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Class of 2022 Valedictorian Annabella Wu addresses her classmates at their graduation on Friday night. Photo by Christine O'Loughlin

## Class of 2022 Graduation Returns to SNHU Arena

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School returned to the SNHU Arena on Friday night, June 10, for the Class of 2022 Graduation ceremony. This, after two years of having outdoors graduation celebrations due to the pandemic.

Graduates streamed in from behind the stage and LHS senior, Jason Cain began the ceremony by singing the National Anthem.

Principal Jason Parent welcomed all those attending the school's 43rd graduation and rec-

ognized some of the classes academic achievements as well as many of the support to other classes.

"Seniors this year have been leaders and role models, they have been respectful and compassionate, and they have been inspirational and charismatic," Parent said.

The principal finished with, "Your willingness to learn and grow, has resulted in the fantastic people seated before us this evening. Everything you have accomplished has created the sto-

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## Town Council Approves Updated Poultry Ordinance

ALEX MAM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council voted on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment in regards to poultry during their June 6 meeting.

The proposed amendment was to allow up to 12 chickens or six turkeys for lots from one to two acres. For properties with a half acre to a full acre they would be allowed to have six chickens and no turkeys.

The Planning Board recommended approving the changes.

Town Manager Mike Malaguti said they were provided with statistics

from the police chief about a number of conflicts regarding chickens.

Malaguti also pointed out that violating the zoning ordinance can technically be a crime in NH. He explained that coming into compliance with zoning ordinances after a written violation has been written can lead to fines.

With that said Malaguti said that isn't something they want to do except in extreme cases.

It was also explained by Malaguti they try to explain to them what the standards are so they can become compliant.

"We should either be visiting them or sending

them a courtesy letter," said Malaguti.

Deputy Police Chief Kim Bernard said they occasionally receive calls regarding chickens.

Bernard said it includes things like chickens being on the loose which can sometimes lead to neighbor disputes because of it.

Council Chairman John Farrell said he feels having it on a smaller than acre lot would be too small.

"While I can get to an acre I don't know if I can get to a half acre," said Farrell.

Farrell said one of his major concerns is prop-

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## Facilities Committee Looks to Repair School Buildings

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Facilities Committee held its rescheduled Facilities Master Plan Workshop on June 6. Dan Black of the Facilities Committee highlighted a few primary goals for their master plan.

"We have old buildings, that really shouldn't be a surprise" Black stated, "the most accurate way to say that is parts of our buildings are old." Recognizing what parts of school property will soon need replacement is a priority for the Committee, which emphasized the need to focus on long-term plan-

ning on this issue over the next decade.

The Trident Group and Lavallee Brensinger Architects (LBA) were recently contracted to examine the conditions of all school buildings to determine the focus of any future projects.

"We've been through every building with a full team of architects and engineers" according to Lance Whitehead of LBA, who also noted that the study has been underway for nearly two years. "Everything we're presenting is flexible and still has lots of opportunities for input to help us shape it."

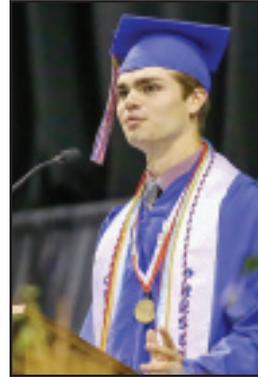
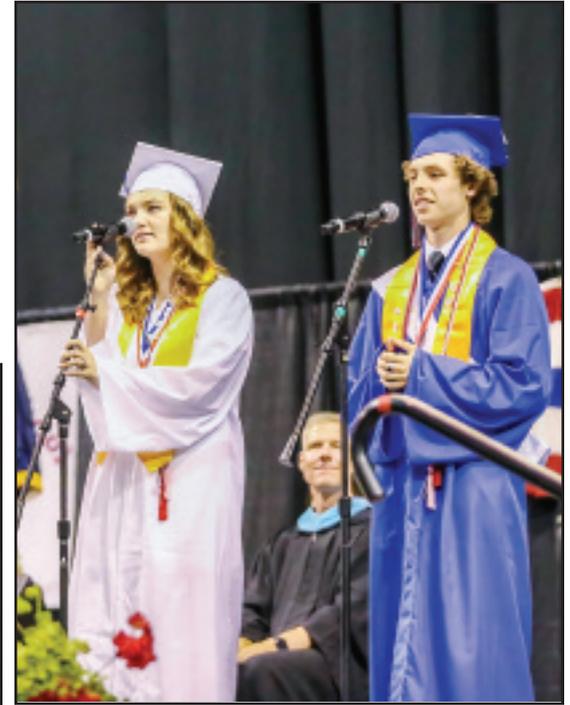
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work needed on the buildings depends on the facility. North School for example will need new insulation to improve energy efficiency while elements of its 1960s buildings require reconstruction due to age. Some improvements are related to the age of the structure though others will help London-

