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## Fishy Fun

Flannery Frulla and her dad David had fun reeling in trout at the annual Kids Fishing Derby at the Londonderry Fish and Game Club on Sunday, May 6. Despite the light rain there were plenty of young anglers attending. More photos page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Town Solar Ordinance Being Drafted by Planning, Utilities

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At a recent Londonderry Planning Board workshop meeting, one of the agenda items was the discussion of a solar ordinance draft.

Planning Board member Lynn Wiles, who also chairs the Utilities Committee, ex-

plained that the town had formed a subcommittee focused on energy.

“As part of that committee we had an energy subcommittee,” Wiles said during the meeting.

Wiles said the committee was exploring ways to implement “good energy policies that would benefit the

citizens of Londonderry.”

“The committee started facilitating a project here in town, a larger commercial solar array project,” he said.

Upon reviewing the project, Wiles said they realized that the town’s zoning regulations are “basically silent” when

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## Councilors Look for Ways to Discontinue PUD Ordinance

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry’s Planned Use Development (PUD) ordinance was discussed by the Town Council at its Monday meeting.

The ordinance is a zoning device that can allow for high-density residential, commercial and industrial parcels within a large area. Currently there are two PUDs in town, Woodmont and Technology Hill, with a third being proposed on Auburn Road.

Town Councilor Deb Paul said she brought it up because she is concerned about the ordinance for a couple of reasons, including that

she feels that there are a lot of “weak spots in it.”

“We need to fix it, fine tune it,” Paul said, explaining that her feeling was to temporarily take it off the shelf, redo it, and then if the Planning Board wants to bring it back they could.

She explained that if they take it off the shelf while they are working on it, then developers looking to use it couldn’t take advantage of the PUD while it’s being worked on.

Ultimately, her goal would be to slow down growth temporarily, while they look at the ordinance and make sure it’s good for the Town.

Town Council Vice

Chair Shawn Faber said he spoke to Planning Board Chair Jake Butler before the meeting, who asked that they follow the normal procedures including getting recommendations from his Board.

It was noted during the meeting that the PUD ordinance requires 100 contiguous acres of land in order to qualify.

“I don’t really envision another parcel of land that could really do that at this time,” Town Councilor Ted Combes said.

But Paul noted that a developer could buy multiple acres on different parcels, similar to what occurred with

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## Acting Town Manager Pushes for Town Clerk Pay Increase

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Acting Town Manager Kim Bernard addressed the issue of compensation for the Town Clerk during the most recent Town Council meeting, calling it a “very important topic.”

“We’re getting to the end of the fiscal year, and we’re getting to the end where employees are getting their reviews,” Bernard said during the meeting.

He noted that over the past several months, the Town has negotiated

five different union contracts, all of which were ratified by voters in March.

“Those are all going into effect July 1,” Bernard said.

As part of the new agreements, Bernard explained that staff members will be receiving wage adjustments, including Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs).

He also referenced a decision made about two months ago to address compensation for the Tax Collector.

During his time as Acting Town Manager,

Bernard said he has observed firsthand that Town Hall employees work hard.

“I’ve heard councilors say to me we need to take care of our employees, we need to treat them right, we need to do the right

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# Conservation Chair Explains Open Space Fund Allocation

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the April 21 Town Council meeting, officials discussed open space preservation and what funds the Conservation Commission is permitted to use to purchase additional land.

"I'm here to provide the council and the public with some background regarding transactions on the parcel known as the Gilcreast Orchard," said Conservation Commission Chair Marge Badois.

She also explained that she wanted to ad-

dress the use of the town's proceeds from the sale of the development rights on the parcel.

On Sept. 15, 2003, Badois said, the town purchased the development rights to the parcel for \$1.23 million through a warrant article.

She noted that there was "overwhelming community understanding that this was conservation permanently in place once this was purchased."

A little over 18 years later, during the March 2022 election, voters approved selling the rights back through Town

Meeting for a total of \$2.65 million.

Badois explained that there was an "unusual" easement on the property that allowed the town to withdraw the restrictions.

"That is not on any other conservation easement that we have," Badois said.

At the same Town Meeting, voters approved using \$750,000 of the sale proceeds "to be used within reasonable time to replace the property currently under a conservation and open space restriction."

Badois noted that when the Conservation Commission considered the transaction, their support for the sale was conditioned on securing a replacement property with equal or greater conservation value.

She added that the need to protect open space has only grown more urgent, citing increased development and its impacts, including higher traffic volumes.

Badois also referenced the 2024 Master Plan Steering Committee survey, which found that residents prioritize preserving open space.

According to Badois, the recent Open Space Master Plan identified more than 100 parcels with "conservation value greater than those of the Gilcreast Orchard." Of those, she said, approximately 1,500 acres have already been lost to development.

She urged the council to use the remaining funds from the sale to restore conservation value and strengthen open space protection in town.

One question raised during the meeting was whether the additional \$1.9 million from the sale could be allocated

to conservation efforts. Finance Director Justin Campo said that would require a warrant article.

"You could do a warrant article next year requesting this," Campo said.

Campo added that any unused funds from the sale would be transferred to the town's fund balance at the end of the year. He also noted that using the proceeds to purchase new open space would likewise require a warrant article.

Currently, the Open Space account holds \$1.4 million, Campo said.

## PUD

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Woodmont Commons, to achieve what was needed.

Assistant Town Manager/Director of Economic Development Kellie Caron said no matter what they do, it would require a process including a first reading and public hearing.

She also noted if

someone submits an application before they change the ordinance, then they would still have to follow the process already in place.

Earlier in the meeting, during public comment, Bob Robicsek, said he has 45-plus years in design and the construction business and said he was weighing in on the matter as a private citizen.

"The current London-

derry PUD ordinance flexibility is both the strength and weakness of that. It encourages innovation but risk(s) the developer overreach due to vague criteria, weak safeguards, optional commitments," he said.

He explained that the ordinance is aligned "loosely" with the old master plan "But doesn't leverage a PUD to address pressing needs

like affordability or environmental protection enough."

Resident Mauren Hardy also spoke on the PUD, saying that they should suspend it until they at least have an impact fees process in place.

"I would like to request the PUD ordinance be suspended either permanently or until it can be updated to correct numerous flaws that are dangerous based on the current state of growth in Londonderry," she said.

Town Councilor Dan Bouchard was in favor of

shelving the PUD, saying they need to come up with changes to the ordinance, "I feel the PUD as written is not a really good working document."

