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## Music & Friends

Jack Tinkham sits with brothers Cameron and Brayden Gillingham on the town monument while listening to music at the Concerts on the Common Wednesday night, June 21. See more photos on page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Superintendent Discusses School District Enrollment

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Superintendent, Dan Black, briefed the School Board about enrollment trends during the June 20 School Board meeting.

It was explained by Black that they previ-

ously did an enrollment study in 2017 and they are mostly on track with what they were projected to have for enrollment based on the study.

However, he said there were questions raised about whether or not they should prepare

for having larger enrollment numbers for Moose Hill if they were to go with an expansion project.

Black said he was able to talk to Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, along with the planning department to “better **continued on page 6**

## Residential Element Denied for Village Plan Near Airport

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) reviewed several requests for variances on a number of properties in the industrial area of Londonderry for a large “village-like” live-work-play community located at 104 Grenier Field Road, 6 Akira Way, 5 Kitty Hawk Landing, and 52 Grenier Field Road at their Wednesday night, June 21 meeting. After about two-hours of debate on the subject, members ultimately denied the vari-

ances needed to put residential units in the plan.

Ken Selensky of Londonderry Holdings, LLC represented the developer at the meeting to make a presentation why the variances are needed.

“We are now proposing to develop what we call the Village of Technology Hill, in the vicinity of where Technology Drive was located,” said Selensky. “The Village would encompass a minimum of two industrial buildings, which would bring over 1,100 high-tech jobs to

the area, jobs that would pay above the average earnings in southern New Hampshire. We are also proposing housing for our workers.”

Envision Technology would produce electro-optical equipment at the facility, along with Onpoint Systems and its SpotOn GPS collars. The construction area will take up around 75 acres on five parcels of hilly land. The proposal also includes retail space, such as a 15,000 sq. foot general store and a **continued on page 4**

## Moose Hill Projects Get Moved Forward to CIP List

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During the Tuesday, June 20, School Board meeting, discussions took place on what projects should be considered as part of the town’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

“The preparation and adoption of a CIP is an important part of Londonderry’s planning process,” Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, said. “A CIP aims to recognize and resolve deficiencies in existing public facilities and anticipate and plan for future demand for capital facilities.”

McKenney said the four projects that they were recommending included Phase I of the Moose Hill project expansion, which would help to address problems with overcrowding.

The second project would be Phase II of the project, which would be to expand the building to accommodate all day kindergarten.

In addition, it was also discussed sending a proposal for a new district office building along with the high school addition and renovation project.

McKenney explained that the proposed proj-

ects from the school district along with the ones from the town gets reviewed and scored by members of the CIP Committee who then make a recommendation to the Planning Board for what should be considered as part of the plan.

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# Planning Board Give Approval For New Balance Plan

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In April the Planning Board gave a conditional approval for a subdivision proposal for the property at 55 Pet-tengill Road.

The project is to subdivide the 21 acres, which is located in the Gateway Business District near the airport.

However, the applicant was seeking waivers from certain checklist items and while the board accepted the waivers for completion purposes, the waivers

weren't formally approved by the Board, Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg, said during the June 14 meeting.

"There were a number of outstanding checklist items," said Kevin Smith, former Town Manager and a consultant for the project.

He said they should've met with town staff before the April meeting to get the approvals then.

"That's why we're here tonight," Smith said.

He noted that they were seeking subdivi-

sion approval before submitting a site plan because it was needed to move the project forward. Smith added that they would be proposing the site plan in the near future.

Smith also revealed who would be occupying the 17 acre lot.

"It is New Balance... we're very excited about that," Smith said.

Robert Duval from the TF Moran, who was representing the applicant, said that in order to get waivers approved, it needs to be

shown that "There would be no substantial determinant."

One of the waivers they were looking for was for the second lot, which doesn't have a determined use yet.

He said they were looking to have the traffic study waived at this time. He added that the future New Balance site already has a study underway.

"A traffic study has been submitted to the town and is under review with the town staff for that lot," said

Duval.

Duval stated that a traffic study at this point would be moot because even if they knew if it was for example going to be used as office space there are many different kinds and depending on what is there would impact the traffic.

Duval added that they would have a traffic study done for the second lot once they determine the specific purpose.

Another waiver they were looking for was for utility clearance letters

for the undertimend lot. Duval said they received power and telecommunication waivers for the New Balance site and gas isn't needed.

He said they expect to receive clearance for sewer and water once they submit the site plan.

He explained that they wouldn't be able to get clearance letters for the second lot until they have a purpose for it.

The Planning Board approved the waiver requests.

# Communications Committee Weigh In On Proposed Policy Changes

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board had a number of different policy readings for proposed policies during its Tuesday, June 20, meeting.

One of the policies was the policy related to establishing temporary advisory committees.

Superintendent, Dan-Black, explained that the policy was reviewed by the communications committee and they suggested making it "more vague on whom actually gets the specific tasks done after each meeting with the thinking that each committee will find a way to get the work done meeting to meeting but being prescriptive here might be problematic."

He said as an example, it was suggested that some committees

may not have a formal secretary position and instead could have the responsibilities rotated in order to make sure minutes are completed after each meeting.

As part of the proposal, the policy would outline what requirements are needed as part of the minutes for each meeting, and the secretary would be responsible for taking and filing the minutes.

"The Communications Committee recommends keeping all the tasks and it will be the oversight of the Committee Chair to make sure they are getting done," Black said.

Another area where the committee suggested changes to the policy is when it comes to posting information.

He stated that the

communications committee "built a system where parents and community members go to the School District Website to find all the official business of the district" and because of that they thought it made sense to not have language where agendas are posted on the school district's blog, and Facebook Social Media account.

As part of the original proposal, it stated "Notice of meeting, including time, place, and agenda shall be posted on the School District website, blog, and Facebook Social Media account. Notice shall be posted 3 days in advance, when possible, but never less than 24 hours."

Black said the committee felt it made more

sense to have the information elsewhere other than social media.

