances in which you find yourself. Your reputation on the other hand, is nothing more than what some people think you are in certain circumstances.

Be more concerned about your character than you are about your reputation and your reputation will take care of itself. In the long term, your reputation will become a by-product of your character. If you are of strong character, your consistent exemplary behavior will mean that even disparaging remarks about you will be meaningless because nobody will believe them.

Your character isn't going to be judged by what you say you believe in, or what you say about how people should act; your character will be judged by how you live your life. This is a lesson that I was fortunate to learn first-hand when I was an adolescent.

It is crucial to live up to your responsibilities, and do things because they're right, not because it makes you look good. Don't let others set your standards. To be trusted, you must be trustworthy.

A good reputation may be a wonderful way to open doors, but only with a strong and good character will you be able to keep them open, phonies and con artists are soon found out and then usually ushered out.

It's never too late to become the person you want to be.

# Letters

## School Officials Thank Voters

To the editor,

Both the Londonderry School Board and Londonderry School District thank the voters and community for the support we were given during the March 14th vote! We very much appreciate the investment the taxpayers have made in our district by approving our proposed budget and passing all of the school warrant articles. These results will have a positive effect on all of our schools over the next year. With the Infrastructure Bond passing, we can fix our most outdated heating and ventilating issues before they break, and it will not impact our schools while they are in session. Approval of the safety warrant article means we can continue to update the perimeter access, classroom

doors, and communication systems in all schools. The investments in technology will allow for our middle school to be in a 1:1 environment for students, allowing each LMS student to get their own device, like our high school, and we can continue the upgrades to our network infrastructure. Having this approved budget also means we will continue our hard work to make

our academic programming even stronger throughout next year, while still providing the vast range of co-curricular experiences for all of our students, to help them grow both in and outside of the classroom. Again, we appreciate the Londonderry voters and community,

and we look forward to another great year partnering with you.

In gratitude,  
The Londonderry School Board and Londonderry School District

## Thank you Londonderry!

To the editor,

It's been a busy last several weeks. I've knocked on a lot of doors, met a lot of people, and have really just been touched by the support. We've done all we could to get our message of change out to as many people as we could, and it was hard yet rewarding work. On Tuesday, all of my campaign work was completed, and it was time to hand the rest over to you, the voters.

The weather was not kind on Tuesday, and as I was making that drive to greet everyone at the polls, I wondered what effect the snow would have. But you showed up! I was so encouraged by each and every one of you who walked by to cast your ballot. 672 of you placed your vote for change and placed your confidence in me. I cannot thank you enough for picking up the baton and carrying it through that challenging voting day.

While we did not get the results we wanted, I really couldn't help but leave the gym smiling. After the results were read, I got to shake Tim Porter and Bob Slater's hand for their school board victory, congratulate Ted Combes, and text Ron Dunn on their win. After that, it was

back to the team chatting with supporters until past midnight and most of the next morning, thanking each and every person involved. So here it is, thanks again to those I've already talked to. And thank you to those others who made it out to the polls and those who didn't. To each person who put up a sign, took my flyer, gave me words of encouragement, donated, door knocked with me, and all the other work involved, this was your showing just as well as mine. I'm proud of what we accomplished, and I literally couldn't have done it without you!

Shawn Faber  
Londonderry

## Is Public Comment a Joke?

To the editor,

I had the pleasure of attending the Town Council meeting on Monday April 10th. I did so because as a citizen in Londonderry, I had several pointed questions regarding how our elected officials interact with and hear from us as the residents, and the "rules" by which they attempt to frame our discussions. Several changes were made to the Londonderry Town website recently, including links to a different set of Rules of the Town Council than one that was previous posted and removed. This was puzzling to me, as no such vote to adopt new or existing rules of the Town Council occurred at the March 27th reorganizational meeting.

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The annual Battle of the Books competition took place last week at the Middle School with a team of fifth grade students from each of the town's elementary schools matching their recall skills on books they had read over the course of the year. The team from Matthew Thornton was the winner again this year after answering about 15 questions in three rounds of competition. All of Londonderry's fifth-graders also attended the event to cheer on their school's team. The winning team, shown above, was made up of Blake Santello, Levi Proulx, Connor Burns, Genevieve Bosstick and Aria Battisberger.

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# Planning Board Gives Approval Subdivision Near LAFA

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board reviewed a proposed subdivision plan for 11 Sargent Road during its April 5 meeting. The development will put 13 homes abutting the LAFA Complex near the playground.

