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## Out With the Old

After leveling the building on the corner of Gilcreast and Nashua Road, new construction has begun on a branch of Chase Bank. The building, recently demolished, used to house several small businesses.

Photo by Chris Paul

## School Board Looking at Getting More Feedback on Moose Hill Plan

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Following failed warrant articles to expand Moose Hill to allow for full-day kindergarten and to make room for more space at the school, the Londonderry School Board had a debriefing during its April 2 meeting.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said he thinks one thing they did well was

the School Board going through the whole “process” where they discussed it for a while and then brought it to the voters with all the information.

While he said he thinks they have time to come up with different options for what should be presented to the voters next year, he said he thinks they should also think about what the

process should be.

School Board member, Amanda Butcher, said one thing she thinks that will be critical is getting more feedback from the community.

“I think feedback is going to be one big piece,” she said.

She also noted that she thinks it’s important to further educate voters about special education  
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## Village on Technology Hill Near Airport Gets Hearing

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board held a public hearing for an application for the Village on Technology Hill Planned Unit Development Master Plan during its April 10 meeting. An area that was deemed by one proponent as essential to the defense industrial base and needed to be moved forward quickly.

Dick Anagnost, the co-developer for the project, explained that the proposed space for

the development, which was listed as Map 28 Lots 31- 6, 29-2 and Map 17 Lots 2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, is “essentially off Kitty Hawk Landing,” currently consisting of seven parcels, for a total of 110 acres which he said meets the definition of a PUD.

“The Village is accessible via Akira Way and Kitty Hawk Landing in Londonderry, NH,” the proposed PUD Master Plan stated. “The current physical address is 5 Kitty Hawk Landing, Londonderry, NH 03053.”

In the proposed Master Plan executive summary Londonderry Holdings, the applicant, explained that they were proposing “a mixed-use development consisting of over 180,000 square feet of industrial and office buildings with provisions to increase to 333,460 square feet of industrial and office buildings, 439 apartments for workers at the businesses that will occupy these and adjacent office and industrial buildings, a child care  
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## Utilities Committee Still Waiting on Solar Farm Plan

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee met on April 2 and discussed the potential of a solar farm to be located at the Auburn Road landfill site.

A plan was was to be discussed at the meeting, but was postponed due to the fact that none of the presenters attended the meeting.

Instead, the utilities group got an update from Director of Engineering and Environmental Services, John Trottier, who recently took part in a walkthrough of the landfill site.

“I gave a debrief about what I know about the site and the complications somebody else

had putting solar out there about five or six years ago,” Trottier explained. “Anything we do out there would need to get the EPA and NH DES [Department of Environmental Services] to buy into it. It’s not a slam dunk, we’ll need to get a permit to get going on it.”

The landfill is a Superfund site, requiring EPA approval for a solar farm. Getting enough arrays to the site for profitability while covering the cost of running lines out to the property was cited as another possible limiting factor for the project.

“How involved has the EPA regional office been?” asked member, Ann Fenn.

Trottier was not entirely sure, but he was in

contact with EPA officials to keep track of how their controls would impact the reuse of the landfill.

“I think anytime we get into a partnership with any developer, we’re going to make sure they have that expertise of working with the EPA,” said Chair, Lynn Wiles, who seemed confident that the permitting process would not be a problem.

He asked Trottier to keep dialogue open with  
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# School Board Get Briefed on Moose Hill Meals Issues

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the April 2 School Board meeting, the Board was briefed on an issue raised regarding offering lunch at Moose Hill.

"This was a curveball we got last week," Superintendent, Dan Black, told the School Board.

Black explained that a Technical Advisory recently came from the State outlining the requirement.

"This Technical Advisory is to provide guidance on meal availability pursuant to RSA 189:11-a," the advisory stated. The Department is issuing this Technical Advisory to ensure that districts are aware of their obligation to provide one meal for each student, including kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students pursuant to RSA 189:11-a."

It was explained by Black that it was "never our understanding before," that the District would be required to

offer lunch to those students saying they have never had their federal lunch program active at Moose Hill.

"So we're going to think through this, we're going to think through what that looks like," Black said.

He explained that one option they could go with is asking for a waiver next year to give them more time.

"I don't want to take away any more education at that building," Black said.

He said one of the

options being explored is potentially having it as part of their snack time, and the other option they could go with is seeing if there is any interest from parents or not who want to take advantage of the requirement.

Black said since most school districts across the State have their kindergarten and preschool in a building with a cafeteria it's not as much of an issue.

"Clearly there is not a cafeteria there," Business Administrator, Lisa

McKenney, told the School Board.

She said they would likely have to do a brown bag version of the program, saying that if there is interest from families they would make something work.

"We'll have to put something in place to make that happen," she said.

Also during the meeting, the School Board accepted a number of resignations from various staff members.

Those include Kaylene Chausse, a Support

Staff at Moose Hill, Nate Gaw, Support Staff at Londonderry High School, Sheri Leblond, Support Staff at Matthew Thornton, Kerri McCutcheon, a Teacher at Moose Hill,

Sophia Pesaturo, Support Staff at South School, Leah Poulin, a Teacher at Matthew Thornton, and Laura Roy, a Custodian at Londonderry High School.