"They reasoned between the centrality of this information on the District's Website, the calendar on the website and the separate committee pages that exist there is good effort in place

already for the public to be informed on Committee work that is occurring along with the continuous updates at the School Board meetings themselves," Black said.

Black said the communications committee decided next year they are going to update the

Parent Hub so they have links to all the active School Board committees as another way to get the information.

The School Board had no objections to the proposed changes and sent the policy to a third reading.

# Rec's Summer Program Begins

The town's Recreation Summer Playground Program will be held at South Elementary School again this year and begins on Wednesday, July 5, until Wednesday Aug. 9.

The program is open to any Londonderry children that will be entering first grade this fall and up to 14-years-old. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of activities, games and sports, as well as a special themed activity each morning.

They will be grouped by age and by interest

and are supervised in small groups by an experienced staff.

There is no pre-registration for the program, but rather parents may register their children the first day of attendance, but if residents wish to fill out the registration form beforehand, it can be downloaded from the Recreation section at [www.londonderry-nh.org](http://www.londonderry-nh.org)

The program will take place Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. - noon and from 1 - 3 p.m.

Once registered, children may attend as

much or as little as family's desire.

Daily activities will include arts and crafts, games, sports, and playground and break time, and at times special guests. The special guest may include a police officer to talk about safety, a baton twirling show, storytellers or bicycle safety.

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# Budget Committee Get Briefed on Town Budget Process

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The Budget Committee heard a presentation from Finance Director, Justin Campo, about the town budget process.

"Its getting to that time of the year, we get to do all the budget fun," Campo said.

He said the first Saturday of November the Town Council and the Budget Committee along with the community is presented with the Town Manager's proposed budget and hear from the "large" departments who will make their pre-

sentations and explain to the public why they are requesting what.

"After that, it becomes the Town Council budget," Campo said.

Campo said last year they worked to make the default budget more accurate. He explained that the default budget is essentially last year's budget and increased or decreased based on legal obligations like contracts.

"We're going to continue to right size the department budgets where they need to be," Campo said.

One example Campo

pointed to is when it comes to health insurance. He explained that while not all employees opt for family health insurance plans they aren't able to have some positions budgeted for just single plans.

"Legally we can't do that," Campo said.

In the operating budget, however, they look at what they historically pay for health insurance and where they are at and then base the budgeted amount on it. He added that it gives them a lower health insurance budget line than what is

in the default budget.

Once the Town Manager presents his budget, they will then have meetings on Mondays throughout the Fall and Winter to discuss the different budgets.

Budget Committee Chair, Patrick Cassidy, said one of the things they struggled with last year was they were brought into the process in November and there wasn't much influence they could make then.

"It seemed like the process was well on its way when the budget committee got involved," Cassidy said.

As a committee, one of the things they did was by having town hall liaisons to discuss things throughout the year.

"I'm more than welcome to answer questions you have throughout it," Campo said.

Campo said discussions with the departments is how they come up with the needs they need. He added that last year before they began having a public discussion they made a lot of cuts.

Cassidy asked if they would be going with the same process as last

year where they came up with questions and possible cuts.

Campo said they would be doing the same process and sometimes "we hear them, we may not be able to apply them for one reason or another."

He said the committee has some influence throughout the process.

"You're able to influence things throughout it, and we listen to what you have to say and we take into account what it all is and we also take into account what it costs to run the town," Campo said.

# Slater Praises Staff, Students, Community For Successful Year

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, praised staff, students, and the community before the public comment portion of the June 20, School Board meeting as the district closed out another year of school.

"We did a lot of celebrating over the last couple of weeks here in Londonderry," Slater said, noting they recently had high school graduation and the middle school promotional ceremony.

"It was just a phenomenal day," Slater said.

Slater said he was also happy to see a sense of normalcy after navigating the pandemic years.

"You could see it in the excitement of kids, you could see it in the academics," Slater said.

He said he was looking forward to seeing more accolades during the 2023-2024 school year.

"I couldn't be more excited for what we've done and where we're headed," Slater said.

Slater said he was proud to see the success outside of the classrooms as well including in athletics.

During the meeting, Slater also recognized Londonderry High School Principal, Jason Parent, who will be transitioning to his new position as assistant superintendent.

"I'm excited to see your next venture here,"

said Slater.

Slater stated that he appreciates the feedback they receive to improve the school district, and encourages people to do so.

"You got an issue, we have plenty of people to talk to," Slater said.

Slater said the community support has been positive.

"I can tell you with the community support this year, it's helped our school district rebound in ways other districts wish they could do," Slater said.

Slater explained that even if people don't always agree with their decisions he believes everyone in the community cares about the school district.

"I truly believe this

community cares about their school district," Slater said.

Also during the meeting, Slater gave an update regarding the Moose Hill Building Committee.

It was explained by Slater they came up with a format for people to apply, however, it wasn't in time to get it in the newspaper.

He said instead of picking applicants during the meeting, he thought they should

wait until July 18 to see if they get more people interested in the community to form the committee and to "help this committee move forward."

Superintendent, Dan Black, noted that there would be advertisements running in the June 22, and June 29 Londonderry Times to advertise that they are looking for people to join the committee.

"That gives us some more time," Slater said.

The School Board agreed to delay selecting committee members until July 18.

In personnel news, the School Board accepted the resignations of two employees Lauren Buckminster, a support staff member at South School, and Maxwell Paradise, a support staff member at South School.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 18 at 7 p.m.

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# Editorial

## A Reason to Celebrate

July 4th, also known as Independence Day falls on a Tuesday this year, but whatever day it falls on it should never forget why we celebrate.

Without the events that happened long ago on a summer day we might have been subjects of Great Britain. Instead, the Declaration of Independence was finalized on July 4, 1776, and set the former British colonies on the path toward emergence as a nation.

The Declaration of Independence is a document that should remind us of who we are as a country. To make sure we continue in the tradition of those who fought to establish a free nation, whose leaders were expected to listen to those they serve. A little know fact, the Declaration of Independence was signed by New Hampshire's own Matthew Thornton among others.