It was explained by George Chadwick, who

was representing the applicant, DHB Homes, that they have been discussing the plan for a while, noting they had a conceptual discussion with the Planning Board previously and have also met with the Conservation Commission and the Heritage Commission. He added that all the comments made were

added to the newest version of the plan. It was explained by Chadwick that the subdivision would be on an approximately 18 acre property.

"What we are proposing is a 13 lot subdivision," said Chadwick. Chadwick said the road is about 1,000 feet long and ends with a

cul-de-sac where the 13 proposed homes would be built. He said that they have already obtained all of the state permits that they will need, including a wetland permit.

One of the items discussed throughout the process was whether or not they'd be able to keep the house that is still in place on the property.

Chadwick stated that they haven't gone through the house thoroughly yet, but their hope is to be able to keep it.

"It does give a good backdrop to the project," said Chadwick.

In addition, he said they are hoping to be able to keep the barn on the property as well.

There was only one abutter that had concerns with the new development. A King Charles Drive resident wrote a letter to the board, which was read into the minutes. They stated that they were concerned about the current level of privacy they have now and are concerned they would

be losing it with the new development.

Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg, asked if there was anything that could be done to keep some of the natural vegetation in place.

Chadwick said that because of the way the plans are designed, he doesn't know if there is much more natural vegetation that they can offer them.

One of the conditions discussed by the Planning Board was to have the speed limit posted for under 35 miles per hour as a way to address speeding if it's approved by the Town Council, which the applicant was

in full support of.

Overall, the board saw nothing wrong with the plan as it was proposed.

"Everything looks great," said Town Council Ex-Officio, Ted Combes.

Ex-Officio, Bruce Hallowell, said he was happy about the sidewalk that would be added as part of the development.

"I'm excited about a sidewalk," Hallowell said.

The Planning Board approved the subdivision plan.

The next Planning Board meeting is slated to take place on May 3 at 7 p.m.

## Letters

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The Town Charter requires adoption of Council rules of order to occur at the reorganizational meeting within 10 days of the Town Election, but a review of minutes, or a simple watch of the Youtube video proceedings, will show that this did not occur. This is particularly important to note, as rules of order for the Council typically include how the Council facilitates public comment.

At the March 27 Reorganizational Meeting, Town Council Chairman John Farrell did give "recommended suggestions" regarding the facilitation of public comment, to include sticking to items on the agenda and not naming Town Officials by name. However, it must be stated that no such motion or vote occurred as required by the Charter, to officially adopt these rules for public com-

ment, which were a reiteration of rules adopted by the council in 2018. Chairman Farrell has been clear several times that prior sessions of the Town Council cannot encumber the current session. Not only that, but the 2018 rules that he attempted to reiterate were largely "idealistic but unenforceable" as noted when they passed by then-Chairman Tom Dolan. This is not new to our Council! 3 out of 5 current members of the Town Council received a briefing in 2017, from Stephen Buckley Esq. of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, very narrowly defining how public comment may be limited. Our Town Council has known for years that aside from setting the place of public comment, limiting the time of each speaker, and prohibiting fighting words or other unprotected speech under the First Amendment, that

they largely cannot limit public comment. Between the above-noted limitations and the fact that no vote was held at the reorganizational meeting, our Town has no business placing restrictions on citizens' speech.

It is a sad day, when asking for accountability and pointing out errors in official procedure leads to Councilman Jim Butler calling a citizen a joke. I would call it hiding, when Chairman Farrell speaks only after closing public comment and gaveling down citizens so he can attempt to have the last word without rebuttal. And it is inappropriate when the chairman's wife (our Town Clerk) is clapping for him in the audience...which is against the very non-existent rules we are discussing. Is Public Comment a joke to you? Because it is to our town officials.

Jonathan Esposito  
Londonderry

## OBITUARY

**Karen (Henry) Dudley**

Karen (Henry) Dudley, 80, a resident of Londonderry, NH for 54 years, passed away at the Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston on April 5, 2023.

Karen grew up in Needham, MA and graduated from Needham High School in 1961. She worked as a secretary at Sylvania in Needham, where she met her future husband, Dan Dudley. After they were married, she took a Berlitz Language course in Germany to learn the German language and had a great love for languages. She was a longtime member of the Birch Club in Londonderry.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Daniel H. Dudley, her children Kendra Jankowski of Rutland, MA, and Bradford Dudley of So. Berwick, ME, her grandchildren Malcolm Lakey and Averil Dudley. She is also survived by her sister Meredith Henry of CT, her brother Richard S. Henry of NH and was the sister of the late James Matthew Henry, Jr.

