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Coloring Kindness

First grade student Penny Lynch and Lily Person put some finishing touches on a Kindness Bench in the South Elementary School courtyard. Four benches were donated by the PTA for this “Kindness Project.”

Parent Responds To Suicide Book at Middle School Library

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A book that was checked out of the Londonderry Middle School was a point of discussion during the public comment portion of the May 10 School Board meeting.

Karen McEwen said

that she was the one who brought the book titled “Suicide: opposing views.” to the attention of the school.

McEwen said that the assistant principal was addressed about it and said that it was appropriate because in eighth grade students do a

paper about controversial topics.

McEwen said that she doesn’t know anyone who would think that suicide is a controversial topic before graduate level college.

“I’m 44 and I can’t understand the other side

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Council Approves Increasing Tax Credit For Local Veterans

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the May 9 Town Council meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to raising the tax credits for veterans in town.

It was explained by Town Manager Mike Malaguti that currently the “Optional Veterans Credit” and the “All Veterans Tax Credit” are both set at \$500 which was the maximum amount under state law when it was amended the last time. He explained that in 2018 the state authorized increasing it to \$750 however Londonderry didn’t increase it.

Malaguti said that his proposal was to increase it to \$625 for now which would cost the town an approximate \$115,000 depending on how many people take advantage of it.

“Doing so wouldn’t be without fiscal cost,” said Malaguti.

He explained that changing tax breaks outside of budget season isn’t a smart budgetary practice which is why he only proposed going halfway this year.

Town Council Chairman John Farrell said that he also had concerns about increasing it to \$750 this year due to the fact that they would

have to find the money somewhere else. He also pointed out that they can’t use the unassigned fund balance to pay for it.

“At some point the revenue has to come from somewhere. When we give tax credits it only comes from out of the town budget. It doesn’t come out of any other budgets,” said Farrell.

Farrell also pointed out the tax credit doesn’t affect the school budget.

Despite it not being a good budget practice Malaguti said that it is important that they recognize veterans in town.

“It is important to

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School Board Discusses Security Improvements

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the May 10 Public Hearing the School Board discussed a proposal to enhance the security in the schools.

It was explained by School District Business Administrator Peter Curro that in March Warrant Article 8 was approved for building security improvements.

For the last couple of years the Emergency Operation Committee has been working to examine ways to improve security of the schools. The committee includes staff members along with representation from the

police department and fire department.

“We’re very grateful for our collaboration with LPD,” said Public Services Director Kim Carpinone.

It was explained by Curro that the committee was put on hold for a couple of years because of everything happening with COVID-19.

“We’re playing catch-up right now,” said Curro.

As part of phase 1 the plan is to install an emergency alert system. The emergency alert system will be installed in all of their classrooms and in the District Office. The alert activation would go directly to the

appropriate building administrators and the SROS. The system would only be used for high level events. They would also be buying new radios to replace their old ones.

The total proposed budget for the project is \$399,185 with \$350,000 coming from the warrant article and the rest coming from the FY 22 operating budget.

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Matthew Thornton Principals Make Good on Race Promise



Matthew Thornton Principal Amity Small and Assistant Principal Scott Sicard raced around their school last week as a way to reward students for their fundraising efforts this fall. Last month, the PTA organized a Fun Run with the Boosterthon group involving all grades just before April vacation. The race raised over \$20,000 that will be used to dress up the courtyard, get some activities for classrooms, and help fund field trips. The principals made a deal with students that if the school raised over \$20,000 in the two weeks leading to April vacation, Sicard and Small would race trikes around the building dressed as characters from Super Mario Brothers. Sicard was the winner of the race and was awarded bragging rights and a trophy for his efforts. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Town Council Discusses Possible Leash Ordinance Changes

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During the May 9 Town Council meeting one of the agenda items was an update about a possible change to the current leash ordinance.

Town Clerk Sherry Farrell said that it was a follow up to the discussion they had during a previous meeting.

"A lot of good information has come from

that first presentation," said Farrell.

One question raised was how many incidents have occurred with dogs.

She said that she worked with the deputy police chief and they realized that they have had just under 1,500 incidents or concerns with dogs over the last couple of years.

"It's a shocking amount," said Farrell.

Farrell said that the calls were for a number of different reasons.

"All different kinds of issues," said Farrell.

Farrell explained they also looked at how many of the concerns were actually pursued and how many incidents turned into charges being filed. She said that not many were pursued.

"Many people don't want to take that next step because they are worried about retaliation," said Farrell.

Farrell said that ultimately people need to be

responsible for their pets.

Farrell said that she wants to look at amending the leash ordinance which was first created in 2016.

She said that she also wants to get input from people in the community.

"The only way we can make this work for everyone is to work as a village," said Farrell.