The Declaration of Independence is a straightforward document about life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet not every nation has these rights granted to them freely, and sadly we sometimes take these rights for granted. The list of injustices attributed to Great Britain makes for a good reminder of what our government should never become. This is a particularly timely reading, during a time when political attacks rise or sink to unpleasant levels due to opposing party positions, such as

we are experiencing this year.

It's a reminder to all Americans that our ancestors chose a form of government whose power comes from the governed. When we don't vote or speak up, we're shirking that responsibility, something people fought and died to attain. When we do vote, and speak up the result is justice and liberty for all.

So, let's not let the Fourth become just an excuse for firing up the barbecue, getting out the sparklers, or heading to the seacoast or the mountains for a three-day weekend or a long vacation, we invite you to reconsider. Figure out what makes you happy as you enjoy your holiday weekend with a meal, family, friends, and a sky full of sparkling fireworks all making for a pretty good celebration of freedom, and be mindful about the noise that can affect our fur friends. These activities are all part of the spirit of the 4th, but spend some time remembering what this nation stands for as well.

Hopefully, you will pause for a moment to thank those who made it all possible in 1776, and also thank those who still fight to keep our freedoms.

Have a safe and celebratory Fourth of July. Our ancestors would want it to be that way

We are all fortunate to live in a free country.

## Village Plan

**Continued from page 1** Zoning Board to daycare center for families. approve more mixed-use developments.

Londonderry Holdings also promised to "maximize green-space" with walkability as a focus in their plan.

Although he praised the advantages new jobs might bring to Londonderry, Alternate Board member, Robert Robicsek, was concerned by the sheer size of the proposal.

"This is a very large development, over 300 units of housing with a master plan the size of Pullman in Chicago, has this been reviewed by the Planning Department?" Robicsek noted that such a development would inevitably impact the "needs of public safety: fire, police, educational, traffic...there's a lot at stake, there's a lot of potential stress to our community."

None of these questions were new to the plan, which has been in development for the past few months.

Public response to the proposal was mixed, with many attendees expressing their support.

Former Town Manager, Kevin Smith of 6 King Philip Drive, expressed his "strong support" for what he called a "creative and well-designed project" while encouraging the

Zoning Board to approve more mixed-use developments.

Saying that it is a project that is very much needed. He also mentioned that the zoning currently in place in this area is outdated.

Another resident said it was a very good use of the land. "I have direct experience in what is being proposed and I can tell you, the model works," said Tony Nigro of 6 Deer Crossing Circle. "This is a site that makes the best of the environment, reduces impact, and from my perspective, it is a great part of the town for being able to support something like this, I could go on, but I'm in favor."

There were also members of the public opposed to the large development in an industrial zone.

Longtime resident from Merrill Farm, Bob Merrill, who lives just down the street, and whose property abuts some of the site, was mainly opposed to the residential part of the plan. He suggested that the town have a workshop between all the boards in town to discuss the merits of the 340 units of residential housing there.

Another worried abutter, Charles Frank, had concerns as to

whether it was considered spot zoning and he was told that the zoning wouldn't be changed.

He was very concerned with where the children living in that site would go in the area, saying that with nothing put warehouses in the area would be dangerous.

He added, "Putting apartments here, I think it's going to be a hindrance to my property, and over time, I think it's going to create a depreciation of property value." He also argued that roads would not handle the increased traffic, especially during winter months.

Daniel Bouchard was also concerned for the families that would be moving into the property, bringing up the fact that living near an industrial area opens up a number health and safety issues.

ZBA Chair, Jacqueline Benard, noted traffic concerns would need to be addressed by the Planning Board, not zoning.

After some debate by the Zoning Board, members voted to deny the request to move forward with the residential plans by a vote of three to two.

The board was mostly concerned with the safety of the residents that would be living there.



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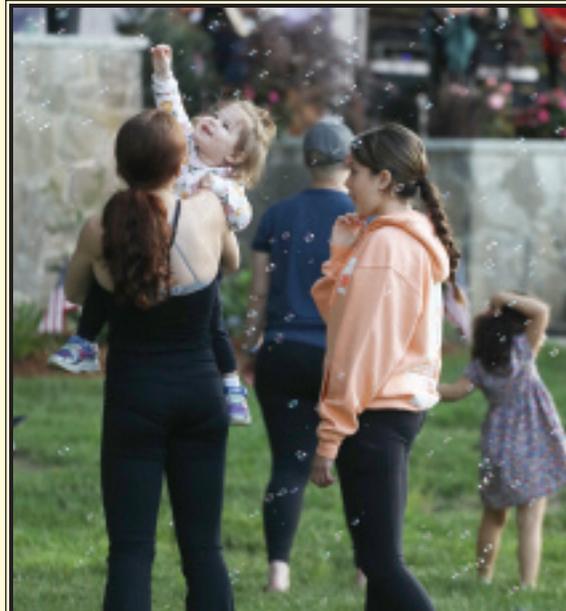
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The Concert on the Common music series is in full swing again with families taking advantage of a rare rain-free evening last week and getting to enjoy music and friends thanks to the efforts of the Londonderry Arts Council. Concerts are every Wednesday starting at 7 p.m.

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# Motorhome Dwelling at Hyrdoponic Farm Denied by ZBA

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The June 21 meeting for the Zoning Board of Adjustment had members hear a request to use an RV for housing. 17 Brewster Road land owner, Ross Williams, and applicant, Gavin Williams, were at the meeting to make the presentation. The two-run Victory Aquaponics is a small hydroponics, organic farm on the land, and the area is zoned for agricultural purposes.

“Part of what we do is we host educational tours, we host school groups, garden clubs, and we also host interns, most of whom stay around a month,” said

Gavin. “Occasionally, our interns will have RVs. For the past 10 years, we’ve been hosting interns and want to continue doing as we have.”

He claimed the change was on a small, dead-end road and allowing RVs or trailers wouldn’t harm the surrounding neighborhood, and that hosting interns is an integral part of the farm operation.

“Literal enforcement of the zoning ordinance would make the farm unable to continue operating,” Gavin warned.