Services will be private.

In memory of Karen, a donation to the ASPCA or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, would be greatly appreciated.

To send words of condolence or to share a memory with Karen's family, please visit [www.eatonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eatonfuneralhomes.com).

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# Planning Board Approve Tree Cutting Along Adams Road

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board heard a number of applications during its April 5 meeting, including a request by Eversource for the removal and trimming of trees along Adams Road, which is designated as a scenic road.

Representing Eversource was Alison Marcotte, a utility arborist

with Eversource, who said they were looking to do maintenance trimming on the road.

"We are doing our maintenance trimming on Adams Road," said Marcotte.

She said some of the trees they were looking for approval for were dead trees.

"There are about six dead and two declining trees along Adams road

that we're seeking to be removed," said Marcotte, noting that they are along the scenic road.

Marcotte said that it's something they do every four to five years and all the abutters and property owners have been notified.

She told the board they would also be removing the wood unless there is a request to

keep it there.

"With removals, we will remove wood unless the homeowner requests we leave the wood," said Marcotte.

Marcotte said there is a fair amount of trees at 1 Adams Road, which will be addressed.

"It's a bunch of pines that are all dead. So those are the ones we're looking to remove," said Marcotte.

For 14 Adams Road, there is a large 30 inch pine "that has a large rot on the back and that one's across the road."

She stated there are three others at 14 Adams Road "that also have rot either at the primary or are starting to uproot."

At 56 Adams Road, Marcotte said "there are some maples that are leaning and uprooted and rot in the trunk."

For 73 Adams Road, there are two dead elm trees and at 90 Adams Road, there are two maples, one which has a rot in the trunk and the other that is close to the primary wire.

Planning Board member, Ann Chiampa, said she agreed with all of the maples that will be addressed.

"I went and looked back and forth," Chiampa said.

Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg, said they can have a condition that the board could look at the specific locations by

the end of the week and if they had any questions they could let Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, know.

Chiampa stated that they would be able to begin the cutting of the trees as soon as they got approval from the board.

The Planning Board unanimously approved allowing for the removal of the trees.

Following the vote, Rugg noted that the road isn't as scenic as it once was.

"It's not the scenic road it used to be, but times change," Rugg said.

The next Planning Board meeting is slated to take place on May 3 at 7 p.m.

## Council

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research, found they were actually adopted in 2018 and haven't been readopted since then.

He then cited that the Charter requires the board to adopt the rules of the Council each year within ten days of the election. He added that since the rules have not been voted on and felt they cannot be considered valid.

Douglas also took exception to a "Letter to the Editor" written by the Town Manager, Mike Malaguti. The part of the letter Douglas was most concerned about read, "The loudest voices at this moment seek chaos as an end in itself, and are employing conspiracy theories, name calling, and misinformation to drown out everyone else," and "We need the reasonable middle to fill more of the room, literally and figuratively...because if you don't, Londonderry's most divisive voices surely will."

Douglas said that when he read the letter, "I almost fell off my

chair."

He admitted that he must be considered one of these "divisive voices," but most of the information he has been discussing has been received through 91A requests and there has been no "name calling."

Resident, Jonathan Esposito, also echoed Douglas' sentiments, saying there has never been a vote on the rules of order by the newly elected board and felt the new rules posted on the town website are not valid until they are voted on.

Councilor, Jim Butler, rebutted some of the comments made after public comment was closed by Chairman, John Farrell.

He suggested that the video made of the meetings should be entered into the record as part of the minutes of the meeting. He added, "So when someone accuses us of not doing something, everyone can see on the video what's going on and we correct some of these problems."

Butler also suggested

that those who have problems with the way things are being run to come back with solutions. "Because I'm tired of listening to a small group of people."

Throughout Butlers comments, the people whom the comments were directed at tried to respond from the audience, but each time they did, they were gavelled down by the Chairman until Esposito left.

Just before the meeting adjourned, Farrell addressed the issues that have been frequently coming up about council procedures.

Farrell said, "It's very apparent I have my haters and my naysayers and they have a lot to say about it. They believe we're corrupt, they believe we're stealing, and there's a conflict of interest. They believe all these things are happening." He added, "Folks, this isn't an easy job. People give their time. This is a volunteer position and we're trying to do our best job within the limits we have. We always try to do the right thing."