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# Graduation

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ries, connections, and bonds that will always tie you together and hopefully have a lasting impact for the next generation of Lancers. We wish you nothing but the best in your future. Our school & our town will always be watching, and always be rooting for you."

The school's Valedictorian, Annabella Wu, then addressed her

classmates, starting by thanking her parents for their support and sacrifice, the school administration and a quote by Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness."

She followed by saying, "Dickens could not have provided a better description of the high school experience."

Wu shared what her class has had to endure through the pandemic

and how they have matured greatly through their four years. She also explained how she has struggled through some mental health issues over the course of the year and found that many of her fellow students were going through similar issues.

She urged graduates to stay connected despite heading in different directions, "You are all unstoppable and I'm so excited to see your futures unfold."

The 2022 Class president, Matthew Misiaszek then addresses the crowd.

He thanked his family, friends and the administration for their efforts over the past four years.

He said, "As I gaze into this crowd, I don't see faces of worries or dismay, I see smiles of opportunity and that smile of opportunity is what makes this class so special."

He mentioned that

COVID had taken away formative years of our lives and completely changed the structure of the high school, but the class of 2022 revived the spirit of the school in their senior year.

Misiaszek invited his class officers onto the stage where they presented the class gift. They will be helping to fund the high school cafeteria renovation of adding high-top and round tables showcasing Lancer pride.

Lauren Ponto, Colby Lynch and Paige Boyon performed "The Climb" - "How they Remember You" - "You'll Always Find Your Way Back Home" - and "Home" to lead into the presentation of diplomas.

After being presented with their diplomas, Class Advisors Cara Bound and Anna Corrao, officially declared the class to be graduates with the ceremonial moving of their tassels from right to left.

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# Town's Finance Director Shows Budget To Be On Target

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Budget Committee opened its May meeting with a budget summary and explanation from Finance Director Justin Campo for the fiscal year.

“Based on May 25 being the 329th day of the fiscal year for us, the budget, if we were going exactly on pace as it should be, we would be at 90.14%” Campo explained, describing the overall percentage of the expected budget. When describing actual expenditures, he noted that “as you can see,

we’re at 83.39%.” So far, Londonderry has spent less money than predicted in 2021.

The only item over budget is debt service. Normally, debt repayments are accounted for at the start of the fiscal year. The discrepancy is to clear a problem related to a delayed interest payment on a bond. Campo does not expect the discrepancy to continue.

The Finance Director credited the lower spending to a “budget freeze” put into place by the past town manager.

Part of the reason for the freeze was Covid,

though Campo elaborated that “rising inflation and cost of everything, we wanted to make sure that if anything large happened, we’d be able to pay for it.”

Budget Committee Chair Steve Breault asked about the possibility of allocating money to the Fire or Police departments by the end of June. Campo recommended against spending the extra money to stay under expected limits for the remainder of the fiscal year.

One problem is revenue, which can quickly dry up during economic

uncertainty.

Keeping everything below budget is important, no town or city is allowed to spend more than has been allocated for the year under ordinary circumstances. Delegated expenses are also fixed in place for a fiscal year. Even when extra money is in the unassigned fund balance, it cannot be spent without the approval of either voters or the Town Council.

The process for the upcoming budget for each department “has already started” and “it never really stops” al-

though Campo expects to meet with all municipal departments in September. He will sit down with the Town Manager in October in response to financial requests before creating a book to overview recommendations to the Budget Committee and the Town Council. Public hearings will allow the public to weigh in on any proposal.

“One of the things we’re going to try to do this year is to right-size the expensive budgets” according to Campo when looking at possible changes with the next

budget. This means looking at salaries and benefits compared to expenses and realistically allocating the budget. He also hopes the next budget will deal with funding problems for the Fire and Police departments, prioritizing vehicle repair.