## School

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tion laws, and laws related to things like IEPs so voters understand that the space needs aren't "luxuries," but rather are needed.

School Board member, Kevin Gray, said he wants the Moose Hill Building Committee to stay active, saying that they have a lot of experi-

ence and that he thinks they could look at ways to bring down the cost of the project potentially or potentially coming up with innovative ideas.

"I think that would be a really big step," he said.

School Board member, Tim Porter, added that he was looking forward to seeing some of the different options should the feedback from the community be that it is not palpable with the current option.

"I'm looking forward to brainstorming some other possibilities for alternatives," he said.

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said he thinks they should have an "open hour" at Moose Hill soon for people to give input or be able to have questions answered right at the school. He added that they should also have one sometime in May.

He said after they get input they should bring it back to the Board for further discussion sometime in June.

"If we're going to do something we're gonna need to jump on it by the beginning of July," Slater said.

## OBITUARY

David S. Elliott



David S. Elliott, fondly known as "Clyde" or "Mousey", age 59, of Londonderry, NH, passed away suddenly on April 4, 2024. David was born on Sept. 1, 1964, in Lowell, MA; he was the son of Nancy L. (Cutter) Elliott and the late Richard D. "Dick" Elliott. David was raised in Wilmington and attended Wilmington Schools.

David married his "Honey," Donna J. (Robson) Elliott, in 1995 after 14 years of dating. They settled in Londonderry, where they raised their two sons, Dave, and Ray. David was so proud of his family; his wife and boys were most important to him. He spent a lot of time participating in hobbies with his boys including four-wheeling, and snowmobiling. David and Donna's house was always open to their boys' friends; they welcomed everyone and became second parents to many.

David went to work for the Town of Wilmington over 36 years ago. He started as a custodian working in many schools including the North Intermediate and the Boutwell. David had a fun-loving personality, and the kids were drawn to him. He loved to make the kids laugh and enjoyed playing his occasional pranks. Although David was a jokester, he was also a very hard worker. He was promoted to Foreman of Public Buildings several years ago. David was a dependable supervisor and really cared about his employees.

David loved being outdoors; he spent a lot of time in his yard with his animals, including a bull, a pig, chickens, ducks, and his Dobermans. He loved riding his Harley and looked forward to the good weather when he could ride - always taking along his bell.

David enjoyed playing hockey; he played in his younger years and then took pride in watching his sons play. David also refereed many games and had an offer to professionally referee several years ago.

David will be remembered as a "rock solid" type of guy; he was dependable and kind to everyone he met. David took pride in being able to help others, including family and friends. He didn't judge anyone, he just offered advice and listened. He was a great confidant and someone who could be trusted.

David was "larger than life"; he lit up a room with his crazy, happy, loud personality. If you knew David, you could hear him before you saw him! David had some famous sayings which he proudly announced with a smile across his face... "What's up Dude?" and "Peace Out Bro!"

David was the beloved husband of Donna J. (Robson) Elliott, devoted father of David R. Elliott and Raymond D. Elliott all of Londonderry, NH, cherished son of Nancy (Cutter) Elliott and the late Richard Elliott of Wilmington, dear brother of Scott Elliott & his wife Sheryl of South Carolina and Gayle Mulligan of Nashua, NH. David is also survived by his sister-in-law, Cathy Hope, his beloved neighbors, Brittany Jean, and her daughter Mikayla, whom he and Donna considered family, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Tuesday, April 9. Memorial donations in David's name may be made to American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

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# PUD

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Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, explained that the proposal meets the minimum requirements for a PUD and said that they were at the public hearing phase to approve the Master Plan.

She said it is essentially the regulatory framework for the PUD and any individual site plans would then need to be brought forward in order to get approval, based on the master plan. Caron said no formal site plan reviews could happen until the Master Plan is approved.

Anagnost explained that if they get the Master Plan approved they would be looking to get into the site plan process immediately and they have identified all of their future uses.

“We’ve identified them up front,” he said.

In the executive summary, it was explained that the “Village consists of 3 distinct zones.”

“To the east is the industrial zone consisting of a 60,000 square foot building for Envision Technology, an approximately 20,000 square foot building for OnPoint Systems, a 5,000 square foot office building for the Solinsky Family Office and Family Foundation,” the executive summary stated.

It was explained that an additional pad site “will also be prepared for a 263,000 square foot industrial building to support Envision Technology as it continues to grow, and future pad ready site for an additional 12,000 square foot building.”

Envision Technology is owned by the other co-developers, Anagnost noted.

Anagnost described Envision Technology as having a focus on “developing and producing electro optical systems, which helps their customers detect, see, and locate their targets.”

He also said it’s

“clean manufacturing.”

“West of the industrial zone and separated by the natural topography, a road, and landscaping, is the residential zone consisting of 439 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments in 9 residential buildings, as well as a community building,” the executive summary stated. “These 10 buildings are formed in a large oval surrounding a village green. This expansive green grass area will have a children’s playground area, dog park, and picnic tables. In addition, the northwest area of the property will have a parcourse for walking and exercising in a wooded environment.”

It was explained in the summary that to the north of the residential area “is the Village entrance from Akira Way.”