Farrell said that one of the people that she spoke with was Pam Dolan.

Dolan explained that she has been a dog

owner in town since 2009 and walks her dogs many different places in town.

"For the most part I have no problems at all," said Dolan.

She said that she has had her dogs attacked while walking down the street.

"I know how that feels I know that isn't a good thing," said Dolan.

Dolan explained that she knows her and others are responsible with their dogs and do the right thing.

"I see both sides of the issue," said Dolan.

Town Councilor Deb Paul asked what the next steps are.

"I don't know what you're thinking about for the next steps," said Paul.

Farrell said that their plan is to have a proposed amendment to the

leash ordinance reviewed by the police department along with Town Manager Mike Malagutti before it is presented to the Town Council.

Farrell also said that it's important that people get their dogs registered. She said that they have over 5,000 dogs in town now but they have 1,300 that haven't been registered. She said that May is a grace period month however, in June fines begin to be imposed if dogs still aren't registered.

During the meeting Farrell presented Dawn Williams from Survivors Paws Animal Rescue with a check for \$1,140.

Farrell explained that all the money raised at a recent rabies clinic was donated to the non profit organization.

Tax Credit

Continued from page 1 recognize the service that our veterans have made," said Malaguti.

Town Councilor Joe Green said that in 2018, when it was first brought up, he proposed increasing it to the maximum. He said that he wanted to propose raising it to \$750 for both credits.

Greene also pointed out that he doesn't know if everyone will take the tax credit.

"I'm hoping that the people who really need it will come forward,"

said Green.

Christine Perez said that she brought the issue forward before budget hearings and blamed former Town Manager Kevin Smith for not bringing it forward.

"These men and women served, they deserve this, it's been a longtime coming," said Perez.

State Rep. Doug Thomas said that he supported increasing it to \$750 and noted that even though he is a veteran he doesn't take the tax credit.

Town Councilor Deb Paul asked if they were allowed to increase one of the benefits to \$750

and the other to \$625. Malaguti explained that both of the tax credits had to be the same.

Malaguti told the Town Council that because of the cost of everything being on the rise due to inflation he is more concerned about paying for it during the next fiscal year if they increase it to the maximum amount than he is this year.

He said that if they

increase it to the maximum amount the projected cost is around \$236,000.

"I'm actually more nervous about the next fiscal year than I am about the current fiscal year," said Malaguti.

The Town Council voted 3-0-1 in favor of increasing the exemptions. Town Councilor Chad Franz abstained from the vote since he takes the exemption.

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Editorial

Drive Smart This Graduation Season

A driver's license mixed with a few drinks, texting, and pot is dangerous for anyone, but the reckless combination can be even more so for inexperienced drivers. Even when a parent trusts his or her own teenager to be conscientious, being certain that other teenagers will do the same is impossible.

Now that prom and graduation season is upon us, drunk-driving fears within parents escalate as school activism against such activity increases. Though teens will ultimately make the final decisions in terms of their own safety, it doesn't keep parents from waiting up at night. When it comes to teens and drunk driving, there is both good and bad news.

The good news is that teenage drunk driving nationwide has decreased. The bad news is that car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, and about a third of those are alcohol related, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Not every child makes it home safe, and only some live to tell about it. We hope that students are talking not only about the dangers of drinking and driving, but also about texting and driving and the importance of wearing a seat belt.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among U.S. teens. This is something many people live with and see on a regular basis, so the message must be spread.

I am a firm believer that if we can educate them at a young age, we are going to be able to save their future,

as well as our own. Start these conversations with kids early. Every time you hear a story about the subject, share it. It's important for your children's safety. If nothing else, when your child goes to prom or graduation parties, try to find a little comfort in the transportation arrangements. Parents, be smart, be proactive, and have conversations constantly. It has to be in the forefront all the time, a priority.

The dangers of drinking and driving have heightened considerably due to the increased rate of cell-phones. Study after study has shown an increase in accidents connected with texting while driving.

Explain your own position concerning your teen's drinking or texting while driving. Discuss your family's rules about alcohol and agree on the consequences for breaking the rules. Discuss reasons for NOT drinking and the consequences that can result from drinking. Always tell your children that if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation or they have made a poor decision about drinking or drugs, that they can always call you and you will pick them up and bring them home. Mothers Against Drunk Driving offers a handbook on its website to help parents talk to their teens about alcohol.

Now, more than ever, local schools, parents, police, and community members need to work together to make sure that no family has an "empty chair" after proms and graduations.