Londonderry has an ordinance against living in motorhomes, campers, or trailers and anything deemed a dwelling unit must be attached to

an approved water source and septic systems.

“How many people are there for how long?” asked alternate board member, Robert Robicsek.

The Williams’ stated that it is rare for more than one motorhome to reside on the farm, usually for a month at a time. As Victory Aquaponics uses greenhouses and they grow year-round.

“Where do people stay when they’re not staying in a motorhome?” asked member, Mitch Feig.

Gavin responded that the house on the property has a basement visitors usually use, adding that RVs on

the property are a fairly infrequent occurrence.

“Is there any reason why you wouldn’t give [interns] adequate dwellings?” wondered ZBA Chair, Jacqueline Benard. She was skeptical of the need to allow RVs on a four-acre plot of land when it might be easier to expand existing living space.

The Williams’ stated many interns weren’t local. According to Gavin, “We’d have to tell them they’d have to park

it and live in the house. These are travelers, and this farm isn’t their primary destination.”

No members of the public were at the meeting to speak for or against the request.

The ZBA agreed that allowing RVs wouldn’t hurt the value of surrounding properties or cause much harm to the public, owing to its remote location. However, they questioned the assertion that denying the use of RVs would

prevent Victory Aquaponics from operating. ZBA members also thought that allowing motorhomes on the residential area of the property would be “unreasonable” when taking local laws into consideration.

In the end, the Zoning Board unanimously rejected the request.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, July 19, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

## School Enrollment

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understand the new development happening in town and the overall assumptions and projections for what that can mean for our school system.”

He stated that he was able to find out how the town’s process works so he is able to keep track and to work with the town when it comes to enrollment and development moving forward.

Black said even with the proposed projects, they would be able to handle it.

“Even though there is a lot of multi-family development that can happen in town in the coming years, as well as single family homes, we will be able to absorb the projected number of new students from this development if it does

happen,” Black said.

One area they will need to keep a close eye on is when it comes to North School, Black said.

“What we will need to keep an eye on is the part of town that new developments are happening,” said Black. “Right now, North School has run out of permanent space within our current programming and class size assumptions. A large upward trend in enrollment for North School would be more problematic for the School District.”

When it comes to the possible Moose Hill building project, Black said that based on the previous study and what he’s heard from the town he doesn’t think they need to plan on

having 350 students “or much larger than our current assumptions.”

“But what I would say is we can better study this issue over the summer and come up with a more detailed answer by the time we are reviewing more accurate cost assumptions for the Moose Hill Phase I and Phase II projects in the Fall,” Black said.

Black stated that they want to look more closely at population trends for NH and Nationally to understand the “larger picture.”

“A few recent studies do point to a more downward trend nationally related to larger demographic shifts going on,” Black said.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 18 at 7 p.m.



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# State Agency's Role in the St. Gobain PFAS Issues

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Taking a step back to describe in greater detail how several of the Merrimack Village District (MVD) wells that supplied potable water to the Saint Gobain facility in Merrimack, we reached out to Jim Martin, Public Outreach Director for NHDES, for how this PFAS contamination came about at Saint Gobain. Martin stated that sometime in February 2016, Saint Gobain decided to test its well water as a precaution following PFAS contamination that had been found at its facility in Hoosick Falls, NY. When the results from the MVD wells came back, Saint Gobain had found PFAS at 30 PPT (parts per trillion). Martin continued, "...there were no drinking water standards at that time, only a health advisory, as we

(DES) were just scratching the surface of PFAS contamination, and New Hampshire would later use that threshold to develop ambient water quality standards." Interestingly, as Martin stated, there were neither NH nor EPA standards for PFAS that would have been triggered. Of importance to locals, this water had come from one of two MVD wells, nos. 4 and 5, that had been found to have been contaminated.

Taking a proactive stance, and based on NHDES's staff awareness of Saint Gobain's PFAS issues at their other regional sites in New York and Vermont, DES subsequently issued a press release a few weeks later to make the public aware that DES had initiated an intensive investigation of both MVD and area private wells, and quickly realized that

something was indeed going on. The Pease AFB PFAS contamination back in 2014 had made DES aware of the PFAS problem, but just how great, wasn't determined until the Saint Gobain contamination in southern NH, "mushroomed", according to Martin.

Lacking any clear guidance from EPA during this time, NHDES decided to conduct their own research into the PFAS issue, and on April 1, 2016, issued a letter (what some area residents refer to as the "April Fools" letter) to the Environmental Health and Safety Director of Saint Gobain outlining various steps for mitigating the contamination of both municipal wells for drinking water in the for area residents and for the site investigation, including the design and building

of a water treatment system to effectively clean up contamination from all affected public water systems and affected private wells within and outside of the designated one mile radius of the contaminated area, identified as the area in which the drinking water was found to be greater than 70 PPT, the then limit of EPA's Provisional Health Advisory.

The Consent Decree that was subsequently issued in March 2018 (almost 2 years later), noted that both parties had been working cooperatively to investigate and remediate the presence of the contaminants in both the groundwater and water supply wells and to evaluate additional remedial options. The area designated as the locus for this collective work as delineated in maps shown as Exhibits E, F

and G in the Consent Decree, encompassed the public water systems and any affected private wells in Bedford, Litchfield, Manchester and Merrimack. The Consent Decree effectively forced Saint Gobain to clean up the affected drinking water within the Merrimack contaminant zone to the agreed to levels. As of this writing, the requirements of the NHDES Consent Decree are still in full force.

Fast forward to 2022, with the EPA announcement of new drinking water health advisories [www.epa.gov/sdwa/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos](http://www.epa.gov/sdwa/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos) and the more recent 2023 updated health advisories [www.epa.gov/sdwa/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos](http://www.epa.gov/sdwa/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos) and proposed PFAS drinking water regulation [www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas](http://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas), Martin called this an "evolution", since during the early 2016 investigations, the standard for PFAS detection in drinking water was 100 PPT. However, as Martin explained, "DES did find some well contaminant levels greater than 100 PPT, which was expanded when the EPA revised the health advisory to 70 PPT in May of 2016, and in 2022, EPA again revised the health advisory standard to be more in line with NH revised maximum contaminant levels (MCLs).