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# Easter Weekend Brings Annual High School Egg Hunt



The Londonderry High School Class of 2023 held their annual Egg Hunt and other festive activities on Saturday, April 8, at the Gymnasium and on the infield of the track. Hundreds flocked to the event on Easter weekend and took advantage of a number of fun activities, including pictures with the Easter Bunny, Bowling, Face Painting, Arts and Crafts, Hula Hoops and the Egg Hunt. There were nearly 10,000 eggs filled with goodies for participants to fill their baskets with. Additional photos on next page.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancer Tennis Teams Start Spring Sports Season

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire high school sports season got underway last week and as usual it was a cold, blustery beginning.

The Londonderry High School Girls' and Boys' Tennis teams started their season with matches against Merrimack High School with the girls winning their season opener 6-3 and the boys falling just shy at 5-4.

Both teams have been trying to reestablish a position in the Division I varsity ranks over the past several years and are slowing



starting to see some good results under the guidance of coaches Betty Wong-Mak and Roberta Davis.

Mak's girls had four out six wins in their singles matches against the Tomahawks in Merri-

mack on Wednesday, April 5, and won two of three in their doubles matches on the very cold and windy courts.

Senior Lancer Susan Kim is the team's number one starter this season and fell to a tough

competitor 8-2 in her first match.

Senior Catie Brown managed an 8-2 victory in the number two spot; senior Maylee Valentin had an 8-3 win as the number four player; sophomore Ali Von Pichi won 8-4 in the number five spot; and senior Shayana ElGhazai had a 8-2 win in the six spot.

In doubles, Kim and Brown had an 8-4 victory and Von Pichi and ElGhazai managed a convincing 8-1 win.



Lancers senior tennis starters Susan Kim, at left, and Catie Brown, above. Photos by Chris Paul

In the boys' season opener, on their home courts, the Lancers had three singles victories and one in doubles.

Number two starter, sophomore Aiden Board, was able to get the Lancers a win after going 8-8 and then managing a 7-1 tiebreaker.

Sophomore Logan Hunt had an 8-4 victory in the number four spot and junior Devon Pacheco finished his match as the number six at 8-3.

In the team's only doubles match, Hunt and Pacheco got an 8-1 win.

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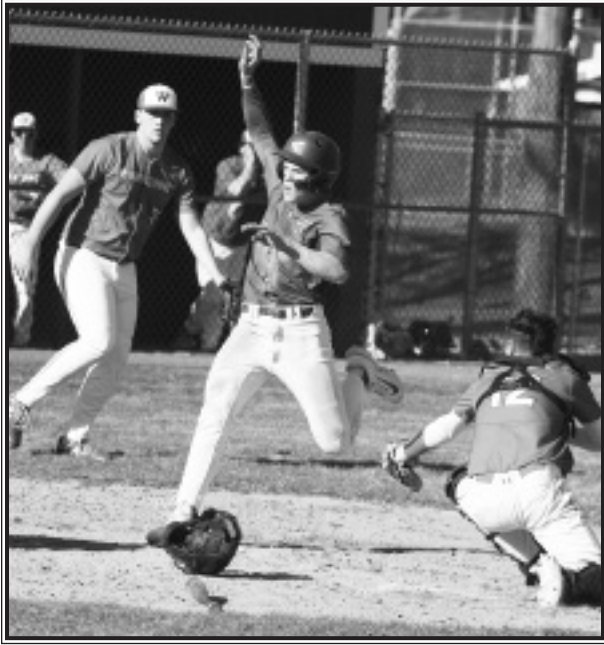


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# LHS Baseball Squad Beat Warriors in Home Opener



CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

inning, scoring three in that inning.

The Londonderry High School Baseball squad had a very productive start to their 2023 season, beating the Winnacunnet High School squad 8-0 in the Monday, April 10, home opener.

The Lancers managed to force the Warriors starting pitcher off the mound by the fifth

The first Lancer to cross the plate this season was Brett McKinnon, who got on base with a single to center field and then stole two bases in third inning. McKinnon was then driven in by Owen Carey, with a loop to left. Carey was able to move to third with a steal and was brought in

with a sac fly to right by Johan Pena.

Londonderry senior, Connor Fennell, was the starting pitcher and got the win pitching six innings, striking out nine batters and giving up four hits and two walks.