Letters

Transparency in Schools

To the editor,

Dear Londonderry Residents, We have a serious issue with transparency in our school district, and it has only gotten worse in the five hot seconds, Dan Black has been in charge. If you haven't watched a recent meeting, I would encourage you to watch the 5/10 meeting. It PERFECTLY represents how this school district is being run. We have concerned parents that speak at public comment, they tell what is really going on in our schools, and our DO and school board don't like that because, it proves they are not doing what is best for our children, and there has to be...ACCOUNTABILITY. The administration started their own "ministry of truth," to try to make it look like what these parents were saying, was not true or they don't have the 'full story.' A book about suicide, was in our MIDDLE school library, and our admin so no issue with it. A teacher actually recommended it to a child who is known for his severe depression and anxiety. Instead of taking ownership and responsibility, Mr. Black never apologized to the mother who stood there crying talking about this awful experience, her son dealt with. Instead, he gave every excuse why they shouldn't be held responsible. Saying we have a policy that allows use of specific course material(s.) I'm wondering how a group of adults screened this book, and saw no issue with it? Disturbing. (all in that 5/10 meeting recording on youtube) Mr. Black also made sure to

read a policy about how public comments, shouldn't really be public comments. We need to go through the "correct channels." But what happens when the correct channels are not being held accountable? To try and deter outspoken parents from making them look bad during public comment, they invite them to meet behind closed doors for a private meeting. We even have school board members, reaching out to parents via Facebook messenger, text, and unofficial school emails. Why the secrecy? Our school district is on a really big mission to silence anyone who goes against them. Parents are sick of the smoke screens, intimidation tactics, and absolute lack of accountability.

Sean Strong
Londonderry

Response to Letter

To the editor,

I would like to politely disagree with Betty Jenkins and her recent letter to The Londonderry Times where she expressed her extreme displeasure over the Newspaper continuing to publish the rantings of Steve Homsey. To take a contrarian point of view, I would like to commend the Londonderry Times for their continued support in allowing Mr. Homsey the opportunity to vent his spleen on a regular basis. In my opinion, this is a public service that the residents of Londonderry should support. The emotionally crippled, educationally abused and delusionally mis-informed of our society have to have an outlet where they can express their

incoherent rage at everything and everybody that they disagree with. Failure to allow this safety valve could put Mr. Homsey in a position where he could easily become a danger to himself and the community.

Karl Grabowski
Londonderry

The Sage Exposed

To the editor,

You are correct Steve Homsey. Referring to you as a "Sage" was meant to be an insult. Defining a Sage. It was not necessary for me to "look it up". I knew the definition without help. Obviously you needed help. You were very precise in listing the attributes of a "Sage". Your letters have never demonstrated those attributes. Therefore, To prove a point. Stand before a mirror. Do you see a "Sage", as per your definition, or do you recognize an insult?

The Keystone pipeline extension would not be completed until 2035, so you say. It seems as though you are not only a make believe "Sage" but also possess E.S.P and crystal ball to be able to have such knowledge. Do you profess fact or fiction? While 13 years may be a long time to complete, it would be completed and delivering oil. As it stands, under Bidens edict, it does nothing. You continue. "I am sure all oil would be sold to foreign countries". How can you know this? Did you use your crystal ball or E.S.P. Once again, fact or fiction? You object to the statement "President Biden allowed Russia to build a pipeline". Anyone paying attention to

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Students at South School Take Part in Coloring Kindness



Students at Londonderry South Elementary School were recently given the opportunity to paint four benches in the school's courtyard. The benches were donated by the PTA for a "Kindness Project" that would brighten the courtyard and give an area for teaching outdoors. Art Teacher Marcia Connors had students from every grade level help with the project. Pictured are first grade students applying finishing touches. Each bench was labeled with kind sentences such as "Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give," "It's cool to be kind" and "Be kind to yourself."

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the status of the pipeline at that time knew it was 75% complete. With sanctions in place the remainder could not be completed. Thus no product would be moved. Biden removes sanctions. The pipeline is completed and oil moves. Awaken a few brain cells and see the difference. In an attempt to aid Germany and Eastern Europe with energy needs, these countries become Russian Pawns. Russia has already threatened them with withholding energy supply should they aid the Ukrainians. With some foresight, Biden and his

minions should have been aware of this. I can almost forgive Biden. I see his mental faculties failing before my eyes. The worry. His followers. Are they suffering the same affliction? Ask yourself that question when standing before that mirror.
You find fault with my statement that the US was energy independent by noting all the years oil was imported. Let me say, we imported oil at the same time drilling was occurring. Cost of Gasoline \$2. We now import more oil and at the same time lessen drilling (by Bidens orders). Cost of Gasoline over \$5. Bidens fingerprints are all over this.

His unmitigated disaster. You continue to show your Socialist colors and blame every wrong on Capitalism. The question has been asked many times. I will ask again. Show me any place where Socialism has succeeded. Would you trade places if there was such a place?