“This entrance will have a general retail store,” the summary stated. “This general retail store will provide convenient access to sundries, sandwiches, ice cream and other items associated with general retail stores his-

torically in small villages throughout NH. The Akira Way entrance will also include a childcare facility to serve the Village and employees of other companies in the area who have preschool children. A covered bus stop will be by the entrance area and along Akira Way.”

Nick Golan, from TF Moran, who was representing the applicants and owners, explained they are maximizing green space and minimizing the environmental impact as part of the proposed PUD.

He said that 40 acres as part of the project will remain in its “natural occurring condition.” Golan also noted that there will be a lot of open space.

Golan went through a number of proposed modifications as part of the Master Plan proposal, including to allow 200 dwellings to be built per year, with the goal of having them all built in a four year span. He added that it’s in comparison to the ordinance, which allows 20 per year.

Asked about how many units are being planned for each building, Golan said it will vary, but the smallest building would likely be 43 units with the largest being 55 units.

Dave Robbins, who said he lives nearby, explained he was concerned about the traffic in the area and with adding more residential units there, saying they

aren’t “addressing the surrounding infrastructure issues.”

While he says he knows the town needs growth, he said they need to have “smart growth.”

No votes were taken during the meeting.

“I think we’re in a better position to review this and provide formal recommendations at the next meeting,” Caron said.

The Planning Board ultimately agreed to continue the public hearing until May 9.

In the meantime, Vice Chair, Art Rugg, suggested that they continue to work with abutters to address any of their concerns.

“They’re the ones who can make or break the whole thing,” he said.

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# Editorial

## Habits Worth Developing

April 22nd is Earth Day, an annual event that reminds us to think about where we live, not our town or even our country, but the Planet Earth.

Every day should be Earth Day. A message we should have taken to heart by now. Earth Day started, Fifty-four years ago, and caring for the only home we have is not something we can do just one day a year.

With the calendar and the weather aligning at last, piles of snow have become just an unpleasant memory. But what's left behind are piles of trash that may have been buried through the winter, along with all the trash tossed out the windows of passing vehicles, visual reminders of just how lazy our fellow citizens can be.

April is the month for town cleanups, and we encourage our readers to participate. There's plenty of trash to go around whether it lines the border between the street and your yard or down the road a bit. This is a good time to start sprucing up your street and bring back "curb appeal".

Now, we should instill in every family member the reminder that trash does not get thrown out the window, and to keep a litterbag in

the car and empty it into your garbage or recycling when you get home.

Whether you decide to join a formal, town-organized clean up or take it upon yourself to keep a portion of the road where you live or the land where you walk free of litter, every bit helps. This involves everyone who's able to commit to keep his or her town looking its best throughout the year.

By now, we should have incorporated earth-saving measures into our daily lives. Preserving our environment has taken on more emphasis lately as global change continues to make headlines, but like most things, change does begin at home, and much of that change involves simple things. We should all do our part to make the earth a little better than it was. Making small changes in the ways we do things will do far more than attending a rally on Earth Day.

Taking care of the place we call home is not something we can do in just one day or a year and expect change, it needs to be a habit and one well worth developing.

After all, we cannot depend on the government or others to do it for us. "Lead by example".



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# Letters

## Happy Earth Day!

To the editor,  
Beautify Londonderry is ready to welcome all volunteers to come help with our roadside trash clean up this spring. Now that the snow has melted, trash is showing in full sight. Together we can work to remake Londonderry Beautiful this Earth Day season.

Our small planning committee is hosting one day this spring - May 4, but we hope to get many people out and about with a sweet treat gift from Colbie's Cones of a free small cone for each volunteer. We are grateful for Sunnycrest Farm for this generous donation!

Beautify Londonderry will provide bags, gloves, vests and pickers to borrow for the clean-up. On May 4, committee members will be handing these out at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School from 9 a.m. to noon. You and your team can choose a road near your own location, or we can assign you with a location in need cleaning.

We encourage individuals, families, scout troops, church groups, sports teams, neighborhood groups and businesses. If you cannot join us on May 4, we can make arrangements for you to participate at a time of your choosing. For more information, please contact Joy at [jmuller@tolboards.org](mailto:jmuller@tolboards.org), find our Beautify Londonderry page on Facebook, or find us on the Town of Londonderry website. If you are part of a business who would like to join our growing

"Sponsor-a-Road" program, please contact John at [jmahon@tolboards.org](mailto:jmahon@tolboards.org).

As always, we appreciate anytime our citizens do their part helping to care for the road near home.

Sincerely,  
Joy Fraga Muller,  
John Mahon, John Loker  
and Laura Hajjar  
Beautify Londonderry  
Planning Committee

## Response to Letter on Biden

To the editor,  
I read with some laughter the absurdity of a letter to the editor in last week's paper titled Biden's Failed Presidency.

There are several claims that I take issue with, but I'll mention just a few. The writer claims that President Biden is the "laughing stock of our allies due to foreign policy weakness, senility and inability to hold coherent conversations." To be clear, the President brought together many countries to support Ukraine in its fight against the Russian invasion. Compare that to his predecessor who mispronounces words regularly, mumbles at times, confuses people with other people and must stare at the teleprompter in order to read. The most common description of his speeches is word salad. It is not the President who has dissolved into dementia.