NOTE: If any reader has any comments or would like to be interviewed in a future installment, please reach out to our Editor, Deb Paul. In our next installment, we will continue with our interviews from key players in the PFAS struggle.

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Planning Board is charged under RSA 674:5 with the preparation of the annual Capital Improvements Plan with the assistance of the CIP committee. The CIP is adopted by the Planning Board and is advisory to the Budget Committee, Town Council and School Board," McKen-

ney said.

McKenney stated that the CIP is ultimately a way for the town to prepare for different potential projects and for the community to get a sense of what may be proposed.

"A CIP is a multi-year schedule that lays out a series of municipal projects and their associated costs," McKenney said. "It covers a six-year period to show how the

town should plan to expand or renovate facilities and services to meet the demands of existing or new population and businesses."

McKenney noted that the CIP is ultimately advisory.

"A CIP is purely advisory in nature. Ultimate funding decisions are subject to the budgeting process and the annual town meeting," McKenney said.

It was also noted by McKenney that the CIP Committee sending projects to the Planning Board for review doesn't mean they are endorsing the project.

"Inclusion of any given project in the CIP does not constitute an

endorsement by the CIP Committee," McKenney said. "Rather, the CIP Committee is bringing Department project requests to the attention of the town, along with recommended priorities, in the hope of facilitating decision making

by the town." The School Board approved sending the projects forward for the CIP to consider.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 18 at 7 p.m.

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# Marines Thank Veteran as He Hits the Century Mark



Two days before his actual 100-year birthday, resident, Richard Taylor, had a party thrown for hitting this major milestone. Taylor has lived in town his whole life and served in Marine Air Group 25 in 1942 during the Pacific Theater of Operations in World War II. Three local marines attended the birthday party to thank Taylor for his service at that time and present him with a letter of appreciation.

Taylor was born and raised in the home he still lives in on Mammoth Road and

served as the town's Post Master when the Post Office was in Londonderry Village on Mammoth Road. His wife, Alice, who passed in 2015, was the Town Clerk and Tax Collector for 30-years, starting in 1961. His son, Rick Taylor, and daughter, Donna Bradley, were present at the event. Taylor also has five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. American Legion Post 27 Commander, Bob Stuart, and marines, Levi Eisenhower and Gerry Goncalo presented the framed letter to Taylor.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Legion Post 27 Baseball Team Tallies Three More Wins

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry American Senior Legion Post 27

squad added three more wins in their second week of the Summer season and finished the week at 5-1-1.

The local squad had victories against Rochester, Exeter, and Salem, but also suffered their first loss against Salem in a double-header.

The team's week started at home, on Tuesday, Jun 20, with a win over Post 7 of Rochester, getting on the board in every inning to come away with a one-sided 14-1 win.

Post 27 had four runs in the bottom of the first, thanks to two errors, two walks, and a single by Jayden Hamilton.

In the third inning, a single and seven walks led to six more runs for the home squad and a 12-1 lead.

Two doubles in the fourth gave Londonderry their final two runs of the game.

The doubles in the game were hit by Jackson Marshall, Liam Stot, and Kevin Rourke.

Joey Cafaro was the winning pitcher, going four innings and allowing just one run on five hits with six strikeouts.

The following day, in another home contest, Post 27, out dueled Post 32 of Exeter for a three-run win.

Three runs in the third inning led the Lon-

donderry squad to a 4-1 victory.

Two errors, a double, and two walks gave Post 27 a 3-0 lead, which they never gave up.

Ryan Williams earned the win, pitching five strong innings with just one run given up on two hits, while striking out four.

Mike Crowley came into the game in the fifth, striking out five and keeping Exeter hitless.

On Thursday afternoon, June 22, the Post 27 squad suffered its first loss of the season in the first game of a doubleheader against Salem

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Jayden Hamilton pitched five and two-third innings against Salem for the win.

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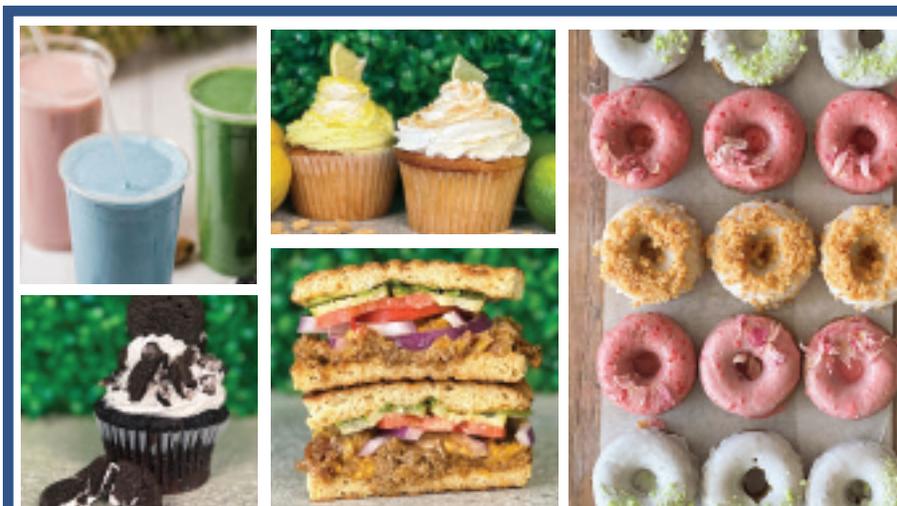
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# Annual CHaD Football Game Features Plenty of Lancers

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2023 CHaD football battle of East vs. West was well represented by Londonderry players last week with six Lancers making the squad that was coached by LHS head coach and Athletic Director, Jimmy Lauzon.

Lancer quarterback and baseball state champ, Drew Heenan, was a prominent player in the contest as well as Andrew Kullman, a track state champion. Nate Pedrick, Ryan Pemberton, Michael Sampson, Jason Senus, and Trevor Weinmann also played in the game.