Campo encouraged people to ask questions during the budget season over the next few months to clear up any confusion. He intends to follow up with the Committee to discuss possible ways to save money over the next few months.

## Facilities

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derry adhere to modern Department of Education standards.

Londonderry High School’s underlying structure is one of the most pressing issues. The center of the High School is “flammable construction that is not allowed in high schools today” and all engineers recommended rebuilding much of the High School.

Whitehead called for new ways to house students. One proposal for Londonderry Middle

School will “really allow the teachers to get to know these kids, giving everything, they need to get ready for high school.”

Every proposal of the Master Plan includes increasing the footprint of school buildings to meet federal requirements. Such an expansion could be an obstacle due to a need to remove the base of certain buildings such as the High School. Much of the school will need complete reconstruction.

South School is one of the most problematic facilities according to

the report. More fresh air and natural light were cited as a priority to help students through the roof is the pressing structural issue. Poor drainage and an old foundation limit what improvements or modifications can be made in the short term.

The only school in good condition is Moose Hill, being the newest in Londonderry. Whitehead emphasized that even Moose Hill requires new spaces, as the Facilities Committee hopes to double the size of the kindergarten building

White concluded his report by noting that “nearly every school needs something” as Londonderry schools are “200,000 square feet short” of space required by cur-

rent federal standards.

Despite a need for building improvements, the engineer report found that no building is at risk of a sudden, catastrophic failure at this point.

Black emphasized that the Facilities Committee Master Plan is advice, not binding on the School Board. The community is encouraged to submit input.



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# Editorial

## What is the story behind Father's Day?

It's hard to believe June is almost half way over.

The snow and ice that once covered our town is just a mere memory. Now the thoughts of BBQ's, beach days, and fun in the sun are what we are all looking forward to, and it all gets started with Father's Day weekend.

Yet 112 years ago in 1910, the YMCA in Spokane, Washington with the help of Sonora Smart Dodd made plans to honor fathers. Sonora gets the credit for creating this holiday for her father; he was a Civil War veteran who raised her and her five younger brothers on a remote farm when his wife died in childbirth. This all took place while Sonora was just 16 years old, hence why the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. In 1936 Sonora said, "His kindness and the sacrifices he made inspired me,".

Fathers of the 21st century face new realities and new challenges.

As a child we see our dads as superheroes that can fix anything; a broken toy, heart, car, etc. They instinctively know when a simple game of catch can help us get through an emotional moment. These are the figures in our life that provide the much need comic relief in our family.

So with that being said, let's celebrate the real dads. The ones who are always there to look under the bed for you when you are too scared. The ones that let you know you are always safe when they are

there. The ones who love their children even when it is things get tough. The ones that do the very best they can to provide a loving, stable family life and help raise well-adjusted happy kids, despite all their faults. Yes those guys.

Dads are human after all. They may not be perfect, but we love them.

They can be confused and uncertain.

They make mistakes. They are not those superheroes as much as they may seem to be.

Today's families are not all built on the traditional mother, father, and children. Families today come in all shapes and sizes, and they face all kinds of hurdles.

For me this time of year can be a little challenging because I wish so bad that my dad could meet my children. I was definitely a daddy's girl. So, to those whose father's may not still be with us, now is the time to reflect and cherish the memories you were able to spend with your father.

Father's Day is supposed to be spent making the father in your life feel special or to remember the father he was.

The day is about them. No matter if you may be missing your father on Father's Day or spending time with them, recognize all they have done and let him know how you feel.

Enjoy the time doing what connects you to them.

# Letters

## Thank You Deb Paul

To the editor,  
Kudos to you, Deb Paul, for standing up for us taxpayers, and shame on the rest of you for putting greed, as foremost in your town plan, before putting us senior citizens, and helping us.

There is nothing that helps us for property tax exemptions, while we have worked hard to achieve owning our homes, there is no real relief, but there are reliefs for veterans, whether or not they served any active duty.