The inflation rate rose to a high of 9% at the beginning of President Biden's term in part due to supply chain problems caused by the mishandling of the pandemic by his predecessor.

The slow retreat of inflation is due to corporations not rolling back prices that increased due to the supply chain disruption. In 3 years inflation has dropped from 9 to 3.7%.

Lastly, the border is a major issue. However, at the behest of the leading Republican candidate for president, the Speaker of the House will not bring to the floor for a vote the Senate passed \$95 billion dollar bill that includes \$20 billion dollars for border security. The Republican candidate wants it as a campaign issue. The bill includes more border agents, additional technology and yes, more immigration judges and courts to speed up the asylum process.

If we want to discuss the issues most pressing, let's have one. That's what a democracy is for. Let's not cloud the issues with distortion and misinformation however. As the President is fond of saying, look it up.

Mike Yochim  
Londonderry

## Some Numbers

To the editor,

Last week, a letter suggested folks read up on the Biden administrations successes during their first term. And if you read articles from the New York Times or the Washington Post, or watch CNN or MSNBC, you most likely will see confirmation for the achievements outlined last week. But let me provide a counter to some of the numbers at least. Firstly, let's talk about the "off the charts"

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## Delusional Steve Homsey

To the editor,

Mr. Homsy. You lose all credibility when defending this inept administration in your own writing!

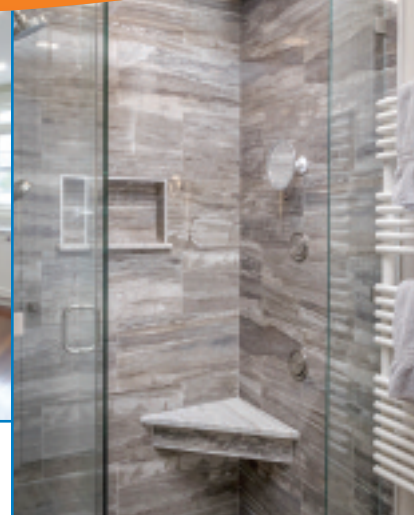
Trying to defend the worst administration in the history of this country is quite laughable. And you're one line in your letter last week defines what all the lefty whack jobs think. You said that among Bidens

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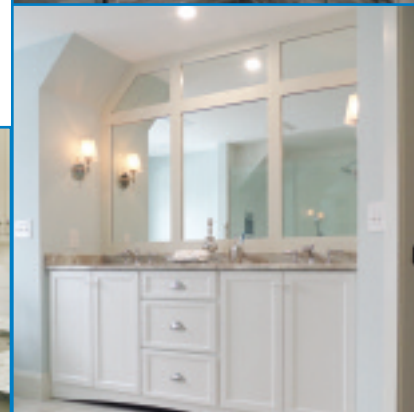


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# Eversource to Continue with Steel Poles Replacement

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on April 9 to hear from Licensing and Permitting Manager of Eversource, Kurt Nelson, and consultant, John Relleno, who were there to give a presentation on the company's I-158 Line Structure Replacement.

"It's a similar project to what you have seen many times before," said Nelson. "Many of our laminated wood pole structures that were found to be defective are going to be replaced in their entirety. Slowly but surely the poles in Londonderry are being changed out to steel."

Over the past few years, Eversource has engaged in multiple pole replacement projects. The latest replacement will focus on lines coming from a substation near Scobie Pond.

"We're replacing on the order of 40 poles," said Nelson. "In addition to pole replacement, we're also replacing the fiber optic communication cables on the structure as well. For additional permits, we have submitted a standard dredge and fill with a DES Alteration of Terrain permit."

Considering the number of poles and the need to access fairly remote areas, one of the larger concerns involved the environmental impact of the replacement project.

"One thing that came up when we were coordinating was that there were some protected plants," Relleno explained. "There are no other protected species within our right of way. There are some turtles and snakes that are close by."

He predicted there would be strict limita-

tions for how Eversource would be able to access the powerlines in the near future. All wetlands in the area were mapped out, with a plan to minimize the impact of construction. Relleno noted that Eversource needed to access its infrastructure "quite often" for maintenance and line inspections, especially around their Scobie Pond substation.

As such, they already had plans in place to avoid disturbing the surrounding environment too much and the addition of rock fords to bypass wetlands without interrupting the flow of water would allow easier access without needing to ask for a permit every time.

"Overall temporary wetland impact for the project is 132,000 square feet, permanent impact is 10,472, temporary buffer impact is 18,327,

and permanent buffer impact, that would be from the permanent gravel roads we would like to leave for continuous access, is 114,222," Relleno outlined in response to several questions from Conservation.

Eversource also promised to gate off their new trails to prevent unwanted access from members of the public. Offroad ATVs have been a problem for fenced-off land in Londonderry before.

"Would you be amenable to providing us a plan, a mark-up map that shows the number and type of gates you're going to be providing?" asked Conservation member, Michael Speltz. "We've played this tune before, it's very important for us limits ATVs and the gates are the best thing we've come up with."

The presenters agreed to provide these maps and planned to focus on the area around Scobie Pond.

"It looks like you're doing the best job that can be done," said Chair, Marge Badois.

The Conservation Commission is sched-

uled to meet again on p.m. in the Moose Hill Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 Council Chambers.