Junior Ryan Williams was the relief pitcher and had one strikeout,

one walk, and one hit.

Carey led the offense with three RBIs. Pena and Liam Stott both had two RBIs in the win.

The 2023 varsity starters this season are: Brady Anderson, Joseph Cafaro, Owen Carey, Michael Crowley, Connor Fennell, Drew Fuller, Brady Gillis, Jayden

Hamilton, Drew Heenan, Jet Jones, Brett McKinnon, Tyler Miles, Colin Parent, Johan Pena, Kevin Rourke, Liam Stott, Ryan Williams, and Jonathan Wilson

The Lancers next home game is scheduled for Friday, April 21, at 4 p.m. against Trinity

*Photos from the Lancers home opener by Chris Paul.*



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Proposals shall be received no later than Noon on April 27, 2023

Details of this RFP can be found at the School District website.

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# April Celebrates Canine Health Awareness Month

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The month of April is considered Canine Fitness Month, a time dedicated to focusing on keeping man's best friend healthy and active.

According to the most recent data available from the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC), in association with the Banfield Pet Hospital Network, a Veterinary Emerging Topics (VET) Report revealed that more than half of all adult dogs seen at over 1,000 Banfield hospitals alone were considered overweight or obese in 2019.

The report also showed that less than 10% of these pets successfully went on to lose weight following their diagnoses, and of those, roughly 40% ended up

gaining weight back within a year.

Excess weight in pets is associated with a number of adverse health conditions, says the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). These conditions include Endocrinopathies, metabolic abnormalities, cardiovascular disease, decreased immune functions, joint problems, and more.

Just like humans, there are a number of different factors that can lead to canine obesity, according to Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Christopher G. Byers.

Perhaps the biggest factor in weight gain is the ratio of exercise or activity to the amount of food a dog eats. The amount of food per meal, number of snacks and treats, and food quality can adversely

affect a dog's weight.

"Indiscriminate feeding habits including feeding table scraps, poor diet, and constant access to food are significant contributing factors to this most prevalent issue in canine population," Dr. Byers wrote in his conclusion to the article: "Obesity in dogs... exploring the causes and consequences of canine obesity."

As it turns out, there are several dog breeds that have a biological predisposition to obesity, wrote Dr. Byers. These breeds include Cairn Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Shetland Sheepdogs, Basset Hounds, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Dachshunds, Beagles, Cocker Spaniels, and Labrador Retrievers.

Interestingly, Dr. Byers noted that certain dog breeds, particularly sight hounds (dogs such as Greyhounds, Whippets, etc), appear to be resistant to the development of obesity. This is due largely in part to their aerodynamic body structure and unique metabolisms which allow these breeds to move at great bursts of speed to chase down fast-footed game, says the American Kennel Club.

Age is also a factor in animal weight gain, continued Dr. Byers, as lean body mass declines as dogs get older. This loss is often exacerbated if voluntary activity is also decreased along with age. Furthermore, if food intake does not decrease proportionately with decreasing energy needs, this results in Fluffy gaining weight.

Dogs can also gain weight after being spayed or neutered. Changes in these hormones directly affect the satiety (feeling of fullness) center of the brain, causing spayed and neutered dogs to eat more food than is required for their energy levels, resulting in weight gain.

There are also certain medications that contribute to animal weight gain, including Phenobarbital and Glucocorticoids, particularly if taken over a long period of time.

Owners who suspect their furry family member may need to shed a few pounds, the first step shouldn't be diving head-first into a new diet and exercise regimen. At least not without consulting a doctor first.

Blue Cross for Pets says, "It is best to start

with a trip to the vet... your pet will need a check-up for medical conditions that could interfere (with weight loss)."

From there, the Vet can help begin a weight-loss journey best suited for the dog's unique needs. Most practices also offer calorie-controlled foods and weight control clinics to aid in getting pets back to their optimal health.

Of course, prevention is the best way to control a dog's weight. Ensuring pets get plenty of exercise and activity, eat the right foods in the right amounts, and getting annual wellness screenings can help keep dogs at their healthy weight. The Veterinarian can also help advise the owner what food and how much of it is best for his or her canine friend.