"I think it needs to be reworked," Bouchard said, explaining changes should be made to make it better for Londonderry overall.

He suggested that they remove it and then fix it.

Bouchard also suggested they work with the Planning Board on it.

From there they can regroup and decide what to do as a Town

Council.

"I just want us to work with them," Bouchard said.

It was decided that they should ask the Planning Board to discuss it and give the Town Council feedback on the PUD ordinance.

In addition the Town Council was asked to send questions and recommendations on the PUD to Caron in the next two weeks.

No decision was made on when the matter would be brought back to the Town Council.

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# Summer Reading Program Looks for Additional Funding

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees held a special meeting on April 16 to discuss potential support for the 2025 summer reading program, which has proven immensely popular with Londonderry residents.

"I noticed the Trustee account has around \$41,000. That's a huge amount of money available to you, and I think supporting the summer programming here through the use of some of that funding is a phenomenal idea," said resident Erica Laue. "I'd really like to encourage you to use some of that money to support the library summer pro-

gramming."

Speaking as a private citizen, Head of Circulation Services Megan Donovan praised the "importance of the summer reading program," calling it a "lifelong learning opportunity."

"As someone growing up in Londonderry, I participated in the summer reading program," she said. "As a staff person, I have been involved in directly planning the program for close to 15 years, and a lot of work goes into it. I want you to be mindful of the work the staff puts into the program."

Trustee Chair Liz Thomas confirmed that the library often incurs costs for program speakers and supplies.

"The total cost for summer reading programs - and this is supplies, programming, and obviously everything submitted here - is \$12,226," said Thomas, who added that the cost was split between the FY 2024-2025 and FY 2025-2026 budgets.

Library Director Erin Matlin was confident the library would not need to trim back summer programming in 2025, at least through the end of June. However, she warned that cuts could happen in 2026, particularly with anticipated short-term spending reductions. She noted that the management line item in the library budget would need additional sup-

port.

"What I would like to see, just like the Friends did, is 'here's a set amount of money to go towards summer reading,'" said Matlin, referring to a \$500 donation from the Friends of the Library, which will fund three summer programs. She expressed concern that pulling money from another line item could create issues down the road.

Resident Richard Bielinski agreed, arguing that reallocating funds from one line item to support the summer program was inappropriate.

"Bottom-line budgeting is supposed to be a safety net," said Bielinski. "It's not supposed to

be that you spend whatever you want if you stay within our total budget."

Thomas also voiced concern about reallocating funds for the summer reading program.

"Financially, this town and every town around in America is struggling, and we need to make cuts somewhere," said Thomas. "The people of this town are really straining to pay their taxes and stuff, so every cent they spend on their taxes, they need to think about."

She further expressed concern over expected reductions in state and federal funding, noting that the Leach Library's book club is one program that relies

on federal support.

"We need to conserve the Trustee fund for emergencies and safety issues that come up," Thomas said.

After extensive debate, the Trustees narrowly voted not to contribute money from the Trustee fund to the summer program without obtaining more detailed budgetary information.

Despite the decision, Trustee Christine Fitzgerald pledged to make a private donation of at least \$50 toward the program. Several other Board members indicated they would also contribute personally.

The summer reading program is scheduled to run from June through August.

# School Board Gets Annual Update from Dining Services

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the latest School Board meeting, Krystle Connell, Director of Dining Services, gave an annual update.

"The department will end the year in the negative," Connell said. "This was anticipated as we utilized the lingering COVID-19 funds."

Connell explained that contributing factors included expected expenses such as replacing tables at the elementary schools. Additional factors were rising food and chemical costs, as well as changes to reimbursement rates for free and reduced lunch.

Connell noted that

several unexpected purchases were also required, including a warming cabinet at the Middle School, a LINQ CC-Reader, a diamond-plated walk-in fridge at Londonderry High School, minor repairs and purchases across the district, and a propane conversion at Matthew Thornton Elementary.

"All of those totaled out to \$11,572.16," Connell said during the meeting.

Connell also provided an update on the total amount of negative lunch debt, stating that it currently stands at \$60,592.

She explained that the district reaches out to families in a number

of ways when students have unpaid lunch balances, including phone calls, emails, and mailed letters.

Connell also said they are monitoring potential federal policy changes that could impact the dining services program. One of those is the "Buy American" policy.

"'Buy American' saw stricter guidelines put into place for SY 25-26; while this ensures we bring in foods closer to home, it will limit the foods available for purchase, as 51% or higher of the total item must be made in America," Connell said.

Another potential factor is tariffs.

"Tariffs could potentially change pricing on goods," Connell said. "To help ensure we are getting the most out of our funds, I will monitor our bids closely, as well as continue to be a part of the NH Buying Group."

Connell told the School Board that due to many variables still in flux, it is unclear

whether meal prices will increase next year.

"Due to current government changes, tariffs, and updates to 'Buy American,' I do not have a clear view if changes to our federal funds will take place," she said.

If a price increase is deemed necessary, Connell said the goal will be to keep it as minimal as

possible.

"If a price increase is determined necessary, I will increase lunch pricing as minimally as possible.

My goal is not to put extra stress on families," she said.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for May 13 at 7 p.m.



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# Editorial

## Happy Moms Day

*"All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."*

- George Washington

What a mother Mary Bell Washington must have been, to have had such a profound influence on her son. As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, we honor the women who shaped us, nurtured us, taught us, and showed us what life and love are about.

True, fathers do all of those things too, but in different ways. It's not about whose role is bigger or better, and it's not even about conforming to the specific gender roles. It is simply acknowledging that both parents influence our lives through the choices they make with us, and each one's influence is distinct from the other.

But has their role really changed so much?

Their job is still tireless and often thankless. When it is done right, the job is still about unconditional love, even when that means tough love.

It remains a lifelong commitment. Even after a child is grown, mom is still mom, and moms will always worry. They cut the umbilical cord at birth, but there are other bonds that still stay intact.

When the world is harsh, when life pokes us in the eye and laughs

at us, it is often our first instinct to seek comfort in a mother's love.

We hope you are surrounded by family today. If they can't make it home, we hope you at least call. In my house I ask for a plant to put in our family garden year after year; as you may imagine it is quite large. I remember getting each plant and which child gave it to me. After all, for us moms it is about the memory. If they take you out to eat, let them pay, even if that goes against your maternal instinct.