## OBITUARY

Robert Francis Ross, Jr



Robert Francis Ross, Jr., 69, of Londonderry, NH passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 17, 1954 in Lynn, MA, a son of Robert Ross, Sr. and Dorothy (Pratt) Ross. He was raised and educated in Saugus, MA and received a bachelor's degree in education from Boston State College. Bob had been a resident of Londonderry since 1986.

Bob was employed for 43 years by the General Electric Company, primarily at their Lynn location and retired as a contract agent. He was an amateur photographer and was able to do freelance work for the Derry News and Lynn Daily Item. Bob also had opportunities to shoot sporting events at Gillette Stadium and Fenway Park and was an avid Boston sports fan. He was actively involved in Londonderry civic events and he was the recipient of the 2000 Civic Volunteer of the year. Bob coached recreational baseball and basketball. He was a past president of the Londonderry Friends of Music and was a 2016 inductee into the Londonderry High School Hall of Fame. He loved to travel and had made several trips with the high school band and traveled extensively with his family. Bob was the beloved "BiBi" of Carter and Claire.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Kathleen (Mahoney) Ross; a son, Christopher (Jenna Yagjian) Ross; a daughter, Jennifer (Thomas) Stonehouse, his grandchildren, Carter and Claire Stonehouse, and one brother, Stephen "Doug" (Nancy) Ross. He was predeceased by his sister, Lori A. Phillips.

After cremation, visitation was held on Tuesday April 9, at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, with a memorial service after. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Bob's memory may be made to: Friends of Dana Farber 450 Brookline Ave., SW120, Boston, MA 02215, or to NH Special Olympics at support.specialolympics.org. To send a condolence please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# School Board Discuss Solar Eclipse Proposal by Student

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board heard a proposal from a student, to not have school on April 8, as the state of NH would be able to see the solar eclipse for the first time in years.

He explained, during the April 2 School Board meeting, that he thought students and staff should have the opportunity to see the eclipse. He said one of the proposals was for all students to have an excused absence, and or to use the remaining snow day for April 8. The argument was it would allow everyone the chance to see the eclipse.

Asked to speak further on the decision to not make any changes to the schedule for that day, Superintendent, Dan Black, explained it was a difficult decision.

"I think it's a tough

situation," he said.

He explained that if the eclipse had been earlier in the day then "that definitely would have been to our advantage."

Black explained that he doesn't know everyone's level of enthusiasm in Londonderry for the eclipse, and if any parents wanted to take their kids out of school for part of the day or for the full day "that is their right they can definitely do that."

He also explained that he was worried about working families "who didn't have a plan for that" or other families who weren't enthusiastic about it.

It was noted by Black that other districts had adjusted their calendars, but said they moved early release days already in the calendar to April 8, something they didn't have.

He also noted that for hourly employees, they don't get paid if there isn't school.

"Me choosing to do that would take away hundreds of hours of pay to some of our employees," Black said, about changing the calendar.

At the elementary school level, Black said they had a plan in place for kids to experience it and said that they had protective eyewear for them.

At the middle and high school level, he said they had enough protective eyewear for anyone who is doing sports.

"I think we've done our best to keep everyone safe," Black said.

One question raised was whether or not there was any consideration for moving start times for sports back.

Assistant Superintendent, Jason Parent,

said the athletic directors for Division 1 schools discussed it and many of the games would have later start times, and that they would have protective eyewear for the student athletes during warmups.

## Solar

**Continued from page 1**  
the local EPA and DES offices. Currently, there has been nothing presented on the farm.

Energy subcommittee member, Mike Speltz, updated the group on the progress of an application to receive federal funds through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

"The town was offered to submit a grant for \$75,000 under the Inflation Reduction Act," said Speltz. "We elected to apply for basically a

Black said if there are weather or safety issues, it's the responsibility of the superintendent to "make sure things are safe," which could include having a modified school day.

In this situation, he

voucher that we can use to create an energy strategy for our town."

There had been discussion over whether it would be feasible to install solar panels on either town-owned land or on top of town-owned buildings following the Auburn Road project. He expected the Block Grant application to go through after getting word it had been accepted and wanted to use that money to fund any future feasibility study for solar power.

"Sometime this summer, the feds hope to hire a national engineer-

said he would need to bring a calendar change to the School Board and make sure there is overwhelming consensus by the community that they supported having less school in order to see the eclipse.

ing firm that will provide their services to all towns across the country like us that have decided they want to develop an energy strategy. When that happens, they will work with us to define a real scope of work," said Speltz. "At least we know we'll have \$75,000 to work with."

In a separate update from the energy subcommittee, it was reported that the Community Heating Oil Aggregation plan would likely not be able to move forward because there is no legislation from the state allowing for oil aggregation.



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# Middle School Drama Students Perform Madagascar



The Londonderry Middle School Drama Club performed the musical Madagascar last month featuring a very large ensemble of talented student. The show's lead characters featured Alex the Lion, performed by Marcela Smith, Marty the Zebra was played by Evelyn Murray, Gloria the Hippo was played by Elisa Thomas, Melman the Giraffe was performed by Daphne Awad. The Penguin Skipper was played by Emelia Porter. *Courtesy photos*

## Letters

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great accomplishments (there have been none by the way) was "canceling student debt".