Dr. Paul J Minnillo
Londonderry

Supporting New Teaching Initiatives

To the editor,
As a school board, we are thrilled to be able to support the many wonderful initiatives, teachers and staff we have in our district!

We were excited to hear about Choose Love and the growth of our social-emotional learning curriculum across the district. This program helps students, in age-appropriate ways, identify and select strategies to self-regulate and make thoughtful choices, and helps students understand the impact they can have on others.

We heard stories of children practicing their "brave breath" when they were nervous, and a wonderful story of a group of children practicing compassion in action when they stopped recess play when they thought a friend got hurt. By pausing their play, their be-

havior demonstrated the care they feel for their friend and showed the friend how much they are valued.

Social emotional learning has positive impacts both socially and academically. Students are not only taught to identify their emotions, but also encouraged to utilize self-awareness and management strategies to help them problem solve and communicate with the goal of working through and overcoming obstacles. Rather than giving up when faced with a challenging assignment, students have the tools to say "I'm frustrated", which gives their teacher and peers invaluable

information they can use to respond.

It was moving to hear directly from students across grade levels. To hear directly from our students, please watch the April 19 school board meeting, from the 1:22 hour marker to 2:35 hour marker. From the School Board to our principals, teachers, staff and students: We were excited to hear from you about Choose Love and are happy to support such great programs!

If you are interested in learning more, please visit <https://chooselove-movement.org/>.

Amy Finamore
Londonderry
School Board

Security

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ating budget.

During public comment John Grennin approached the Board.

"I would've voted for a million dollars for security improvements to the schools," said Grennin.

Grennin said that he is in the business and asked if there is going to

be a public procurement process.

"I don't know what we're even buying," said Grennin.

Curro said that they used their security vendor for years who put out proposals to three other companies to get bids for the radios. He said that because it is security related the bids aren't public.

"Its security and its

the only reason why," said Curro.

Board member Bob Slater asked if as a School Board member he could review the bids privately. He was told by Curro that he could.

Curro said that the district is also looking for permission to have \$250,000 committed from the unassigned fund balance for wall mounted tablets.

"This piece really enhances the communications if an incident ever occurred," said Curro.

He explained that the reason why they want to have the funds committed is so that when the committee has recommendations on future security needs they can go to the school board and know where the funds would be coming from.

Curro said that the idea came after budget development which is

why it wasn't brought forward previously.

It was explained by Curro that the advantage of committing the dollars to it is that they won't have to wait for the budget development season.

"Not everything can wait for the budget development and I think this is one of them," said Curro.

Slater said that he isn't in favor of holding \$250,000 for it.

"I think it's good I'm

not comfortable with holding 250,000," said Slater.

Slater said that it is a difficult topic and said that he wants to see a sample of the tablets. He said that he also wants the vendor and the safety committee to come to one of their meetings to make a presentation before making a decision.

The School Board ultimately voted in favor of tabling a decision on both phase 1 and 2.

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On Tuesday May 24, 7 p.m. the Londonderry Historical Society presents New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell, a program by quilt historian Pamela Weeks, at the Historical Society's Parmenter Barn, 140 Pillsbury Road in Londonderry.

Quilts tell stories,

and Weeks uses quilts to weave tales of women's history, industrial history, and world history. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing. Prompted in part by the quilts that people bring, Weeks may speak about fashion fads, the Colonial Revival, quilt-making for

Civil War soldiers, and anything else quilt-related she can squeeze in.

Pamela Weeks is the Binney Family Curator of the New England Quilt Museum. She is author of the book Civil War Quilts and of numerous articles on quilt history. She lectures nationally on quilt-making and quilt history.

This program is sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities and is free and open to the public.

The Londonderry Historical Society's mission is to preserve the best of Londonderry's past for future generations. The society owns several buildings at its 140 Pillsbury Road site,

including the c. 1760 Morrison House, the 1859 Parmenter Barn, the 1840 R.P. Clark Blacksmith Shop, and the Annis-Reynolds Carriage Shed. The Society meets regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The public is always welcome. Winter meetings are at the Leach Library, and in the

summer at the site on Pillsbury Road. The LHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax deductible.

For more information, visit www.londonderryhistory.org or find them on Facebook, www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety/.

Suicide Book

Continued from page 1 of that," said McEwen.

Londonderry Middle School Principal William Van Bennekum responded to the question of how books get into the library. He explained that it is primarily handled by the media center staff.

"That's really handled by our media center specialists and librarians. They would be more than happy to explain to you that process of how those books are screened because there's a screening process to that," said Van Bennekum.

Van Bennekum said that age appropriateness is an important part of that.

The School Board

also heard from Holly Edmonds, the parent whose student came home with the book and who was visible distraught as she addressed the board.