The East squad, led by Heenan at QB, started very strong, but a fumble near the goal line in the first drive resulted in a turnover. The drive also featured three com-

pletions to Kullman as well as a number of yards gained the ground by Heenan.

East took the first lead in the game with three-points to start the second quarter on a 22-yard field goal.

West tied the game at 3-3 before the end of the first half.

Down 10-3 in the fourth quarter, Heenan and Kullman connected with a 20-yard completion to knot the game at 10 before time expired in regulation.

It took two overtime periods to decide the winner, with West getting a 32-yard field goal to win.

Heenan was 10 of 21 for 172-yards of passing in the game and countless yards on the ground.

Kullman finished the game with one touch-



Drew Heenan represented Londonderry as the East quarterback last week.



Andrew Kullman had seven catches for 153-yards at the CHaD game.

down reception on seven catches at 153-yards.

The CHaD New Hampshire East-West

All-Star football game was played on Friday night, June 23, at Saint Anselm College features some of the best NHIAA

graduating players from all three divisions.

Proceeds raised by the game benefit the Children's Hospital at

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

This was the second year in a row that West has won the game.

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Post 63.

Londonderry lost 6-12 despite having just one hit less than their opponents.

Rourke had an uncharacteristic loss, giving up eight runs on eight hits and striking out just four.

Hamilton, Marshall, and Owen Carey all went two for four at the plate and Marshall had the

team's only extra base hit, a double in the fourth.

In the second game of the meeting, Londonderry bounced back, getting a one-run lead into the final inning, here both teams scored six runs and Post 27 came away with a 10-9 victory.

Marshall had another two-bagger for the team's only extra base hit.

Hamilton pitched five and two-third innings to help secure the one-run victory in the second game. He gave up four of Salem's eight hits, struck out four, walked four, giving up just three runs.



### TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for approximately 2,150 square feet of temporary wetland impact (2,700 square feet temporary disturbance) and 16,025 square feet of temporary wetland buffer impact to construct the proposed sewer main extension from Sanborn Rd., northerly to Page Rd. 14 Page Rd., Map 17 Lot 45 and 11 Sanborn Rd., Map 15 Lot 164. Evans Family Limited Partnership/CJE Nominee Trust (Owner/Applicant).

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# State Recognizes Burns Family

State Commissioner and LAFA Executive Vice President (EVP) of Softball, Mike Campo, presented the Burns Family with the New Hampshire Babe Ruth Softball "Person of the Year" Award last week for all the family has contributed to the sport over the years. Brendan Burns passed away unexpectedly in September of 2020 and was the previous EVP of Softball. His wife Elisabeth Burns has also contributed greatly to the LAFA organization over the years. Children Connor, Regan and Riley grew up playing on the LAFA fields and were there to accept the award with their mother. The award was presented on Friday night, June 23, at the Tim Brown Softball field.

*Photo by Chris Paul*



# GDTC Kids Summer Fun Runs Set to Start, Monday, July 10

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Track Club's (GDTC) 47th annual Kid's Summer Fun Runs were scheduled to start on Monday night, June 26, but heavy downpours unfortunately cancelled the first race of the season.

The annual races will now be kicked off on Monday night, July 10, provided the weather cooperates, and will run through July 31.

The races will be held at the Londonderry High School track and registration/bib pickup take place each week starting at 6 p.m. with races scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

The weekly races are open to all children ages 2 to 92 and the only pay-

ment required to register is a donation of a nonperishable food product each week.

Members of GDTC will lead participants in stretching exercises and offer running tips.

The 2- to 3-year-olds run approximately 50 yards, 4-6 year-olds run 200 meters, 7-8 year-olds run 300 meters, 9-10 year-olds run 600 meters, 11-13 year old run the cross country mile. Anyone 14 and older can run the open mile after the younger runners are done.

Each participant receives a ribbon provided by the Derry Recreation Department and a commemorative T-shirt at the end of the program.

Water, Gatorade, and watermelons are provid-

ed each week. At the end of the series, prizes and medals are given for participation in this healthy event.

This is a weekly free activity. It is open to children from any town or city. Non-perishable food donations are appreciated to help support local food pantries.

An online registration link can be found at [gdtc.org](http://gdtc.org). In person registration is also available at the track. One registration is good for the whole series.



## The Londonderry School Board is now accepting applications for the Moose Hill Building Committee

The charge of the Moose Hill Building Committee will be to comply with all the stipulations within policy BCFA, up to and including advising both the School Board and Kindergarten Committee on both cost-effective plans for Phase 1a, Phase 1b, and Phase 2 of the Moose Hill School that also meet the educational needs of Phase 1a, Phase 1b, and Phase 2.

The School Board is looking for 5 members and 2 alternates for the Committee if possible. The School Board is looking for leaders from the community, especially professionals in the areas of engineering, general contracting, and the construction fields to explore options, costs, and future planning of the current conceptual design and be able to offer recommendations.

Any interested community members can apply by visiting the school district's web page at [www.Londonderry.org](http://www.Londonderry.org) or pick up a paper copy of the application at the District Office (6A Kitty Hawk Landing).

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# Leadership Londonderry Class Finishes with Dinner at Museum

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leadership Londonderry Class of 2023 graduated last week with 16 participants receiving

certificates for completing the several week program.

The ceremony took place in the Parmenter Barn at the Londonderry Historical Society, where

graduates were served a meal before receiving their certificates for completing the class.

The Leadership Londonderry class is promoted by the town with residents, Pollyann Winslow and Mark Oswald, running the month-to-month schedule of activities that help residents understand the town's system of government as well as aspects of the school district.

Leadership Londonderry ran from September of 2022 to May of 2023 with each monthly class running about three-hours.

Participants noted many highlights to the program with some of their favorites were the walkthrough of the school district facilities with district office staff, a briefing given at the Londonderry access tel-



Leadership Londonderry participants that attended the graduation dinner at the Historical Society's Parmenter Barn display their certificates for completing the 9-month program. Photo by Chris Paul

evision Center, as well as tours through the police and fire department facilities where they got walkthroughs and department briefings.