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## For The Love of Music

The Londonderry Senior Center and the Londonderry Arts Council have combined efforts to host a new acoustic music jam session. 'For the Love of Music' will be launched on Sunday, April 16, from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The acoustic jam session will feature a number of seasoned local musicians gathered in a relaxed, coffee house setting. Members of the Senior Center and Londonderry residents over 55 are welcome to stop in, hang out or participate. People are also encouraged to leave their car at the center and walk the rail trail before or after the event. Coffee, Tea, and water will be provided, but feel free to bring a snack to share.

Donations will be welcome to help support this new program. For more information about this new event or to provide feedback, contact: Ilona Arndt, Town of Londonderry Senior Affairs Director, at 603-432-8554 or email her at: [iarndt@londonderrynh.org](mailto:iarndt@londonderrynh.org)

## Arts Café

The Londonderry Arts Council invites area residents who appreciate Music and Art to attend the 9th Annual Art's Café on Saturday April 29, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Orchard Christian Fellowship, 136 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. This event is FREE to the public. This family event is a day filled with art from local artists, activities for children and acoustic music by local musicians. Free coffee will be provided from Coffee

berries of Londonderry, hot chocolate, and some yummy breakfast pastries. Browse the artwork and talk with the artists; this is a great opportunity to learn more about their craft. Then you can sit for a spell, relaxing while your children are entertained so you can enjoy the musical performances. There will be a 50/50 raffle with proceeds to support local art events. Drawing to be at 3:00 PM and you need not to be present to win. For more information, visit: <https://londonderryartsco.org/arts-cafe/> Or email Karen Giguere at [karen.giguere504@comcast.net](mailto:karen.giguere504@comcast.net)

## LDC Meeting

The LDC is starting a recruiting drive to encourage new membership within the organization and

accelerate the growth of the committee. The LDC is excited to begin a new chapter of engagement with the community and looks forward to involvement from a new generation of local Democrats. The next in-person meeting will take place on Saturday April 15 at 10 a.m. at 2 Litchfield Rd. You can also contact [chair@londonderrydems.com](mailto:chair@londonderrydems.com) or reach out via Facebook Messenger on the Londonderry NH Democrats Facebook site.

## Library April Hours

Leach Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. On Fridays and Saturdays, the library is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Thursday, April 13 for staff training.

## Library Survey

The Leach Library wants to hear from you. A community survey will be available from April 1 - May 31. Survey participants can enter a raffle at the end of the online survey or at the library's main desk for a chance to win one of two \$50 Market Basket gift cards. Limit one entry per person. The link to the survey will be posted on the

library's website and Facebook page. Paper copies will be available at the library. For more information, please call the library.

## Flower Cupcake Decorating

Celebrate spring by decorating a flower cupcake on April 15 at 2 p.m. at Leach Library! Cupcakes and candy will be provided, and children are invited to create a fun and colorful flower cupcake. Registration is required and begins Saturday, April 8. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

## Vacation Week Activities

To kick-off school vacation week, Leach Library will host a fun magic show featuring Magic by George on Monday, April 24 at 4 p.m. Get ready for laughs and to be amazed. A marble run activity will be offered on Wednesday, April 26 at 10 a.m. Using pipe covers, cardboard tubes, and a few other supplies, children will be able to design fast and creative marble runs. This program is for children ages 5 and up. Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m., come to Leach Library for an extra special Stuffed Animal Sleepover.

Children will enjoy a couple of bedtime stories then have the chance to introduce a favorite stuffed animal friend. Stuffedies will then be tucked in for a fun night at the library. Be sure to bring a stuffed animal that children can sleep with out as pick-up will not be until the following day. Registration is required and begins one week prior to each event. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

## Duplo Budding Builders

Join the Leach Library staff on Thursday, April 20 at 10 a.m. for a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders. Following a theme, participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Friday, April 14. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

## Peking and the Mystics Performance

On Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m., musical group Peking and the Mystics will give an a cappella performance at Leach Library. Their eclectic repertoire, comprised of original ar-

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - April 3

**7 a.m.** Subject taken/referred to another agency after a disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**9:05 a.m.** Dog Bite investigated by Animal Control on High Range Road.

**11:16 a.m.** Disturbance investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**2:34 p.m.** Services rendered for an assault at the All American Assisted Living on Button Drive.

**4:44 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Nashua Road at Landmark Crossing. Caleb Kulingoski-Woodruff, 27, of Manchester charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving After Revoked/Suspension.

**4:54 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers at Shaw's on Orchard View Drive

**5:45 p.m.** Services rendered for a Structure Fire on Hovey Road.

**7:01 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**7:04 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Bayberry Lane.