I would like to inform you that printing money and billing the taxpayers is not what most Americans call canceling. And the lap dog left media prints the same headlines all the time as well.

Cancelled? I paid my student loans back and now I'm going to be paying those student loans back as well as you and many other American struggling to get along during this horrid administration. Hopefully the second thing President Trump does upon reelection after closing the border is uncancel these loans!

Andrew Hamer  
Londonderry

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Baseball Squad Begins Its Quest for Another DI Title

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Baseball team began its quest for its second consecutive Division I title last week, but suffered a season opening loss on the seacoast to Winnacunnet, followed by a overwhelming victory in their home opener against Central-West.

Before getting started in the regular season, the Lancers were able to get three strong wins and a tie during their pre-season games, but struggled against the Warriors strong pitcher, falling 3-1 in Hampton on Tuesday, April 9.

Londonderry's starting pitcher, Brady Gillis, suffered the loss, giving up three runs and seven hits over four and one-third innings.

Joey Cafaro came in as the reliever, pitching one and two-third innings, and giving up just one hit and striking out one.

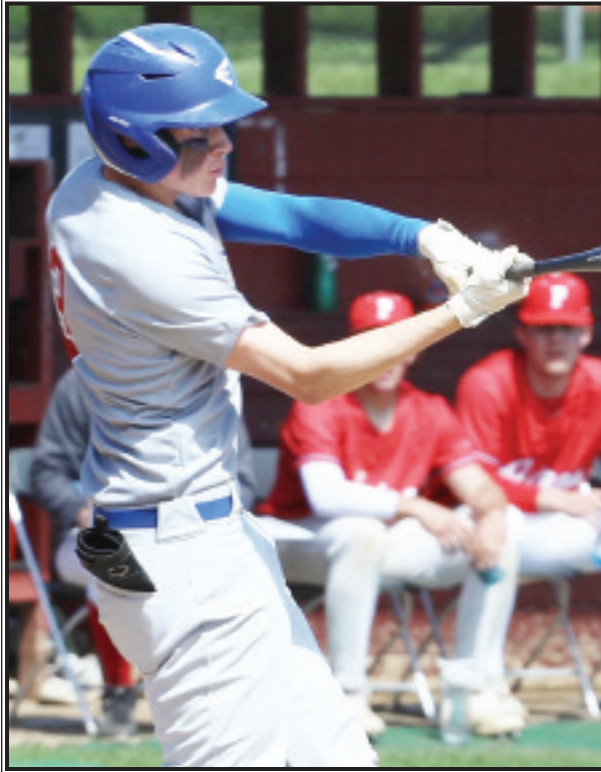
Londonderry's only run in the game was scored by Jayden Hamilton,

crossing the plate in the third inning, on a balk by the WHS pitcher.

A total of 13 LHS batters were struck out by the Warriors tough senior pitcher, Jones Vici-

nos.

The Londonderry team bounced right back in its home opener on Wednesday, April 10, outscoring the Central-West Knights 9-2.



Jayden Hamilton

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Devin Boles earned the win, pitching four innings, giving up two hits, and two runs, while striking out eight Knights and walking four.

Ryan Williams came in for three innings as the reliever, sitting down six batters on Ks, walking one and didn't allow a hit.

The Lancers were able to accrue 10 hits in the game, seven off the starter and another three versus the Knights reliever.

Central-West took the lead early, after a

double and a sacrifice, but Londonderry quickly took the lead in the bottom of the second, starting with three singles and a double to score two. A wild pitch and a fielders choice scored two more, making it 4-1.

In that inning, Ty Miles, Green, and Brody Labbe singled, followed by Jaylen Stott who hit the double to left field.

Londonderry had four more batters cross the plate in the third inning, to make the game 8-2.

The final Lancers run

came off the bat of Owen Carey, who hit a inside the park homerun to right field to lead off the sixth inning.

A total of 10 Londonderry batters had hits in the game, Jet Jones, Mason Duvall, and Stott had doubles and Carey had the only homerun.

The Lancers were scheduled for three games this week, starting on Monday, at home against Exeter, followed by road games against Timberlane and Trinity on Wednesday and Friday.

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# Lancers Softball Fall to Warriors in Tough Season Opener

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' varsity Softball squad had a pretty successful pre-season, winning three of the four games, but then suffered a difficult extra-innings

loss in the season home-owner. The Lady Lancers ended the month of March with two of three wins against Massachusetts teams, then went on to outmatch Hollis-Brookline by a score of 19-1 as they prepared for the 2024 spring season. In the lopsided win over the Cavalier, Gina Flaherty and Allison Chambers both went three for four, with Flaherty getting four RBIs and Chambers getting two. Olivia Cutuli got the

win, pitching three perfect innings with seven strikeouts. Elisabeth Kearney and Flaherty had home-runs. In the season opener against the Winnacunnet Warriors, on Thursday, April 11, despite taking an early 3-1 lead, Londonderry saw WHS tie the game at three in the sixth, and wound up letting one run in during the ninth for the 4-3 loss.

Olivia Cutuli was saddled with the loss, pitching in relief for the final five innings of the game, Elisabeth Kearney was the starter, pitching four innings and giving up just one run.