Town officials who hosted the program were very open to ques-

tions and enjoyed frank conversation with our group of upcoming future leaders in town.

Graduates included: Ryan Aghdam, Jennifer Arredondo, Maria Barud, Dylan Birdsall, Scott Bristol, Kristy

Canello, Ryan Cronin, Jonathan Esposito, Anne Fenn, Benjamin Lewis, Christopher Moore, Philip Pane, Mark Sacco, John Scales, Lisa Sussman, and Janel Sylvester.

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## Rec Summer Program

The Summer Playground Program is held each summer and this year it will be at South School and will begin on Wednesday July 5, and will end Wednesday Aug. 9. The program is open to the children of Londonderry who will be entering 1st grade in the upcoming fall up to 14 years old. The children are afforded the opportunity to participate in Arts and Crafts activities, games and sports, while each day has a special theme. Children are grouped by age and by interest and are supervised in small groups by an experienced staff. There is no pre-registration for the program, but rather parents may register their children the first day of attendance. Hours of the

program are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - noon and from 1 - 3 pm. Once registered the children may attend as much or as little as they desire. If you wish the registration form may be downloaded from the Recreation section at [www.londonderry.nh.org](http://www.londonderry.nh.org). There is one time registration fee of \$40 per child, \$50 for 2 children in the same family and \$60 for 3 or more in the same family. Please call the Recreation Hotline at (603) 437 2675 if you have any questions.

## Summer Tennis Camp

The Londonderry Summer Tennis Camp is currently accepting registrations for children ages 7 and up. The camps are scheduled for the week of Aug. 21-25, from 9 - 11 a.m. The cost of the camp is

\$150 with early bird special pricing of \$135 if payment and registration is received by June 9 for the first session and Aug. 4 for the second session. The summer camps teach the foundational skills of tennis, as well as, building on balance, coordination and speed needed for long-term athletic development. Players will be grouped by age and ability. If you have any questions or want to register your child, email Roberta Davis at [londonderrytennis-camp@gmail.com](mailto:londonderrytennis-camp@gmail.com) for information and registration forms.

## Concert On The Common

Concerts on the Common features the Neurotic Gumbo Wednesday July 12, on the Londonderry Town Common - 265 Mammoth Road, Londonderry,

from 7 - 8:30 p.m. For a complete schedule and more details visit: [www.concertsonthecommon.org](http://www.concertsonthecommon.org). Last year Neurotic Gumbo was a huge hit! Gumbo has been playing together for many years, and have a set list of great classic rock hits. You'll hear Chicago, Santana, AC/DC, Bruce Springsteen, Motown hits...the list goes on. Bad weather venue - Londonderry High School cafeteria

## Free Meals

There are several free community meals in June, there as follows. To Go Diner on June 30, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., parking lot at back door of First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 603-434-0628 for more information.

## Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on Aug. 16, from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID. Applicants for

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

## Green Team Meetings

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

## Be Kind - Do Good

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

## Library Summer Hours

Leach Library summer hours are effective now through Saturday, Sept. 9.

During this timeframe, the library will be open Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Curbside service will continue to be provided during operating hours upon request.

## Summer Reading

Registration for the Leach Library Summer Reading Program continues through Thursday, Aug. 31. This year's program theme is All Together Now. All ages are welcome to participate. To register for the children's program, stop by the children's room. To register for the young adult program, visit the library's main desk. To register for the adult program, visit any of the public desks. For more information about the Summer Reading Program, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

## Adult Craft-to-Go Kits

From June 26 through Aug. 14, a new craft-to-go kit will be available for adults each Monday at the Leach Library while supplies last. Kits will be available for pickup by the main desk.

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

### Monday - June 19

**2:30 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop made at Alltown on Hampton Drive leads to an arrest. Troy Snyder, 26, of Berlin, arrested on a Warrant.

**12:06 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**1:07 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for Suspicious Activity on Bancroft Road.

**2:14 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Quincy Road. Ryan Leo, 31, of Londonderry, charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

**3:48 p.m.** Services rendered for an Assault at Elliot Primary Care/Urgent Care on Buttrick

Road.

**4:27 p.m.** Services rendered Weapons Offenses on Victoria Drive.

**8:15 p.m.** Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Oakridge Drive.

**9:35 p.m.** Arrest(s) made for Trespassing on Bancroft Road.

### Tuesday - June 20

**1:19 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Check conducted by three officers at Park & Ride - South on Garden Lane.

**3:39 a.m.** Report of Missing Person investigated four officers on Calla Road.

**11:40 a.m.** Dog Bite Investigated by Animal Control on Winterwood Driv e.

**3:15 p.m.** Services Rendered for Drug Offenses on Boulder Drive.

**7:54 p.m.** Welfare Check investigated on Oak Drive.

### Wednesday - June 21

**12:54 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Route 93 leads to an arrest made by four officers. Devyn Alston, 26, of Salem, charged with: Misuse of Plates; Drive After Revoke/Suspension; and three counts of having an Unofficial Inspection/Registration Decal.

**7:31 a.m.** Services rendered on Canterbury Lane for Suspicious Activity.

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### Maker Monday Workshop

From June 26 through Aug. 7, Maker Workshops will be offered weekly on Mondays from noon - 2 p.m. at the Leach Library. Teens and tweens are invited to stop by the Young Adult area during the weekly workshop to explore their imagination with arts, crafts, coding, building, and more! No registration required.

### Meet Your Neighbors

The Londonderry Women's Club brings diverse women together; creating

an environment that nurtures friendships while encouraging community involvement through volunteerism. If you would like more information about the Londonderry Women's Club or are thinking about joining a group that gives back to the community, check us out on Facebook, visit our website at [www.londonderry-womensclub.org](http://www.londonderry-womensclub.org) or email [info@londonderrywomensclub.org](mailto:info@londonderrywomensclub.org).

### Dragoneers Club

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alone weekly campaigns. From June 29 through Aug. 10, the Dragoneers Club sessions will be held weekly on Thursdays from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. All sessions are open to the public and intended for ages 8-18. Registration is required and opens one week before each session.