We hope at least one person doesn't stop at saying "Happy Mother's Day", but elaborates at least a little bit on the depths of their gratitude and the reasons for it. Maybe they could share an anecdote or two, whether the goal is to make you laugh, cry, or both.

We hope you feel pride today. That when you look at the child or the children of whom you have had an influence, you see the kinds of people you wanted them to be. It is okay to be proud not only of them, but of yourself for the role you played in getting them to where they are.

Remember hugs. Always hugs.

*"Because I feel that, in the Heavens above / The angels, whispering to one another, / Can find, among their burning terms of love / None so devotional as that of 'Mother'"*

- Edgar Allen Poe

# Letters

## How Trump is "Gifted"

To the editor,  
Donald Trump is gifted and there is no denying that but he is not gifted in everything. He is NOT a gifted orator as we have all seen him having difficulty stringing three coherent sentences together even when he's "reading" a script that was prepared for him. Three syllable words are a challenge. He also is NOT gifted in mathematics which, again, we have all witnessed with his on-again-off-again-high tariff-low tariff fiascos. The numbers just don't make sense. Trump has also declared bankruptcy four times which is typically not the sign of a person gifted in the mathematical dealings

of successful business. It did however mean that he didn't have to pay some men and women money owed them and in some cases to those who had actually worked to construct his buildings. Some may say this is smart business. Others may say it is underhanded and dishonest. Regardless, I stand by my assertion that he is not gifted with numbers.

However, Trump is gifted. He is a gifted con-man. In all of my years on this planet, and there have been several, I have never seen a person who can tell such lies day after day and have so many people believe him. It is uncanny. Trump says whatever behooves him at the moment. People

believe him. He will say and has said whatever is to his benefit. He cares little about his "followers" as long as they keep following, voting for him, and feeding his fragile ego. He demands fealty because he can't have anyone questioning his motives for they will see him for the lying con-man that he is. He is treating the Presidency as if it is reality TV and his followers keep tuning in. He is a user and a superb con-man. It's a gift.

You who are reading this letter and becoming enraged and feeling like you need to respond only prove my point regarding what a gifted con-man Trump truly is.

Bruce Stern  
Londonderry

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## Solar Ordinance

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it comes to solar energy. He noted that the lack of guidance applies to all types of solar usage, "getting right down to a private solar array on your roof."

"It doesn't say you can't do it. It just is silent," Wiles said.

He added that it was surprising, considering the town already has a section of the zoning ordinance related to wind energy.

"I don't know why we did one but not the other. That was a long time ago when that happened," Wiles said.

He explained that based on this project and others in town, they

realized the need to update the zoning ordinance so "a developer or any private individual, private entity wishing to do something with solar on their property could do it."

"They would know what the rules are, and the rules would be fair to everybody and well known to everybody, consistent across the board," Wiles said.

Wiles encouraged everyone to review the draft ordinance and send comments to him. He and Town Planner Kristan Farr will incorporate the feedback into a revised draft, which the Board will revisit in the future.

One question raised during the meeting was when the ordinance might be ready for a public hearing.

Wiles said he believes they could be ready by June.

He also noted that they reviewed the state's model ordinance, as well as ordinances from other towns, and used the language they felt was most appropriate.

Ultimately, Wiles said the goal is to create a system where the rules are clearly laid out and the process for solar installations is well defined.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for May 14, beginning at 7 p.m.

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# Londonderry's Megan Plaza Crowned Miss N.H. Teen

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A local sophomore at Londonderry High School won the title of Miss NH's Teen 2025 over the weekend and will represent the Granite State in a national competition later in the year.

Plaza, 15, is a life-long resident of Londonderry and was crowned Miss NH's Teen last week while competing against 23 other young women ages 14-18 from across the state.

Plaza was extremely excited after being crowned, saying, "I was very excited to be chosen as Miss New Hampshire's Teen, but I was also very proud because of the work I have done and the growth I have had since entering the Miss America Organization." She added, "I entered pageants because I saw a vision of the young woman I wanted to be, and I have become her this year. I used to have extreme anxiety when singing. This year, I was calm. I was elated to win overall vocalist, because I walked off the stage proud of my performance."

Plaza is also very

proud of her non-profit, saying "There are five points to the crown: style, service, scholarship, sisterhood, and success. My favorite part of the crown is service. My service is The Suitcase Project, a non-profit I founded. I also won the Humanitarianism Award and Teens in Action because of the work I have done! The Suitcase Project has grown in NH and MA, and I can't wait to expand it further as Miss New Hampshire's Teen 2025."

As part of her winning, Plaza was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship and is beginning her year of service to the organization, during which, she will continue endeavours to help provide support to foster children and families through the nonprofit organization she founded called The Suitcase Project.

As far as her year headed into the national event, she said, "My upcoming plans include inclusive and fun fundraisers for the American Heart Association and The Suitcase Project. This summer, I will be doing mock interviews and working with Bill Wolfe and Bernie

Choiniere to perfect my talent so I can put my best foot forward on the Miss America's Teen Stage as New Hampshire representative."

She thanked a number of people who helped along the way, saying, "I would like to thank my former directors - Michele Hanson, Aimee Quier, Mary Hoeghan, Deb Barker, and Amelia Grooms - my vice-principal Katie Sullivan, my Suitcase Project Board of Directors, and finally, my parents and siblings for helping me achieve my dreams!"

Plaza entered the competition as Miss Capital Area's Teen and put forth a vocal performance during the talent portion of the event. Plaza is also a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and

the Lancer Marching Band.

Since her start in the Miss NH Scholarship Program, she has earned \$13,600 in scholarships to further her education.

Also being crowned at the event, Xanthi Russell, 23, was awarded the title of Miss NH 2025, who was competing against 23 other young women ages 18-27 from across the Granite State. She was awarded a \$15,000 scholarship and will promote leadership development among young people through participation in the Miss America Opportunity and the 4-H program. Xanthi performed a tap dance during the talent portion of the competition and entered the competition holding the local title of Miss Lilac State.



Londonderry sophomore Megan Plaza was crowned Miss New Hampshire Teen 2025. last weekend in Derry. Courtesy photo

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# Planning Board Reviews Required, Proposed Changes

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At a recent Planning Board workshop meeting, the board reviewed proposed changes to its site plan regulations prompted by recent state legislation.

Assistant Town Manager and Director of Economic Development Kellie Caron explained that several laws passed last year are impacting land use regulations in Londonderry. One such change involves the definition of an abutter.