I think we should look at tax returns, bank statements, etc. etc. from our current counselors and if they want to "make it work," anyone tried to get anywhere in Salem at Tuscan Village...? Councilors should first of all think of us seniors, then those who are will have trouble paying your next tax bill... coming soon, and make some responsible decisions, not like helping the rich, get richer... making a town we can all afford to live in.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca (RAO)  
O'Donnell  
Londonderry

## Thank You Good Samaritan

To the editor,  
There is so much bad news out there and in the World that it is nice that I have a renewed sense of well-being in my fellow human beings.

On Monday evening after dropping a friend at her house following a meeting, I backed up out of her driveway and right into a ditch on the opposite side of the road. I was surprised because I thought her driveway

was longer than it was. It was hard to judge where to turn even with a backup camera as well as side and rearview mirrors. Obviously, these devices didn't help me since I ended up in the ditch; it was also dark, and that didn't help either. The very first car that came along stopped and asked if I was all right. The woman I brought home came out to check on me as well. I assured both that I was fine as I tried again to get back on the road. I have a Jeep Wrangler with 4-wheel drive and could not move; all I did was spin my tires. I have tow coverage on my insurance, but this great guy said he had a truck and chain and could get me out and he just lived up on Shasta. I know that calling for a tow would probably take at least an hour so his offer to lend a hand was met with a silent "yahoo"! I didn't get this man's name, but I hope he reads the LondonderryTimes and knows how very much I appreciated his help. Thank you, thank you, thank you once again.

Trudy Marshall  
Londonderry

## Wise Man vs. Dolt

To The Editor  
What can be said of Elon Musk, self-made richest man in the world? Genius, Entrepreneur, Business man unparalleled, Innovator, world renowned and respected. This man could be a world leader, President of the U.S. if he chose to. Can anyone name a Politician with comparable skills? very doubtful. Elon Musk made a statement, "The U.S. economy is in dire straights", 85% of Americans agree.

This triggers a Smart Alec response from an

individual mentally compromised, unable to make a speech without a prompter. A Gaff machine that requires constant makeovers. An I.Q. befitting a child. His abilities are so in doubt that his handlers keep him out of sight. His pronunciation, "the Economy is just fine", this Man, Joe Biden, President of the U.S.'

Elon Musk vs. Joe Biden. Reminds me of David vs. Goliath. Unlike the fable, this encounter crushes David. While belittling Elon Musk we should review Biden's accomplishments. Highest inflation in 40+ years. Gasoline and food prices are higher than ever and rising. Curtailed Oil production in the U.S. and now begs foreign producers to provide that which we have an abundance of. No action taken to stop the invasion of our Southern border. To bring to mind anything Joe Biden has accomplished and reason to be proud is difficult, more likely impossible. His legacy has been in a death spiral from its beginning. His dubious world contacts have provided himself and family members with millions of dollars. The Biden family is now considered a modern day crime family. If the News Media and Justice department were not compromised, action would be taken to appoint a Bobby Kennedy like person to investigate. Should Joe Biden continue his death spiral, he will be remembered as the poorest presiding President in U.S. history. Surpassing Jimmy Carter. Carter will no longer be the basement dweller. Joe Biden has replaced him. A very experienced basement dweller!

Dr. Paul J Minnillo  
Londonderry



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# Town Council Approves Two Licenses for Junkyards

ALEX MAM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the June 6 Town Council meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to a junkyard license renewal for Murray's Auto.

It was explained by Assistant Building Inspector Bradley Anderson that in various trips there he has had to tell the owner to put up their fence.

"Their portable fence has fallen down somewhat," said Anderson.

Anderson said that they had also had to tell the owner to take care of the car piles which were stacked too high up.

"There was an issue where they started to build up consistently in December of last year," said Anderson.

Anderson said that other junk yards in the area were dealing with similar issues. He said that the shredder they go to had a fire and it couldn't be used.

"They built up in the salvage yards," said Anderson.

Anderson said that after the problem was fixed with the shredder the piles started to slowly come down.

Anderson said that the present time it is

completely cleaned up and they have the Department of Environmental Services practices and best management practices are in place.

Anderson said that he was recommending that they get their license renewed this year.

"I recommend that Murays does get renewed for their license this year," said Anderson.

One resident expressed his concern about the junkyard said that last year the day it was licensed it was back to not being in compliance.

Town Manager Mike Malaguti who previously worked on the issue during his tenure as Assistant Town Solicitor said he understood the concerns.

"I acgowlodge a lot of what he is saying," said Malaguti.