Shannon Crowley and Addie Browning had two hits in the game, Cutuli, Belenger, and Flaherty each had one. Cutuli's hit was the team's only homerun of the contest, a long ball to centerfield in her first at-bat of the game, to score two. Browning's bunt single in the second inning



Gina Flaherty

scored Browning from second base to give LHS a 3-1 lead. The Warriors tied the game in the sixth inning, then scored the winning run on a double, with two on, in the top of the ninth. The Lady Lancers were on the road for most of this week, traveling to Exeter, Manchester Central, and Timberlane before returning home for their second home game on Friday against the Trinity Pioneers starting at 4 p.m.

# Londonderry Lax Teams Get Off to Difficult Start

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse teams had a tough start in the first week of the season, losing their first game to a tough Exeter Blue Hawks squad by a score of 5-15. The season opener was on the road, at the Bill Ball Stadium, on

Thursday, April 11, with three players scoring for the Lancers. Cam Brutus put in three goals and caused seven turnovers. Liam Knight contributed a goal, which was assisted by Connor Woodward, and Colby Walden also had a goal in the game. The Lady Lancers also had a troubling

start to their season, losing their first three contests. On Tuesday, April 9, they battled Exeter at home to a 10-12 loss. Three days later, at Nashua South, the girls fell just shy at 7-8. On Saturday, April 13, at Winnacunnet, the Warriors ended the LHS week with a 5-12 defeat.



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# Lancers Boys' Volleyball Start with Two Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Volleyball squad got off to an impressive start winning their first two contests of the spring season.

The Lancers team is coming off an extremely successful 2023 season, going undefeated in the regular season and suffering its only defeat in the Division I Finals against Hollis-Brookline High School.

In the team's home

opener, on Monday, April 8, against the Keene High School Blackbirds, Londonderry cruised to an easy 3-0 shutout victory.

The Lancers took the first set 25-13 and the second and third sets went to LHS by a score of 25-14.

Senior Matt Doyle had 11 digs, three assists and two aces in the win.

Fellow senior, Tyler Brown, had 15 kills, one dig, eight assists, and six aces.

Ethan Munro was able to put up six kills, got eight digs, eight assists, and an ace.

Gavin Doughty had two kills, a block, three digs, and one ace; Ethan Saranich got three kills, one dig, and a block; Connor Koza had contributed three kills and three blocks; Theo Pacione had one dig and three assists; Liam Evans got one dig; and Jack Smith added one ace.

On Saturday, April 13, the Lancers traveled

to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy to take on the Black Bears, a team that nearly beat the Lancers in last year's semi-finals. In that contest, the LHS boys won three of four sets for the 3-1 win.

Londonderry took the first set 25-15, dropped the second 14-25, came back in the third with another 25-15 set win, followed by a close 25-23 win in the fourth set.

The Lancers have five returning varsity

players this season. success of the team this year.

Tyler Brown, Preston Carmody, Matt Doyle, Ethan Munro, and Crosby Nolan will be a contributing factor to the LHS squad were scheduled to take on Winnacunnet and Salem High School this week.



Senior Matt Doyle had 11 digs, three assists and two aces in the home opening win against the Keene Blackbirds last week.

## Londonderry Tennis Teams Get Started for a New Spring Season

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Tennis teams continue to build as they began the 2024 spring season, seeing some success.

The LHS girls' squad, coached again by Betty Wong-Mak, got off to a strong start in the team's first match of the season.

Taking on the Lady Tomahawks of Merrimack High School, at

home on Tuesday, April 2, the Lancers were able edge out their visitor's 5-4, for the team's first.

Ali Von Pichl gave her team an 8-3 victory in her number two singles match against Jess Hordin. Number four player, April Edmunds, had an 8-4 win over Emily Theriault and Riley Doyle had a 8-3 victory over Maya Scott for the Lancers third singles win.

In doubles, the team of Doyle and Maya

Daaboul gave Londonderry a 8-1 win and Bianca Bettencourt with Abby Jones were able to get the team's fifth win of the night with an 8-0 shutout.

One week later, after the April snowstorm, the girls' team suffered a 3-6 loss on the road to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals.

Londonderry had two singles wins.

Jillian Mazzola had an 8-4 win in the number

one spot and Doyle gave her team an 8-4 win in the number six spot. Mazzola and Von Pichl had the squads only other victory, an 8-2 win in doubles.

The Londonderry Boys, under the leadership of Alex Burbine, had an outstanding start to their season, shutting out the Merrimack Tomahawks 9-0.

The team's other game was postponed until this week.

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# North School Students Perform Two Shows of “Dig It”



The North Elementary School Drama and Music department presented two performances of the musical “Dig It” on Thursday, April 11. One took place in the afternoon for the student body to enjoy and another performance took place at night for the parents.  
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## Touch A Truck

Moose Hill PTA is bringing back the Touch A Truck event! The event will be take place on Saturday, May 4 rain or shine from 10 - 2 p.m., at the Moose Hill parking lot. It should be another fun family event to help raise money for the school. A \$10 suggested donation per family.