The proposed language for Londonderry's subdivision regulations

would define an abutter as follows:

"ABUTTER - shall mean any person whose property is located in NH and adjoins or is directly across the street or stream from the land under consideration by the local land use board, including adjacent properties as determined by lines drawn perpendicular from all pairs of corner boundaries along the street or stream of the applicant to pairs of projected points on any property boundary across the street or stream that intersect these perpendicular lines. This includes any property

that lies along the street or stream between each pair of projected points or is within 50 feet of any projected point."

Additionally, for notification purposes in cases involving a condominium or other collective ownership structure, the regulation would follow this language:

"For purposes of receipt of notification by a municipality of a local land use board hearing, in the case of an abutting property being under a condominium or other collective form of ownership, the term abutter means

the officers of the collective or association as defined in RSA § 356-B:3, XXIII. (See also NH RSA § 672:3)."

Caron noted that the Planning Board had previously discussed updating the definition of an abutter, including potentially adding the term to the zoning ordinance, where it is currently undefined.

She also recalled that there had been earlier discussion about expanding the notification area to include properties within 400 feet of a proposed development, but that change was never formally imple-

mented.

Caron stated that in addition to the requirements needed due to the state legislation changing, they could also consider changing it to 400 feet instead.

"We would comply with the minimum state law and expand that to the 400-foot radius." Caron believes doing so would be beneficial.

There was also legislation passed last year at the State, which would require the Town to make changes to its parking regulations. Under the proposed site plan language:

"No more than 1.5 residential parking spaces per unit are required or permitted for studio and one-bedroom units under 1,000 square feet that meet the requirements for workforce housing under RSA 674:58 IV. No more than 1.5 residential parking spaces per unit are required or permitted for multi-family developments of 10 units or more."

The Board agreed to proceed with the necessary public hearings to vote on the proposed changes.

## Town Clerk

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thing," Bernard said.

He added that in order to attract and retain the right people for Londonderry, the Town needs to offer competitive pay, benefits, and uphold high standards.

"If we don't," he said, "we'll be like other communities that have sign-on bonuses. We don't do that here."

Bernard also noted

that current Town Clerk Sherry Farrell has not received a COLA in nearly three years. He said the topic is supposed to be reviewed annually but hasn't been addressed in almost two years.

"Our Town Clerk has worked here for 11 years," Bernard said, adding that there have been no complaints during her tenure.

He said he reviewed compensation data from

several other communities and found that many pay more than Londonderry does for the same position.

Currently, Londonderry pays \$71,780 for the role.

"We always say Londonderry leads the way-sometimes we have to do a little bit better," Bernard said.

He emphasized that no one asked him to bring the matter forward and that he believes the current pay is below market compared to other towns. He recommended the issue be revisited during the upcoming

budget season.

Town Councilor Dan Bouchard said he spoke to the incoming Town Manager and believes the matter should be addressed once the new manager is in place.

Councilor Ted Combos added that he thinks the Town should develop an industry standard for compensation across the state.

It should be noted that the Town Clerk post is an elected position and compensation would need to be voted on through a warrant article or by the Town Council.

## OBITUARY

### Isaura M. Collins



Isaura M. Collins, 64, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Thursday May 1, 2025, in the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. She peacefully left this world while surrounded by her family. The room was filled to the brim with love and appreciation for having had Isaura in their lives.

Isaura was born on May 31, 1960, in Caldelas-Braga, Portugal as the 7th of 11 children. She was a daughter of Jose and Maria (Sousa) Almeida. Isaura came to the United States at the age of 15 and has been living in New Hampshire since 1987. She has been a resident of Londonderry for over 22 years. Isaura married the love of her life, Ronald Collins in 1995, and they had their son, Andrew, the following year.

Throughout her life, Isaura has been the perfect model of strength, resilience, and success. Despite numerous hardships, she thrived by never letting these experiences dim her vibrant excitement for life. She always showed those around her how to persevere while still radiating love and kindness. More recently, she was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in 2019, yet she found the strength to aggressively combat the disease. Due to her strength, she bravely and successfully fought her cancer for over 5 years and was able to see Andrew achieve his Ph.D., which was dedicated to her for the many sacrifices she made for him and her family. Though, he always admitted that his mom was still the smarter of the two.

She is survived and will be eternally missed by her beloved husband Ronald Collins, her son, Andrew Collins, her stepson, Ronnie Collins and his wife, Chrissy. She is also survived by one brother, Emidio Almeida, six sisters, Lurdes Pinto, Manuela Almeida, Fatima Dedic, Ilda Almeida, Isabel Almeida, Anabela Pereira; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and additional extended family. She was predeceased by one brother Jose Carlos Almeida and one sister São Miguel.

To those of us who knew Isaura, the world is a bit colder since her passing. Though, we hope to honor and cherish Isaura's memory by carrying forward the immense amount of love and warmth that she offered us throughout her life. Her family will forever love her and hope to reunite with her again.

A calling hour was held on Tuesday, May 6, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Liturgy of the Word followed in St. Jude Parish. The burial will follow in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry, NH. To send a condolence please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# Londonderry Family Marks Incredible Birthday Coincidence

MEREDITH KENDRICK  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**A** Londonderry family is celebrating a rare and heart-warming milestone after welcoming a new addition who shares a unique birthday bond with her siblings.

Jessica DeChirico gave birth to her daughter, Sophia, at Elliot Hospital in Manchester on April 23 - the same date her two older children, Christopher and Ava, were born. This year, Christopher turned nine, Ava celebrated her sixth birthday, and newborn Sophia made her arrival on the very same day.

All three of their children having the same birthday was not plan-

ned. "Sophia's due date was the 20th. It was a total surprise," said Jessica's husband, Chris.

Baby Sophia weighed in at exactly 8 pounds and measured 20.5 inches long. Jessica said the care they received at Elliot Hospital was "wonderful."

The DeChirico family already had birthday traditions in place. This year, they celebrated at the Workout Club, and plan to continue their tradition of matching birthday shirts based on each child's favorite theme.

"We've always done themed birthday parties," Jessica explained. "We celebrate them on the same day, but each of them will choose their

own theme. I make them a birthday shirt with their theme."

This year, Ava - a big Bruins fan - sported a shirt with her name and the number 6 on the back. Christopher got a Celtics-themed shirt with a number 9. "If Sophia had a shirt, it would say 0 on it!" Ava added with a smile.