Malaguti said that he thought that the forbearance was appropriate based on what was

presented. He said that they would likely look at the situation differently if it was to happen again.

"I would look at that a little bit differently," said Malaguti.

Malaguti said he agreed with the recommendation, allowing it based on current conditions and be more aggressive with the enforcement.

Town Councilor Jim Butler said that he thought it was reasonable.

"Sounds reasonable to me," said Butler.

The Town Council unanimously approved the license with Town Councilor Deb Paul recusing herself.

The Council also unanimously approved a renewal for S&S Metals with Paul abstaining.

Also during the meeting Malaguti discussed a proposed "military service sidebar" for the Londonderry Police Department union contract.

It was explained by Malaguti that Town Hall staff was approached by a Londonderry Police Association representative.

He explained that currently members of the patrol union who are serving in the guards or the reserves are doing it on their own time.

Malaguti said that they were asked about reviving an old sidebar that would pay the differ-

ence between what they get paid as an officer and what they get for military pay during their week-end service for the military. He said that generally it is the same pay so wouldn't be a financial strain on the town.

It was explained by Malaguti that at the Council request he will be bringing side bar agreements to the Council attention going forward.

## OBITUARY

### Shirley Mae (Wicker) Thompson

June 28, 1935 - May 30, 2022



Shirley M. Thompson of Londonderry, NH went home to be with the Lord on May 30, 2022 after an extended illness. Shirley was a faithful Christian, and loving mother, grandmother and great grand-mother.

She was born in Manchester, NH on June 28, 1935 and lived the majority of her life in Londonderry with her husband Douglas Thompson Sr. who she married in 1953. She worked many years in the Manchester Mill Yard and raised three children. Shirley loved gardening, home decorating, the ocean, camping, ice cream, shopping and her beloved dogs.

She adored her 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She is survived by her son Douglas Thompson Jr. of Chester, NH and his wife Nora, her daughter Sandy (Thompson) Webster of East Derry, NH and her husband Gary, her daughter Tami (Thompson) Tessier of Punta Gorda, FL and her dog Stella.

A Celebration of Shirley's life on earth and her eternal life in heaven will be held at 3 p.m., on June 25, at the Chester Congregational Baptist Church on 4 Chester St. Chester, NH 03036

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# School Board Approves Interest Rate For LED Project

ALEX MAM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the June 7 School Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the interest rate for the LED lighting project in the schools.

Superintendent Scott Laliberte said that in April the LED conversion project was approved and in the last weeks it has come back up in deliberations specifically in terms of the interest rate.

"I know we had a number of questions and discussion on the Board part," said Laliberte.

Laliberte explained that the bank was able to hold the interest rate at 3.57% until June 15.

It was pointed out by School Board Chair Amy Finamore that the price could go up once again.

"It has the potential to move forward again,"

said Finamore.

In a memo to the School Board Laliberte said "we know interest rates have significantly increased and if a new loan is necessary, there is no doubt the new rate will be at a higher rate.

"We are not sure how MLC convinced the bank to hold this rate for this long, but hopefully the School District can take advantage of the situation," said Laliberte.

Laliberte in his memo to the School Board expressed the importance of moving forward with the project.

"I cannot stress the importance of this lighting project. The Londonderry School District has an opportunity like many other NH School Districts, to accept rebates to reduce the overall cost to improve lighting in all class-

rooms throughout the school district."

School Board member Bob Slater said that while they would be saving money by having the new lights they would also still have to spend about \$2 million after year 12 to replace all of the lights in

the buildings.

Slater, who said he has been on the committee with the task of looking at the conversion project since last October, said that overall he is a proponent of having LED lights put in.

With that said Slater

said he doesn't want to spend a lot of money in certain buildings if they aren't where they are going to be down the road or if they are going to be making renovations.

Slater said he was also concerned about having to spend funds out of next year's budget noting that they already had to go from paying \$45,000 out of the district's budget to \$60,000 because of the interest rate.

Slater said that he recently met with the business office regarding the finances of the project and said that he still wasn't comfortable.

Slater said that he is also concerned with possible cost overruns for things that may impact next year's budget.

"I get a little bit nervous with where the times are," said Slater.

The School Board ultimately approved the interest rate for the project being at 3.57%. Slater voted against it.