### Veteran Credit Renewal

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### Kindergarten Registration

For the 2023/24 School Year (Children born between 10/01/17 and 9/30/18) You Do Not need to register your child if they currently attend Moose Hill. Registration begins Jan. 23. Complete the Kindergarten Registration Packet. <https://londonderryorg-my.sharepoint.com> (Single sided printing for drop-off is also acceptable). Please check for accuracy, and sign where applicable. Submission of paperwork takes place AFTER you have connected with the registrar to request a list of required documents needed for submission Paula Gosselin at 603-432-6920 ext.1103. Do not email or drop your packets off until you have connected with the registrar.

## Police Log

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**9 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made on Mammoth Road at Shasta Drive. Thomas Shurtleff, 51, of Manchester, Arrested on a Warrant.

**12:11 p.m.** Arrest made by three officers for Shoplifting at Home Depot on Nashua Road. Christopher Marais, 37, of Manchester, charged with: Theft By Deception - Two Prior Thefts.

**2:09 p.m.** Services rendered for a Welfare Check at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

**5:04 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening at Stonyfield Farms on Burton Drive.

**6:48 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Hyde Park Circle.

**7:24 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Buttrick Road.

**9:31 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Court Street, Concord. Rebekah Foster, 42, of Concord, charged with: Dealing/Possession of Prescription Drugs.

**10:57 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted by three officers at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road transported to a hospital.

**10:55 p.m.** Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Air-

port taken to Family/Guardian/Other.

**11:44 p.m.** Services Rendered for Criminal Threatening on Victoria Drive.

### Thursday - June 22

**2:32 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest made by three officers at 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road. Saidell Jimenez, 29, of Derry, arrested on a Warrant.

**9:21 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop at Dunkin Donuts on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Mbonariba Olivier, 33, of Manchester, charged on two Bench Warrants.

**9:51 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

**6:09 p.m.** Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Currier Drive.

**7:39 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made at the Manchester Police Department. Kelley Fuller, 35, of Manchester, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking over \$1,501; two counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking - two prior convictions; Unauthorized Use; and Driving after Revoke/Suspension.

### Friday - June 23

**12:50 a.m.** Motor vehicle check by three officers at Wendy's on Nashua Road results in trans-

port to a hospital  
**10:41 a.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Harvey Road.

**3:48 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**7:41 p.m.** Peace restored after report of Trespassing on Sanborn Road.

**8:34 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance on South Road results in transportation to a hospital.

**9:26 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Hall Road.

### Saturday - June 24

**12:54 a.m.** Services Rendered by four officers for a Welfare Check on Vista Ridge Drive.

**10:57 a.m.** Disturbance investigated at the Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

**11:51 a.m.** Peace restored after Neighborhood Disputes on Alexander Road.

**4:54 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road. Jon Schiavone, 50, of Manchester, charged on: Bench Warrants; and Possession of a Controlled Drug, Schedule 1-4.

**5:42 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop made on Mammoth Road at the Londonderry Police Department leads to an arrest. Nicole Carreau, 30, of Manchester, charged with: Driving after Revoke/Sus-

pension; and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug, Schedule 1-4.

**6:57 p.m.** Trespassing investigated on Morningside Drive.

**8:39 p.m.** Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency on Alexander Road.

**9:44 p.m.** Eight officers involved in a Motor Vehicle Stop on Kendall Pond Road which leads to an arrest. Christopher Foley, 40, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving after Revoke/Suspension; and Arrested on a Warrant.

### Sunday - June 25

**11:34 p.m.** Services Rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on West Road.

**11:43 a.m.** Motor Vehicle stop on Mammoth Road at Hall Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Sharon Olson, 33, of Litchfield, charged with Bench Warrants.

**3 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Pendleton Lane.

**3:02 p.m.** Suspicious Activity at Blackberry Bakery on Nashua Road.  
**7:10 p.m.** Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Royal Lane.

**8:21 p.m.** Services Rendered for a Disturbance on at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

## OBITUARY

### Roger Y. Grondin



Roger Y. Grondin, 75, of Londonderry, passed away Sunday, June 25, 2023, surrounded by his family at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, after a very courageous two-year battle with cancer. He was born on Dec. 18, 1947, in West Stewartstown, NH. Roger had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 44 years.

Roger is predeceased by his father, Paul Grondin and is survived by his mother Orphise Grondin of Gorham, NH; his beloved wife of 48 years, Debbie (France) Grondin of Londonderry; four children, daughter Michelle Franks and her husband Barry of Derry; son, George Grondin of Londonderry; daughter Joceline Pittman and husband Blake of Greenville, SC, and daughter Marcelle Barker and husband Robbie of Groton, Mass.; eight grandchildren, Bailey, Samantha, Amelia, Kayla, Charlie, Alexa, Brady and Tristan; one brother, Louis Grondin and wife Carol of Lee, NH, two sisters, Lise Danault and husband Ron of Berlin, NH and Suzanne French and husband Mel of Gorham, NH as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Roger was the owner of Photography by the Grondins, for 35 years where he specialized in school portraits, weddings, as well as sports photography. He was still actively taking pictures and making his special senior banners this past spring. It was a family run business where he enjoyed having his children assist him. He proudly served as Sergeant First Class (E7) in the United States Army. He graduated from La Salette Seminary in 1964 and then went on to attend Laconia Technical College for Printing as well as Assumption College.

More than anything Roger was a devoted family man. He loved his big family get togethers, attending his grandchildren's sporting events, watching movies with popcorn and raisinets, and photographing his family at any opportunity that would arise.

He will be deeply missed but fondly and dearly remembered with love by not only his family but the Londonderry, Milford, Goffstown and Amherst communities.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, July 8, at 11 a.m., at St. Mark's Church, One South Road, Londonderry. At a later date, a private interment will be held in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscaawen, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elliot Center for Palliative Care, 445 Cypress St., Suite 8, Manchester, NH 03103. To send a condolence please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)



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