While Ava was initially nervous about becoming a big sister, she quickly warmed up to the idea. "I love snuggling with Sophia," she said. When asked what his favorite thing to do with Sophia was, Christopher said, "Hold her."

Both older siblings are already dreaming about the future, saying



Londonderry siblings Sophia, Christopher and Ava DeChirico all share the same birthday of April 23. Photo by Meredith Kendrick

they can't wait to play outside with their baby sister once she's older.

The odds of three siblings being born on the same calendar day are estimated to be one in 133,000.

# New Hampshire's Cost Per Pupil Continues Upward Trend

**F**ollowing a consistent upward trend, newly submitted finance data from New Hampshire public school districts shows an increase in New Hampshire's average cost per pupil, which is now more than \$21,000.

The NH Department of Education is releasing its newest cost per pupil data for the 2023-2024 school year. The new statewide average operating cost per pupil of \$21,545 is an increase from last year's average cost per pupil of \$20,323 (or \$20,933 adjusted for

inflation). Total expenditures for the 2023-2024 school year also approached a new record of more than \$4 billion in NH.

"The taxpayers of NH have worked hard to support students, families, and our public schools, increasing funding by more than \$400 million since 2021, resulting in a record high cost per pupil. The legislature also continues to support our schools with policies assisting some of our most economically challenged communities.

This includes several districts that receive state aid, contrary to much of the rhetoric, of more than \$10,000 per student - with one district receiving more than \$16,000 of state funding per pupil," said Frank Edelblut, education commissioner.

"NH remains dedicated to continuing efforts to expand educational opportunities and pathways to help every child succeed in a fiscally responsible approach. The persistent trend of declining student enrollment combined with ris-

ing costs creates substantial financial strain on school districts, taxpayers and communities, necessitating new and creative approaches to educating our children in a system that can be sustained over the long term," explained Edelblut.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics [https://nces.ed.gov/whatsnew/press\\_releases/5\\_7\\_2024.asp](https://nces.ed.gov/whatsnew/press_releases/5_7_2024.asp), the current national

expenditures per pupil from fiscal year 2022 is \$15,591, states its most recent press release on the subject from May of 2024.

In NH, some of the state's largest school districts have varying costs per student, with Manchester reaching \$17,734, Nashua at \$18,270, Bedford at \$18,498 and Concord at \$23,159. Pittsburg has the highest cost at \$44,484 per pupil.

Regarding student enrollment, NH is following pace with general trends across much of the country as its enrollment continues to shrink - marking a steady, downward trend for more than two decades. Fall enrollment for this school year was 162,660 students, which is down from the fall of 2023 when it was 165,082 and the year prior when it was recorded at 167,357.

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# Londonderry Fish and Game Hosts Annual Kids Fishing Derby



The Londonderry Fish and Game Club opened its gates and its pond to young residents for their annual Kids Fishing Derby. The small pond on the property was loaded with plenty of trout for young anglers to try and catch. There was a three-fish limit and prizes were awarded in a number of categories. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Boys Lax Starts Season With Some Success

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys Lacrosse team has gotten off to one of their better seasons this year with four wins and two losses under the leadership of new head coach Jimmy Ward.

After the first game of the year finished in a 9-12 defeat at St. Thomas Aquinas back in mid-April, the Lancers Lax squad snapped back with three consecutive victories and began the month of May at 4-2.

Londonderry's first win of the spring came at home, on April 21, with a 17-5 thrashing of the Nashua North

Titans.

Four days later, again at home, hosting the Salem Blue Devils, LHS kept the scoring on the opponent's side again with a 16-2 result, for win number two.

Three days later, on April 28, in a back and forth contest between two fairly evenly matched squads, Londonderry managed to come out on top of a 9-8 decision.

Owen Huard led the way for the Lancers tallying four goals and an assist. Brody Campbell and Odin Delorey each put two goals in the net, while Aidan Stowell rounded out the scoring, notching one goal.

Colby Walden contributed with one assist.

The Lancers kept the ball moving offensively throughout the game and settled things when needed. Cam Ayotte, Andrew Cote, Blake Thomson, Trey Campbell, and Austin Callahan also chipped with assists in the close contest.

Defensively Ayotte and Callahan led the way, with both causing multiple turnovers and groundballs.

According to coach Ward, "Drew Allen was a great asset at the face-off dot while Broch St. Gelais recorded 11 saves in the effort."

In the team's return

to their home pitch, against the Portsmouth Clippers, on Wednesday, April 30, LHS had trouble gaining and maintaining possession, leading to a tight 6-8 loss.

Trey Campbell had two goals. Owen Huard, Blake Thompson, Brody Campbell and Connor Woodward all had one goal in the loss, with Colby Walden getting the team's only assist.

The defense had great efforts put forth from Cam Ayotte and Andrew Cote, who according to the coach, "Really kept us in the game."

Broch St. Gelais made six saves in the



Colby Walden had five goals and three assists against the Cavaliers. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Lancer Softball Remains Perfect Through Week Three



Shannon Crowley hits one of her two doubles in the 15-1 victory over the Bedford Bulldogs.  
Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Softball team continued to dominate their opponents in week three of the spring season. They now head into the second half at 9-0.

The Lancers had shutouts wins over Winnacunnet and Goffstown as well as a 15-1 rout over the Bedford Bulldogs to remain undefeated.

Londonderry's school vacation week started with a 7-0 victory over the Warriors on Monday, April 28, where Alison Chambers and Elisabeth Kearney played a large part in the victory.

Chambers went four-for-four at the plate with a double and two RBIs, while Kearney posted

three hits with a double, four RBIs and pitched a complete game, striking out 18-batters, giving up just one hit and one walk.

The game took place on the seacoast with LHS getting a run in the first, one in the sixth and five in the final inning for the team's fourth shutout of the year.

Chambers and Kearney put the icing on the proverbial cake in the seventh inning, where they hit back-to-back doubles for the final runs of the game.

Centerfielder Riley Campo went 2-2 with a walk and Shannon Crowley hit the team's third double.

Two days later, at Goffstown High School, the Lancers outscored the Grizzlies 5-0 behind the strong arm of Kearney, who got the team's third no-hitter of the season, striking out 13-batters and walking three.

Londonderry started their scoring in the second inning, putting up two runs on a fielders choice with bases loaded.