"I am the mom that has the book," said Edmonds.

She explained that she went to guidance, the principal, and teachers and they all knew that her son has been struggling with his mental health.

"They all know my son struggled with suicide, depression, anxiety, cutting for years," said Edmonds.

She said that as a parent her job is to keep her children safe which includes not having prescription drugs or sharp things in their house.

Edmonds explained

that she felt sending her son to school was a safe place for him until she found out that he checked out the book.

She said that it was recommended to him to read as a good book.

"You're kidding me right," said Edmonds.

Edmonds explained that her son said that he read 50 pages of the book and then came to her and

said that he thought it was inappropriate.

"This shouldn't be available to our kids," said Edmonds.

Edmonds said that she is concerned that he read any of the book at all. She said that some of the things he read about was assisted suicide, what ages is typical for suicide and who is likely to commit suicide.

"I am so afraid that what he read in this book I'm gonna come home (and) that I'm not going to have my kid there because ideas that are in this book are now in his head," said Edmonds. Edmonds said that she isn't planning on returning the book and said that she doesn't want someone struggling with mental health issues to read the book. She said that she would pay for it.

She also said that she

wants them to go through the library to examine if the books in the library are actually all appropriate for middle school students.

School Board Chair Amy Finamore apologized to Edmonds.

"Holly, I'd just like to say how sorry I am," said Finamore.

Van Bennekum also apologized.

"Mrs. Edmonds I am sorry too," said Van Bennekum. "We will do due diligence in that aspect."

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Girls Scout Troop Turn Cookies Into Playground Equipment



Londonderry Girl Scout Troop 58211 lead by Kelly Seichpine and Sara Clark, donated \$1,000 worth of playground equipment amongst the three elementary schools. The girls earned a "Take Action" badge for a project that has a positive, lasting impact within their community.

The girls wrote letters and met with their school principals to determine the need and what was possible. They brainstormed ideas as a troop and then researched the costs of each item.

The purchase of all the equipment was fully funded by the troop's cookie sales. The scouts were happy to see their idea come to fruition on May 13, with the donation of the playground equipment, complete with a lockable storage bin to each of the schools.

The donation included various playground balls, jump ropes, giant yard "Jenga" or a huge "Connect 4", and sidewalk chalk.

The community made this possible with the purchase Girl Scout cookies.

Scouts pictured are: From North at left: Abby Casparius, Emmaline Binette, Addy Breault, Becca Seichpine, and Sophia Seichpine.

Matthew Thornton, center: Juliana Quinlan, Ashley Clark, Olivia Young, Meghan Saranich, Ella Craigie, and Bridget Quinlan.

South, at right: Charlotte Sojka, Scarlett Horton, Lauren Mitchell

Not pictured are: Macey Lang (MT) and Bella Atherton of Litchfield.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Volleyball Squad Adds Two to the Win Column

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Volleyball team added two more wins and suffered their second loss last week to head into the final five games of the regular season at 9-2.

The record puts them in a tie for second place in the Division I standings with Windham High School sitting at the top after a 10-0 start.

The Lancers week started with a home match against Dover High School.

Both teams entered the contest on Monday, May 9, with just one loss

this season and Londonderry served up the Green Wave's second defeat with a straight set win.

For the LHS team, sophomore Matt Doyle finished with 15 Digs and one ace.

Seniors Ethan Green had eight kills and Corey Nolan got seven kills and four aces.

Senior Brandon Galan got eight digs, four aces; sophomore Tyler Brown had two kills, 20 assists, five digs, five aces; junior Camden Normand finished with three kills, five digs, one ace; senior Nathan Seibert had two kills, one dig; Junior Owen Evans got two assists and a

dig; Junior Victor Elguezabal had a dig and an ace; and sophomore Ethan Munro had a kill in the victory.

The following day, when the Londonderry hosted Coe-Brown, the Lancers were handed a 3-0 loss for just their second defeat of the season.

In that game, Normand had four kills, 11 digs, and two aces, while Doyle got 20 digs and an assist.

Brown managed 15 Assists, six Digs and a Block, while Nolan got three kills, six digs, and an ace.

Green and Seibert both had three kills and Green added a dig.

Also adding to the team stats were: Galan with five digs; Elguezabal with a kill and a Dig; Munro with one kill; and junior Spencer Brassard with a dig.

Londonderry closed out the week by handing John Stark their tenth loss of the season.

The 3-0, straight set victory gave Londonderry its ninth win of the year and set them up to face the only undefeated team in the division with some confidence this week.

The 10-0 Windham High School Jaguars played in Londonderry on Monday, May 16, for their only game of the week.



Lancer junior Spencer Brassard at the net in a recent game. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lady Lancer Lacrosse Squad Tallies Two Solid Victories

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Varsity Lacrosse squad notched two more wide-margin wins last week to get their season record up over the .500 mark heading into the final two weeks

of the spring season.