**7:51 p.m.** Peace restored after a Disturbance at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

**8:33 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry High School

**8:50 p.m.** Report of Trespassing at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road results in transport to a hospital.

**9:06 p.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Pleasant Drive.

#### Tuesday - April 4

**1:15 a.m.** Three officers assist a citizen with transportation to a Hospital from the Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road

**6:35 a.m.** Report of trespassing at Manchester Boston Regional Airport results in an arrest made by five officers. Sumeet Suresh Dhawle, 23, of Manchester, charged with: Criminal Trespass; Smoking Indoors - Penalty; and two counts of Resist Arrest/Detention.

**8:49 a.m.** Welfare Check conducted by six officers on Mammoth Road.

**12:34 p.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Airport.

**2:08 p.m.** Motor Vehicle accident on Rockingham

Road near the Manchester town line leads to an arrest. Darren Elmore, 34, of Pelham, charged with: Alcohol Interlock Motor vehicle Not Equipped with interlock; and Driving After Revoked/Suspended License for Driving Under the Influence.

**2:15 p.m.** Services rendered for trespassing on Eglin Boulevard.

**3:44 p.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Eglin Boulevard.

**5:02 p.m.** Assault investigated at Shaw's on Orchard View Drive.

**8:09 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at Nutfield Petroleum on Nashua Road.

#### Wednesday - April 5

**1:30 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Winding Pond Road.

**9:48 a.m.** Arrest(s) Made for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road. Robert Harrison, 51, of Brookline, Arrested on a Warrant.

**10:29 a.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Welfare Check on Quincy Road

**11:15 a.m.** Suspicious

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## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

#### Public Hearing

CASE NO. 04/19/2023-1: Request for a variance from LZO 4.2.1.3.C.1 to encroach approximately 28 feet into the 40-foot front setback for the renovation an existing structure, 104 Litchfield Road, Map 11 Lot 026, Zoned AR-1, Kristen and Luke Shappler (Owner & Applicant).



## Around Town

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### Theodore Roosevelt and the Last Frontier

Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m., Dr. Kurk Dorsey, Professor of History and Liberal Studies at the University of NH, will present a talk on Theodore Roosevelt. The presentation will explore several international disputes that were shaped by Roosevelt's presidency, as well as their implications for

the conservation movement. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 18. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

### Jews in Baseball Movie

With the cry of "Play ball!" across the US, what better way to observe the national pastime than to come to Etz Hayim to watch the movie, *Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story*, narrated by Dustin Hoffman at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13. Just in time for the opening of the baseball season it shows the stories of Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax. And, it includes our beloved Kevin Youkilis. Be there for the first pitch and first inning. And, yes, there will be peanuts and Cracker Jacks. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Syna-

gogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH 03038. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Please visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning) for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at [soreffs15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com) or 603-895-6120.

### "Library After Dark" Movie Night

Friday, April 28 at 6 p.m., a special after-hours movie night in the main reading room. Join the library staff for a showing of the 2022 feature film based on the children's book by Bernard Waber (rated PG), along with

refreshments and raffle prizes. Registration is required and opens on Friday, April 21. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

### Green Team Meetings

The Green Team of Londonderry meet on the fourth Monday of each month starting March 29 through Aug. 28, at the Leach Library in the lower level. Socializing begins at 6 p.m., the meeting will begin at promptly 6:30 p.m., and will end at 7:45 pm. All welcome.

### Coding Club

The Block by Block Coding Club will offer tweens and teens the opportunity to learn coding skills on and off-screen with games and activities on Wednesday, April 26 at 4 p.m. in the Leach Library

Meeting Room. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, April 19. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library. For more information about other teen activities, check out the Teen Program Guide available at the Leach Library main circulation desk.

### Game On

After school on Friday afternoons, teens are invited to stop by to try out a board game at the Leach Library. Each week, one game will be set up and ready for students to come and play. All board games are for in-library use only and may be used during library hours. Games are located in the young adult section of the library. For more information about this and other teen activities, check out the Teen

Program Guide available on the library's website or at the main desk.

### Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

### Veteran Credit Renewal

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## Police Log

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Activity investigated at Richter's Jewelry on Orchard View Drive.

**2:33 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Trend Moving on Liberty Drive.

**3:18 p.m.** Pedestrian Check leads to an arrest on Grenier Field Road at Webster Lane. Jack Walton, 44, of Goffstown, charged on Bench Warrants.