Two more runs came home in the fourth after singles by Ginny Flaherty and Campo lead to the 4-0 lead.

The final run came in



Abby Austen allowed three hits, one run, no walks and eight strikeouts against Bedford.

the fifth, when Kearney

The Lancers only home game of the week was on Friday, May 2, against the Bedford Bulldogs, where it didn't take long to dispose of that rival.

Londonderry scored six-runs in the first, four in the second and three in the third with an eventual 15-1 victory.

Bedford's only run came by way of a leadoff homerun to left field in the fourth inning.

Abby Austen pitched four innings of the five-inning game, allowing three hits, one run, no walks and striking out eight-batters.

Paige Secor came in for the final inning to strike out the side.

Kearney, Austen and Chambers all had three hits in the win. Kearney, Chambers and Crowley each had two doubles, with Austen and Delanie Febbo getting one double each.

Londonderry will take on Pinkerton Academy on Friday night at home starting at 6 p.m. The Astros started the week at 8-0 and are one of the other two undefeated

Division I teams. The Windham Jaguars sit at 7-0 and are scheduled to face LHS on May 28 in Londonderry.

## Lacrosse

continued from page 9 effort and also came out of net to make a few huge defensive slides.

The Lancers fourth win of the season came on Friday, May 2, at home, with a 16-8 win over Hillis-Brookline.

Walden had a big

game, scoring five goals and getting three assists. Huard also had another big game scoring three and assisting in three.

Trey Campbell also had standout performances offensively with four of his shots hitting the back of the net.

Other scores were: Brody Campbell (one

goal, and two assists), Aidan Stowell (one goal, one assist), Cam Ayotte and Odin Delorey (one goal).

Blake Thompson and Austin Callahan each had one assist in the game.

St. Gelais made eight saves and had a bunch of great outlets to start transition in the win.

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# Lancers Baseball Split During School Vacation Week

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Baseball team suffered a 7-19 loss to start the third week of the spring season, but bounced back with a 1-0 victory to head into week four at 7-2.

In the tough 12-run loss at Goffstown High School on Wednesday, April 30, the Lancers kept things close through three-innings, but the hot Grizzlies bats came alive for six runs in the bottom of the third and another seven in the sixth for the Lancers second loss of

the season.

Brady Gillis suffered the loss, going just two and a third innings and giving up nine runs on eight hits and four walks and striking out three.

Casey Marsh pitched one and two-third innings, allowing four hits and three runs. Jace Ruggiero came in for one relief inning and gave up seven runs on six hits.

Overall, Goffstown really showed off its offensive power with a staggering 18-hits while getting struck out just four times and walking seven times.

At the plate for Lon-

donderry, Zach Mantegari and Jaylen Stott each had two hits in the loss, adding to the nine-hits coming off Londonderry bats.

The following day, at home against the Bedford Bulldogs, now 3-5, Stott kept the opposition bats much less productive, resulting in a tight 1-0 victory for the Lancers.

The lone run of the game came in the bottom of the fifth-inning after Caden Jordan led off with a double to center field and was driven in by Sully Daron, who went right back up the middle with another

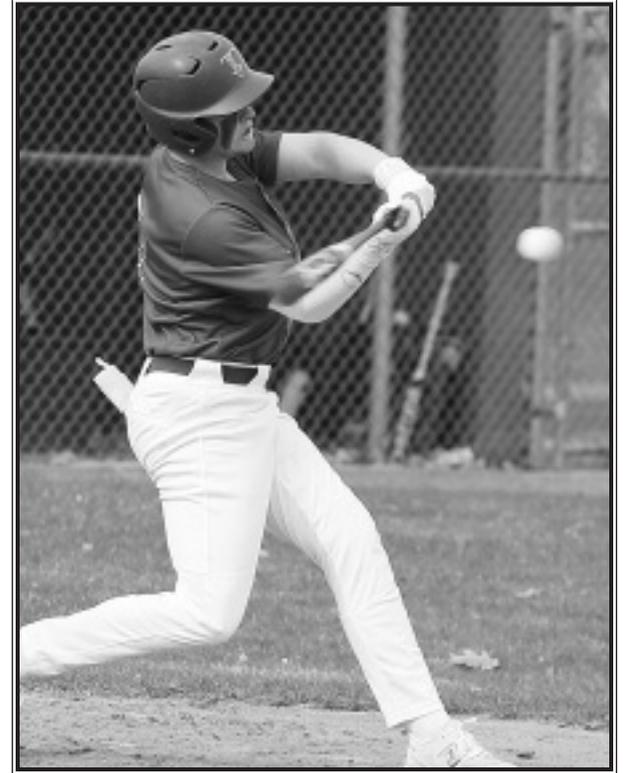
line-drive single to the centerfielder.

Londonderry had 23 at-bats with six hits and struck out seven times.

On the mound, Stott pitched a complete game, allowing just three hits, striking out four and walking just one.

Jet Jones went two-for-three at the plate and Stott was 2-2.

The Londonderry squad is scheduled to travel to Pinkerton Academy on Friday, May 9, to try and serve up the first loss to the undefeated Astros. The game is set to begin at 4:30 p.m.



Sully Daron drove in the only run of the 1-0 win over Bedford last week. Photo by Chris Paul

# Lancers Girls' Lax Get Split, Now 3-3

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Lacrosse team had two games over the spring vacation week where they were involved in two high-scoring games.

Starting the week, on Monday, April 28, the

team hosted the Clippers of Portsmouth High School, where they dropped their third game of the season with a 8-18 defeat.

The LHS squad was only down 2-1 by the end of the first quarter, but then fell behind 8-3 by the half.

The Lancers were

able to turn things around when they hosted the Manchester Central - Manchester West team on Friday, May 2.

The home team was able to get on the board early and often, finishing with a 20-13 victory for the team's third win.

Londonderry will host two more home

games this week. The first was on Wednesday, against Pinkerton (8-1) at 4:30 p.m., followed a Friday game against Souhegan at 4 p.m.

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# Former Londonderry Rep Leads DHS Intelligence Agency

Former Londonderry resident and State Rep. Daniel Tamburello, now sits in a very prominent position in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Tamburello's current title is Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Department of Homeland Security.

When Daniel Tamburello enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves during his Junior year of college at Liberty University in 1995, he was just looking for a way to serve his country and maybe get some experience. "There was a Marine recruiter that would hang out at the school sometimes," Tamburello began. "After a few conversations, he convinced me

to enlist in the reserves," Dan let on.