Head coach Kelly Gordon and her Lady Lancer team began their week with a home game against Manchester Central High School, where Londonderry handed the Lady Little Green team its ninth loss of the season and gave the

home team their sixth victory.

The LHS ladies beat Central 19-1 in a rather one-sided affair, outscoring the Little Green 11-1 in the first half and added eight goals in the second.

Londonderry goals went to: senior Tara

Wright, senior Caroline Leone and junior Lauren Allen each had three netted.

Freshman Gabby Pedrick, freshman Ava Naar and junior Meg Daileneas all got two goals, while sophomore Ashleigh Leone, senior Tess Brown and senior Abbie Whitley each tallied one goal in the win.

The Londonderry crew then bumped their season record up to 7-6 three days later when they quite handily beat the Lady Crimson Tide of Concord High at home by a score of 16-3.

Once again, the LHS team took a strong lead into halftime, outscoring the Concord ladies 9-2 by the end of the first.

In that game, which also took place on the Lancers home turf, LHS scoring once again came from a number of sources.

Wright led the way



Lancer senior Tara Wright makes her way through the Concord defense for one of her four goals. Photo by Chris Paul

with four goals and Allen notched three in the contest.

Caroline Leone, Victoria Savage and Daileneas each had two goals, while Ashleigh Leone,

Lilah Melia, Jill Leonardo and Whitley all scored one a piece.

Assists went to: Allen with three; Wright had two; and Naar got one in the onesided contest.

Londonderry Tennis Teams Continue on Learning Curve

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys and Girls Tennis teams continue to travel along a learning curve as they battle some tough opposition as the season winds down.

Neither team got a win last week, but both saw some individual successes.

The girls started the week with a disappointing showing at home against Nashua South, losing all nine matches.

Two days later, at home again, the team

had every reason to get their spirits up, taking three games against the undefeated team from Derryfield High School.

Susan Kim had an 8-4 singles win in the number three spot and they got two double wins.

Wins came from the team of Catie Brown and Jillian Mazzola with an 8-3 finish and the duo of Ali Von Pichl and Sarah Lemay, 8-5 winners.

The girls also saw success against Spaulding, getting four wins in singles but suffering a 5-4 loss.

Singles winners were

Brown (8-1); Kim (8-2); Maylee Valentin (8-5); and Ali Von Pichl with an 8-0 win.

In the LHS boys team games against those same schools, the individual wins were harder to come by.

Senior tennis star Camdem Poitras continued his unbeaten streak in singles in all three, but the only other wins came against Spaulding.

Other LHS wins over Spaulding were by Aidan Board (8-0); Devon Paceco (8-5) and by the Doubles team of Poitras and Connor Lord (8-3).

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Lancer Softball Squad Bangs Out Three Solid Wins

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After losing just their second game of the season last week to the Astros, the Londonderry High School Girls Softball team banged out three straight wins to bring their season record to 12-2 headed into the final two weeks of the regular season.

In that three game stretch, the Lady Lancers outscored their opponents 27-3 and put themselves in the top three of the Division standings.

The LHS squad began the week with a 13-1 thrashing of Nashua South on Monday, May 9, in Londonderry.

Junior Mya Gaspie got the win, pitching four hitless innings with three Ks and two walks.

The Londonderry offence banged out 14 hits with Olivia Chau and Makenna True hitting triples and Madi Bickford and Nina Covino each getting doubles.

Noelle Dobe, Emily Rivera, Samantha Minton and Hannah Ruggerio also smacked doubles in the contest.

Two days later, the team traveled to Hudson and doled out another lopsided 10-1 victory.

Gaspie only made it two innings in this one, after giving up seven hits through two and two-thirds. Sophomore Olivia Cutuli got the win, pitching two scoreless innings.

Liana Sawyer went 4-4 at the plate with three runs and one RBI. Rivera got the only extra base hit in the game with a double in the fourth inning.

The final game of the week was by far the closest

contest for the Lancers when the traveled to Spaulding High School and beat that team 4-1.

Sarah Woodruff got the win pitching three innings with three strikeouts and one hit given up. Cutuli pitched the remaining four innings, striking out 10 hitters and allowing one run on one hit.

Cutuli also helped at the plate, going two for four with a double and an RBI.

Rivera also went two for four with a run.



Sarah Woodruff was the winning pitcher in the Lancers 4-1 victory. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer Laxmen Get Two Strong Wins After Lopsided Loss

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys Lacrosse team added two more victories to the win column last week and one to the loss side, to sit at 9-5 for the season.

The LHS team's week

started with a road trip to Exeter, where they fell in a disappointing 14-3 defeat at the hands of the Blue Hawks.