**4:22 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Cohas Terrace.

**4:38 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Industrial Drive.

**5:56 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

**6:04 p.m.** Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite on Boulder Drive.

**10:45 p.m.** Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite on King Charles Drive.

**Thursday - April 6**

**6:10 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Coteville Road

**6:27 a.m.** A Domestic Disturbance on Capitol Hill Drive leads to an arrest made by four officers. Daniel Leblanc, 44,

of Londonderry, charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact).

**6:29 a.m.** Report of a runaway Juvenile investigated by four officers at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**11:19 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest Made on Rockingham Road at Enterprise Drive. Anthony Melchione, 40, of Brockton, Mass., charged with: Drive After Revoked/Suspension; and Fugitive from Justice.

**11:39 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening at Janie's Uncommon Café on Nashua Road.

**Friday - April 7**

**8:14 a.m.** Drug Offenses investigated on Industrial Drive

**12:34 p.m.** Welfare Check investigated at the Woodmont Commons Main Street Apartments.

**3:30 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop at Ross Drive on Gilcreast Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Carole Wing, 43, of Salem, charged with: Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Arrest on a Warrant.

**5:28 p.m.** Services rendered for Shoplifting at the CVS Pharmacy on Mammoth Road.

**8:30 p.m.** Peace restored during Neighborhood Disputes on Chapparel Drive.

**Saturday - April 8**

**12:53 a.m.** Fireworks Complaint investigated on Clark Road.

**7:26 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated at Shaw's on Orchard View

Drive.

**12:19 p.m.** Four officers investigate a Disturbance on Auburn Road.

**12:23 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**12:38 p.m.** Welfare Check on Catamount Road results in transport to a hospital.

**2:10 p.m.** Shoplifting investigated at the N.H. Liquor Store on Michels Way.

**7:31 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at Game Changer Sports Bar & Grill on Orchard View Drive.

**Sunday - April 9**

**4:51 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Slavic Baptist Church - Youth Center on Mammoth Road.

**4:41 p.m.** Juvenile Off-

enses investigated on High Range Road at Shasta Drive.

**4:51 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses Investigated on Bayberry Lane.

**11:12 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road

at Buttrick Road results in an arrest made. Kiron Akil Castle, 44, of Lowell, MA., charged with: Operating a vehicle without a Valid License; and Driving After Revoked/Suspended License.

## OBITUARY

### Matthew R. Pingree



Matthew R. Pingree, 36, of Litchfield, NH, passed away Wednesday April 5, 2023, in the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Jan. 13, 1987 in Derry, NH, a son of Robert and Cynthia (Andrews) Pingree. He was a resident of Litchfield since 2019, formerly living in Londonderry and Derry. Matthew was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, Class of 2005, attended UNH from 2006-2011, and then worked for Raytheon for 12 years.

Matt, Matty, Pingree, Pings, Bear Cat, Matty Muffin, Cute, Love, Dada...Matt had many nicknames but he also carried the titles of being a loving father to Isla, a husband to Katie, a brother to Kayla, a son to Mark and Cindy, and teammate and friend to hundreds. Matt always had a way to make others smile and laugh. His personality was well-loved by all who met him. He had an indefinable quality that pulled people in, put them at ease, and made them feel safe. His one-of-a-kind personality and humor made any gathering he attended better just due to his presence. He gave the best hugs because you could just melt into him.

Matt was extremely knowledgeable about many topics. He inspired intelligent debate and loved to verbally spar with others, sometimes because he believed in something, other times to get a rise out of someone, but always because he enjoyed connecting with people.

His youthful adventures included hanging with his crew at Dane's pool, playing 45s, and being involved in a variety of sports and activities either in a backyard or on a court! His most recent hobbies included playing video games with his friends, recreational target practice, spending time with his wife Katie and their beautiful fourteen-month-old, Isla, and visiting family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Katie (Joy) Pingree of Litchfield; his daughter, Isla Pingree of Litchfield, NH; his mother, Cynthia Pingree and father, Robert Pingree, both of Hooksett, NH, one sister, Kayla Pingree of Concord, NH; one niece, Rory Pingree-McCarthy, as well as many cherished extended family and friends.

Following cremation, friends may call on Saturday April 22, at noon for a celebration of Matt's life at the First Parish Congregational Church, 47 E. Derry Rd., East Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a forthcoming cancer research fundraiser to be set up in his honor. To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



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