Tamburello credits his time in the Corps with opening doors in life. After he finished college, he accepted an active duty commission, went to flight school and later, intelligence school. Dan served in Iraq during Operation Phantom Fury, and a few years later moved to Londonderry. "I met Al Balasaro when I moved to Londonderry and he convinced me to run for office after he saw me at a speaking engagement," he said.

Dan served three terms in the NH House and while there, made many contacts, including meeting future President Donald Trump. "In 2015 I was among the first elected officials in the country to endorse



Daniel Tamburello  
Photo Credit: DHS  
Office of Public Affairs

Donald Trump. I knew he was the right man for the job and he was going to be President." While Dan was already experienced working in the Intelligence Community, he never lobbied for a job in the administration. "My politics was

always from the heart. I endorsed Trump because he loves our country and was the best one to lead it. I didn't think that I would be asked to serve again," he said.

After his final term in the House and a relocation to South Carolina in 2017, Dan later served at DHS towards the end of the first Trump administration as a political appointee. "When the 2020 election went sideways, I found myself unemployed for the first time in my adult life in January of 2021," Tamburello said. The Tamburellos underwent another relocation to Maryland when he found a new job.

He spent the next four years working projects supporting DISA and the Army.

After the 2024 election, Tamburello was among the few officials asked to return. Then in February, Kristi Noem appointed him to be the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary.

"President Trump and Secretary Noem asked me to serve again and I could not refuse," said Tamburello.

The job is hard work and many hours. "I'm up every day at five a.m., and I am out the door by 6 a.m. Most days I don't get home until after 6 or 7 p.m. I collapse on the couch and do it again. Sometimes I even get the proverbial '3 a.m. phone call' on weekends," he stated. Still, he absolutely loves it. "Secretary Noem is an amazing, intelligent, and strong leader and a pleasure to

work for," he said. "We have great leadership and everywhere you look, we have ringers – it's like being on the 1927 Yankees." he continued. "A long time ago someone told me: 'If you do what you like for work, you will grow to hate it; but if you do what you are passionate about, you will never work a day in your life.' I think I have found that to be true – I am passionate about national security and strategic intelligence, and I was born with an American flag tattooed on my heart. The job is a grind, but I wake up every day with an endless drive to serve America and her people. To be able to do so as the Under Secretary for Intelligence is a dream, and the honor of a lifetime."

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## Meet the New Town Manger

Londonderry's new Town Manager, Shaun Mulholland, will be holding a meet and greet on Tuesday, May 27 at the Police community room from 9 - 11 a.m., and again from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

## What's Happening in Concord

Join Rep. Ron Dunn and Rep Kristine Perez for Information about Bills that will impact you and Londonderry, on May 13, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Leach Library downstairs. Free and open to all residents.

## Touch A Truck

Moose Hill PTA is bringing back the return of our Touch A Truck event! The event will be taking place on Saturday, May 17 rain or shine from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Moose Hill parking lot. The Moose Hill lot will be filled up with local community helpers and businesses for the children and families to explore and check out.

It should be another fun family event to help us raise money for the school. A \$10 suggested donation per family.

## Historical Society Open House

The Londonderry Historical Society is pleased to announce an open house on Sunday, May 18, from 1 - 3 p.m. There will be free guided tours of the historical Morrison House, Parmenter Barn, and Clark blacksmith shop, located at 140 Pillsbury Road. Stark's Company, the Color Guard of the NH Sons of the American Revolution, will be performing a militia drill including marching and firing muskets. For more information, visit [www.londonderryhistory.org](http://www.londonderryhistory.org) or find them on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety/](http://www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety/).

## Spring Artisan Craft Fair

On Sat. May 17, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, Mammoth Rd., at 3 Peabody Row

Londonderry experience a Artisan Craft Fair. Stroll through over 70 booths of original, creative artisan crafts. Whether you're looking to buy unique crafts or works of art including jewelry, baskets, quilts, wooden goods, art of various media, windchimes, soaps, pet accessories and a host of many others, you will be certain to find the perfect treasure. Satisfy your appetite with a grilled burger or hotdog at the 'St. Peter's Bistro' grill or purchase delectable, homemade baked treats. Don't forget to try your luck with the ever popular raffles or to look for bargains at the great-deals tag sale. The fair benefits the local community and serves as a fundraiser for the church. It will be held rain, or shine. For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/>

## Mothers Day Plant Sale

The Londonderry Grange #44 Annual Mothers Day Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There

will be: Hanging Flowers Planters, Annuals, Perennials, Sun & Shade Loving Plants, and Heirloom Tomato Plants.

## Tennis Camp

The schedule for upcoming Tennis Camps and Lessons is as follows: Camp being held June 23-29, 9 - 11 a.m. for ages seven-plus. Lessons, Wednesdays, July 9- to Aug. 13; Ages 5-7, 8 - 9 a.m. Ages 8-plus, 9 - 10:30 a.m. Fall Camp, Aug. 18 to 22, 9 - 11 a.m., for ages seven-plus. Fall Middle School Club, Tues./Thurs., Aug. 9 to Oct. 16, 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Lessons, Aug. 9 to Oct. 16, 4:30 - 6 p.m. for ages seven-plus. A minimum of eight students needed per group. Cost of each group is \$150, \$125 for multiple family members. Contact Roberta Davis at [londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com](mailto:londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

## 'Contemporary Baroque' Concert

Treat your Mom, friends or yourself to a very special 'Contemporary Baroque' chamber music concert performed by the renowned Brandenburg and Beyond ensemble. This event, offered by St. Peter's Church, will take place on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 11, at 3 p.m., at the church on 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend at no charge with free-will donations greatly

appreciated. Admission is free of charge. Voluntary offerings are welcomed as this concert is self-funded. Attendees are invited to enjoy light refreshments at the social hour immediately following the performance. For more information, please visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/> or <https://brandenburgandbeyond.com>.

## Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat

Join ETZ Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts on Friday, May 9, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. At 6:15 p.m., Book Bubbe, Leslie Kirshman, will read a story. By 6:30 p.m., they will start the family Shabbat service. All are welcome! Please RSVP to [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) by May 5.

## Historical Fiction Book Discussion

Join Leach Library staff to discuss David Benioff's novel "City of Thieves" in May! On Wednesday, May 28 at 10 a.m., library staff will offer a discussion at the Londonderry Senior Center located at 535 Mammoth Rd. On Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m., join the discussion at the Leach Library. Refreshments will be served at each session. Registration is required for each session and begins on Monday, April 21. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of

the book will be available to check out at the library.