It was Exeter's twelfth win of the season. They have only lost to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals this year.

Following that

defeat, Londonderry played host to the Bedford Bulldogs on Wednesday, May 11, controlling that match throughout the four quarters, for a 7-3 victory.

Junior Aiden Huard began the scoring for the Lancers with a goal

at 8:34.

Just over two minutes later, senior Connor Howe made it a 2-0 game and the team ended the first quarter with that two-goal lead.

The Bulldogs made it a 2-1 game halfway through the second, but one minute later, senior Noah Malcolm bumped

it to 3-1 with his goal.

Bedford brought the game back to within one with a goal at 8:26 in the third, but Nathan Pedrick and junior Josh DeFranzo gave Londonderry a 5-2 lead before the end of the third.

In the fourth quarter, Bedford got one back, sandwiched between

Huard's second goal of the day and senior John Baumann's first.

On Friday, May 13, the Lancers traveled to the state capital and end the week with a 13-9 win over the Concord Crimson Tide.

It was Concord's seventh loss of the season.



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Lancer Hardball Squad Gets to 11-4 with Two More Wins

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After serving up the first loss of the season to the Astros last week, the Londonderry High School Baseball team went 2-1 last week and sit at 11-4 with just two weeks left to the regular season.

The Lancers started their week in Nashua, and wound up with a nice 10-3 victory, despite spotting the Purple Panthers three runs in the first four innings.

Pitcher Mike Crowley chalked up another win, going seven innings with four strikeouts, five hits and just one earned run.

All of the Londonderry runs came in the final three innings, with six coming in the seventh.

Junior Kevin Rourke was two for three with



Kevin Rourke was two for three with a triple against Nashua South.

the team's only extra base hit. Rourke got a triple in the final inning with the bases loaded to bring in three.

Adam Wholley had three hits with two runs

and an RBI.

Johan Pena also had three singles in the game with one RBI.

Overall the Londonderry squad had 15 hits in the victory over Nashua South.

The following day, during a trip to the seacoast, the Lancers dropped their fourth game of the season, despite an early four-run lead.

Two walks, two singles and a hit-by-pitch served up by the Warriors set up the four-run first for the Lancers and they were able to hold a three-run lead through six innings until Winnacunnet finally got to Lancer pitcher Connor Fennell for four runs in the seventh.

Fennell pitched the entire game, getting 14 Ks and walking just two.

The junior pitcher hit two batters in the final inning and gave up a walk, a double and a triple, but also struck out two in the Warrior walk-off win.

The LHS squad finished the week with a close, 4-3 victory, over Spaulding High School at home on Friday.

Rourke got the win, pitching five and a third innings with seven strikeouts, two walks and five hits.

Jayden Hamilton got the save, pitching one and two-thirds with two hits and two Ks.

Hamilton also had two hits in the game with a triple. Sophomore Owen Carey also had two hits with a run and an RBI.

The Lancers biggest inning of the game came in the fifth when Hamilton led off with his triple followed by singles by

Carrey and Pena.

Londonderry has two games this week

and three the following week to finish the regular season.

Athletes of the Week

Week of May 8

Ava Ruppel

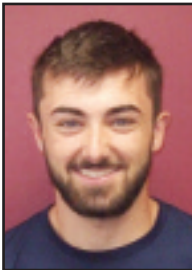
Junior, Girls Track



Ruppel is a first time track & field team member and she boosted her PR's in the meet against Pinkerton and Nashua North. Her triple jump mark and her pole vault height not only helped the team, but also put her solidly in the mix for the DI Championships.

Sam Street

Senior, Boys Track



At the 2022 Merrimack Invitational, Street raced to new personal bests in the 100m dash and 200m dash. His times of 11.12 and 23.23 respectively are among the fastest times in Division 1 this season.

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primary. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

2nd Annual Plant Sale

The Green Team's 2nd plant sale will be held at the Londonderry Lions Club Pavilion on June 4 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All plants are locally grown, dug and potted by members of the Green team. There will be Master Gar-

deners at the sale to answer any questions. The plant sale is fundraisers for the team and all proceeds benefit the Londonderry community Pollinator garden.

Rotary Car Show

The Londonderry Rotary Club in partnership with the Pontiac Club Nor-East is planning on bringing back their car show for it's 26th year. It is again scheduled for Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, with the rain date as the Monday following.

Touch A Truck

On Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Moose Hill PTA is hosting a Touch-A-Truck event to raise money to fund new playground equipment as well as murals painted by a local artist inside the school building. There are many local businesses and community vehicles sup-

porting the event. A special thanks to the support of the town with vehicles from Londonderry Fire Dept, Londonderry Police, Londonderry Public Works to list a few. The event will be taking place from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the Moose Hill School parking lot. A \$10 donation per family is appreciated (Cash or Venmo accepted).