## Basketball Camp

The NH Spartans have recently announced their

annual Summer Basketball Camp dates all hosted in Derry, NH this coming season. All camps run from 9 a.m. - 3: p.m., Monday through Thursday. The camp dates are as follows: July 22 - 25 at The New England Sports Center. Each camp features top coaching with a focus on intense ball handling/station work, shooting form and technique, attack move drills and instructional game play. To register, visit the NHSp-

artans.Com website.

## Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: May 7, 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; and Photo ID. Applicants for registration who

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## Scrimshaw Showcase

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

## Sunday - April 7

**10:29 a.m.** Three officers conduct a Welfare Check and assist with transport to a hospital on Winding Pond Road.

**1:17 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Pinyon Place at Auburn Road.

**4:35 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Rockingham Road.

**4:39 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Ashland Street, Manchester. Jack Rockholt, 21, of Manchester, charged with: Breach of Bail; and Stalking - Notice of Order.

**10:53 p.m.** Motor vehicle check by three officers leads to an arrest made at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

## Monday - April 8

**12:31 a.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Bayberry Lane.

**7:32 a.m.** Four officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Nashua Road and assist with

transport to a hospital.

**11:29 a.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry High School.

**2:12 p.m.** Officers responds to a Domestic Disturbance VIP Discount Auto Center on Garden Lane.

**5:15 p.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Woodside Drive.

**7:07 p.m.** Disturbance reported at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

**8:06 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Wendy's on Nashua Road.

**10:18 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

## Tuesday - April 9

**8:44 a.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Capitol Hill Drive.

**1:18 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Adams Road.

**2:45 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Seminole

Place.

**10:31 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest made by three officers on Nashua Road at Mohawk Drive. Travis Gladstone, 29, of Nashua, arrested on a Warrant.

## Wednesday - April 10

**9:36 a.m.** Peace restored after a Disturbance at Trend Moving on Liberty Drive.

**3:40 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Mammoth Road.

**3:56 p.m.** Three officers conduct a Welfare Check at the Macgregor Cut apartments then assist with transport to a hospital.

**4:04 p.m.** Three officers serve a warrant and make an arrest at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store on Nashua Road. Kevin Voisine, 29, of Pembroke, arrested on a Warrant.

**4:42 p.m.** Shoplifting investigated at N.H. Liquor Store on Michels Way.

**5:12 p.m.** Shoplifting arrest made at Hannaford

Food & Drug on Hampton Drive. Heather Collins, 41, of Londonderry, charged with: Willful Concealment.

**6:12 p.m.** Animal Control responds to a report of a Dog Bite at Crossroads Animal Hospital on Nashua Road.

**6:40 p.m.** Shoplifting reported at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

**11:48 p.m.** Services rendered for an Involuntary Emergency Admission on Sara Beth Lane.

## Thursday - April 11

**4:15 a.m.** Three officers assisted Derry Police on Coteville Road.

**4:49 a.m.** Assault investigated by three officers at the RMX Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

**7:06 a.m.** Four officers investigate a Sudden Death on King Henry Drive.

**8:05 a.m.** Drug Offenses on Hardy Road requires transport to a hospital.

**12:49 p.m.** Services rendered by four officers for an assault on Noyes Road.

**4:23 p.m.** Services rendered for a Neighbor-

hood Disputes on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

**11:36 p.m.** Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite reported on Windsor Boulevard.

## Friday - April 12

**5:28 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**11:33 a.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Deer Crossing Circle.

**4:01 p.m.** Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Mammoth Road.

**5:34 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Great American Subs on Nashua Road.

**7:32 p.m.** Services rendered assisting the Londonderry Fire Department on Owl Road.

## Saturday - April 13

**12:28 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Gilcreast Road, at Nashua Road, leads to an arrest. Karen Lincoln, 51, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**2:48 a.m.** Three officers investigate a Distur-

bance at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

**7:35 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Tavern Hill Road.

**7:53 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made on Auburn Road at Farm Meadow Lane. Jason Canfield, 32, of Hudson, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

**8:15 p.m.** Runaway Juvenile reported on Larch Lane.

## Sunday - April 14

**1:19 a.m.** Three officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance on Coventry Lane.

**2:03 a.m.** Four officers investigate Suspicious Activity on Gordon Drive.

**11:50 a.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Prairie Lane.

**12:40 p.m.** Shooting complaint investigated on Burbank Road.

**2:22 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Ashley Drive.

**5:20 p.m.** Three officers conduct a Welfare Check and assist with transportation to a hospital from on Bartley Hill Road.

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## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers, Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan and conditional use permit to construct an approximately 89,000 square foot behavioral health hospital along with associated site improvements. 6 & 10 Innovation Way (Map 28, Lots 17 & 17-1) zoned gateway business (GB), Ballinger Properties, LLC and Five N Associates GP (owner) and Tarrytown Real Estate Holdings, Inc. (applicant).

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan to construct a one-story office and laboratory building along with associated site improvements. 58 Wentworth Ave & 3 Burton Drive (Map 14, Lots 44-21 & 44-22) zoned industrial 2 (IND-II), Burton Governmental, LLC, (Owner) and Ryan Companies US Inc, (Applicant).

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan to construct a natural gas metering and regulating station along with site improvements. 104 Harvey Rd (Map 14 Lot 12) zoned industrial II (IND II), City of Manchester-Manchester - Boston Regional Airport (Owner) and Liberty Utilities (Applicant).





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