## Film Discussion: Alien

It's like a book discussion but with a movie! Watch the 1979 film "Alien" (rated R) prior to the program and then come to the Leach Library on Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss it. Light refreshments will be served. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration begins on Monday, April 21. Register online or by calling the library at (603) 432-1132. Copies of the DVD will be available to check out at the library.

## Child Find

Londonderry School District Announces Free community child find program for all residents ages two 1/2 yrs (2.5) through five yrs., 11 months (5.11) of age who are suspected of have developmental concerns child find will be held at: Moose Hill School 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry.

## Cookbook Potluck: Brunch!

Love to cook and bake? Then this is the perfect program for you! Join Leach Library staff on Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. for a brunch-themed potluck! Prepare and share a recipe from either "100 Morning Treats" by Sarah Kieffer or "Brunch @ Bobby's" by Bobby Flay. Please make enough for 20. The library cannot guarantee each dish's

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# Londonderry Women's Club Crafts Comfort for Cancer Patients

Recently, the Londonderry Women's Club hosted its Annual Chemo Cap Night, bringing together community volunteers to craft fleece caps for local cancer patients. Held at the home of Athena Bevan on Litchfield Road, the event was an example of community spirit in action.

Over the course of the evening, the group of dedicated participants

produced 55 fleece caps, which will be donated to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Londonderry. These handmade caps, designed to provide warmth and comfort to adult cancer patients undergoing treatment, are a testament to the compassion and creativity of the Londonderry community.

The event was organized by Sara Clark, LWC Community Outreach Chairwoman, whose

planning ensured that volunteers of all skill levels could contribute.

Special thanks go to Athena Bevan, a friend of the club, who graciously hosted the event in her home and served as the group's sewing expert.

"We're so grateful for everyone who came out to help," said Sara Clark. "Events like these remind us how small acts of kindness can have a

big impact on those facing challenges."

The Londonderry Women's Club continues to focus on outreach initiatives that support the local community and beyond. For those interested in joining future events or learning more about the club, please visit their website at [www.londonderrywomensclub.com](http://www.londonderrywomensclub.com) or send an email to [info@londonderrywomensclub.org](mailto:info@londonderrywomensclub.org).



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## Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

### Monday - April 28

**11:11 a.m.** Shooting Complaint reported on Ridgmont Drive.

**11:43 a.m.** Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Seasons Lane.

**12:18 p.m.** Three officers respond to a Brush Fire reported at the Park & Ride South on Garden Lane.

**12:31 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**12:37 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated at TJ Maxx on Michels Way.

**8:03 p.m.** Peace Restored during a Disturbance on Rockingham Road.

**8:53 p.m.** Three officers conduct a Welfare Check at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

### Tuesday - April 29

**8:55 a.m.** Peace restored by three officers after a Disturbance on Rockingham Road.

**10:54 a.m.** Assault investigated on Planeview Drive.

**4:20 p.m.** Sex Offenses investigated on Calla Road.

**4:23 p.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Rockingham Road.

**4:46 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

**7:20 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Peabody Row. Three officers arrest Mathew Dutile, 36, of Londonderry, on a Warrant.

### Wednesday - April 30

**9:34 a.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Rockingham Road.

**11:05 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Cimmarron Circle.

**2:25 p.m.** Services rendered for Identity Theft on Dresden Way.

**3:38 p.m.** Neighborhood Disputes reported on Raintree Drive.

**4:04 p.m.** Services ren-

dered to Keep the Peace on Heron Drive.

**4:46 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Highland Street, Candia. Lucas Claver, 18, of Candia, charged with: Criminal Trespass.

**7:40 p.m.** Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with Transportation to a Hospital from High Range Road.

**8:29 p.m.** Shooting Complaint investigated at Musquash on Tanager Way.

### Thursday - May 1

**5:13 a.m.** Five officers investigate a Missing Person reported at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**11:02 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Tokanel Drive.

**11:32 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at MEG Properties on Orchard View Drive.

**4:26 p.m.** Five officers

respond to a Domestic Disturbance at Red Arrow Diner, on Rockingham Road, and make an arrest. Alexander Laroche, 31, of Manchester, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily or Physical Contact); and Bench Warrants.

**7:34 p.m.** Three officers respond to report of Trespassing on Bayberry Lane at Pendleton Lane.

**8 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated on Hazelnut Lane.

**8:01 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Charleston Avenue.

**8:16 p.m.** Three officers investigate a Disturbance on Old Derry Road.

**8:50 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance reported on Old Derry Road.

### Friday - May 2

**8:24 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Rolling Ridge Road.

**12:22 p.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Heron Drive.

**1:04 p.m.** Shooting complaint investigated on Wilson Road.

**3:25 p.m.** Services rendered for a Shooting Complaint on Mill Road.

**4:10 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road, at Route 93, leads to two arrests made by four officers. Sonya Spooner, 46, of Franklin, charged with: Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; and Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

Salvatore Vespa, 49, of Franklin, charged with Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

**6:14 p.m.** Disturbance reported at Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

### Saturday - May 3

**12:33 a.m.** Report of a Runaway Juvenile investigated by three officers at Londonderry Fire Central Station

**5:41 a.m.** Four officers respond to a report of Trespassing reported on Governor Bell Drive.

**12:41 p.m.** Services rendered for a Welfare Check at the Park & Ride South on Garden Lane.

**2:50 p.m.** Missing Person investigated on

Pinyon Place.

**4:38 p.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**5:10 p.m.** Disturbance on Chartwell Court investigated by five officers.

### Sunday - May 4

**12:46 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road, at Young Road, leads to an arrest. Adrian Mejia, 19, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Trespass.

**12:59 a.m.** Peace restored by three officers during a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

**5:08 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road, at Route 93, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Jason Masiello, 46, of Hampstead, charged with: Violation of a Protective Order; Drive After Revoke/Suspension; Driving without Giving Proof; and Stalking (Domestic Violence - Order).

**9:28 p.m.** Animal Control investigates report of a Dog Bite on Old Derry Road.

## Around Town

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of the book will be available to check out at the library.

### Memorial Bricks

American Legion Post 27 is offering community members the opportunity to create a lasting tribute with personalized bricks that will be installed in the Post's backyard this spring. Each brick allows

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