Memorial Day Parade

On May 30 at 11 a.m., American Legion Post 27 in conjunction with the town of Londonderry will be holding a Memorial Day parade. The parade will begin at the high school and proceed to the Holy Cross cemetery to lay a wreath on the grave of Private First Class Verne Greely, USMC who was killed in Vietnam in 1967. The parade will then move to the town common for a ceremony to honor all those who have died serving our nation. All veterans and not just members of Post 27 are invited to march. Anyone wishing to participate please muster at the traffic light on Robert Lincoln Way by 10:45 a.m. After the cere-

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - May 9

7:34 a.m. Five officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/threat resulting in transport to a hospital from Aviation Park Drive at Hubbell.

9:39 a.m. Peace restored after Neighborhood Disputes at Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

11:34 a.m. Services rendered by four officers for Suspicious Activity on Old Nashua Road.

11:51 a.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Suicide Attempt/Threat at Walgreen Drug Store on Nashua Road.

2:03 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department on West Road at Morway Drive.

3:48 p.m. Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:28 p.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on Wilson Road.

11:27 p.m. Services rendered for a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Oakridge Drive.
11:45 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated by three officers at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

Tuesday - May 10

9:42 a.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Michels Way.
10:55 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry South School.

2:44 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Wilson Road.

8:49 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Pillsbury Road.

Wednesday - May 11

12 a.m. Criminal Threatening reported at 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

4:07 a.m. Services rendered for trespassing at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

6:47 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Ayer, MA. Shaun McCann, 41, of Ayer, MA. charged with Violation of Protective Order.

3 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm apartments.

9:56 p.m. Assault investigated on Catamount Road.

Thursday - May 12

12:53 a.m. Welfare Check performed by three officers results in transport to a hospital from Dominos Pizza on Nashua Road.
4:18 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:31 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Pendleton Lane.

4:43 p.m. Juvenile Offenses reported on Mammoth Road at Nashua Road.

8:11 p.m. Peace restored

after a Disturbance on Stokes Road.

11:10 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Old Derry Road.

Friday - May 13

2:40 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

5:01 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Wayland Drive.

8:35 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers on Litchfield Road.

Saturday - May 14

2:28 p.m. Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest made on Hovey Road.
8:11 a.m. Shoplifting investigated by three officers at the Nutfield Country Store on Shasta Drive.
11:14 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Rockingham Road.
11:37 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Hickory Hill Drive.

1:01 p.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on Hovey Road.

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Around Town

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free series is offered to any girl entering kindergarten this fall in Londonderry and the surrounding area. This four-part series will run the Tuesdays of May 31 and June 7, 14, and 21 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. outdoors a

Moose Hill School, 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. No membership required. See more about the series at <https://bit.ly/3tVJKFB>.

50+ Softball

Enjoy a fun night out and play some softball. Looking primarily for Londonderry residents at least

50 years old to play in our town softball league, although some non-residents may be eligible. The Group plays on Tuesday nights at Londonderry's Nelson Rd., field starting the end of April and going until September/October.

If interested or need more information contact Jim Edwards at 603-432-5720 or email him at jimwards48@comcast.net.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Son-

shine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Play It Forward

The sports equipment drive "Play it Forward" will

be held his year on May 21, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the parking lot at Londonderry Town Hall and the Police Department. All items donated are 100 percent donated to local non-profit organizations.

Police Log

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1:04 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Hazelnut Lane.

4:23 p.m. Three officers render services for a Shooting Complaint on Coteville Road.

7:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest made on Memorial Drive. Jaime Luis Torres Marrero, 26, of Morovis, Puerto Rico, charged with Bench Warrants.

Sunday - May 15

7:12 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Griffin Road.

8:31 a.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Distur-

bance on Karen Lane.

11:57 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at the Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road.

5:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on South Road at Londonderry South School. Kenneth Santana, 35, of Derry charged with Driving after Revoke/Suspension.

6:39 p.m. Peace restored by four officers after a Fireworks Complaint on South Road at Morning-side Drive.

7:15 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Vista Ridge Drive.

11:10 p.m. Trespassing investigated on Aviation Park Drive a Burndy LLC.



Services Honored

The Londonderry Lions Club dedicated the Pavilion behind the Lions Club building to Roger Dykstra. Dykstra is a longtime member of the club, dating back to the 80s. During the dedication service last week, members thanked Dykstra for his years of dedicated volunteering over the years. He was also recently made a Life-Time member of the club. The "Dykstra Pavilion" Plaque was unveiled at the brief ceremony before the Club's election of officers. Dykstra is pictured fifth from right with fellow Lions members.

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