## OBITUARY

### Dennis G. Merrow

Dennis G. Merrow, 75, of Londonderry, NH, died suddenly on Wednesday June 1, 2022. He was born in Lancaster, NH on Dec. 11, 1946, one of two sons to George and Daphne (Samson) Merrow.



Dennis graduated from NH College in 1968 then proudly served his country as a member of the Army from 1968-1971. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He then returned to Lancaster where he worked for over 37 years at Geo. M. Stevens Insurance Agency as an insurance agent and finished his career as a senior managing partner.

Dennis was an ardent NY Yankees and NY Football Giants fan, as well as a huge golf enthusiast. He also loved to travel with Joy and other friends. He will forever be remembered for his quick wit and many sayings that his children and grandchildren will use for years to come.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Joy (Sanviti) Merrow of Londonderry; two sons, Christopher Merrow and his wife Amy of Hooksett, NH, and Barry Merrow and his wife Kristine of Auburn, NH; daughter, Holly Nighelli and her husband Richard of Plymouth, MA; six grandchildren (Noah, Brady, Scott, Kayla, Nicholas and Anthony) brother, William Merrow and his wife Susan of St. Johnsbury, VT and a niece and nephew.

Calling hours were held Tuesday, June 7, at Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. A Mass of Christian burial was held on June 8, at St. Jude Parish. At the request of the family, a private burial will follow at NH State Veterans Cemetery, in Boscawen. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Veterans Count New Hampshire, <https://vetscount.org/nh/support-us/make-a-donation/> or Make A Wish of NH, <https://wish.org/nh>. Mask usage is at the discretion of the attendee.

## OBITUARY

### Dorothy Jean Camden



Dorothy Jean Camden, 91, of Fitzwilliam, NH, died Thursday June 2, 2022 in the Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, NH. She was born in Flint, MI on June 27, 1930, a daughter of the late Bertram Francis Bentson and Anna Marie (Langford) Beam. Jean had been a resident of Fitzwilliam for

the past 42 years, formerly living in Raymond, NE, Burdette, NY, Romeo, Utica and Pontiac, MI. She had been employed at Yankee Magazine in Dublin, NH for 20 years, first as purchasing agent and then as an editorial assistant, particularly for the cook editor. She was very proud to have her name appear in the Yankee masthead. In her later years she worked as a housekeeper at RiverMead Lifecare Community in Peterborough, NH, but she started her career in Flint, most notably working for Buick in Public Relations and then as assistant secretary to the CEO. While living in NY, she worked at White's Nursery and as secretary to the Dean of the Veterinary College at Cornell University.

Jean was a very active person in every community she lived in. She was an avid gardener, antique collector, and cook. She was a superb seamstress, and also quilted and braided rugs. She never forgot a name after being introduced to someone.

She is survived by two daughters, Marge Badois of Londonderry, NH, and Marcia Camden of Fitzwilliam; two granddaughters, Rebecca Badois, and Lindsey Badois; two great grandchildren, Camden Badois, and Daphne Reekie; her sister, Esther Wickstrom of Zephyr Hills, FL; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Carol Camden and her brothers, James Allen and Robert Beam.

Following cremation, a memorial service were held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, or Cheshire Medical Center. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Lions Club Honors Bob Steenson With Its Highest Award



Over the past weekend, members of the Londonderry Lions Club traveled to the Courville at Bedford-Carlyle Place to present longtime member Robert “Bob” Steenson with the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is one of the highest honors that can be given to a member and was given on behalf of the Lions Club International Foundation. Steenson was a very active member of the local club for many years until his failing eyesight forced him to cut back on his volunteerism to the community. Steenson was very grateful to the club members for traveling to Bedford for the presentation, which was also attended by his two children. After being presented with the award, he told members that thanks should go to all the members for all they’ve done for the community over the years.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Suffer 2-0 Loss to Pinkerton in State Finals

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Baseball squad was

denied their seventh state championship title over the weekend, being shutout by their rivals, the Pinkerton Academy

Astros, in a 2-0 pitchers dual.

The Lancers finished the season with an overall record of 17-7 and were able to upset Portsmouth High School, the number one seed of the tournament, 4-1 in the quarterfinals earlier in the week.

In the finals against the number two seed, Pinkerton, that took place on Saturday afternoon, at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, in Manchester, the LHS bats were held to just two singles in seven innings.

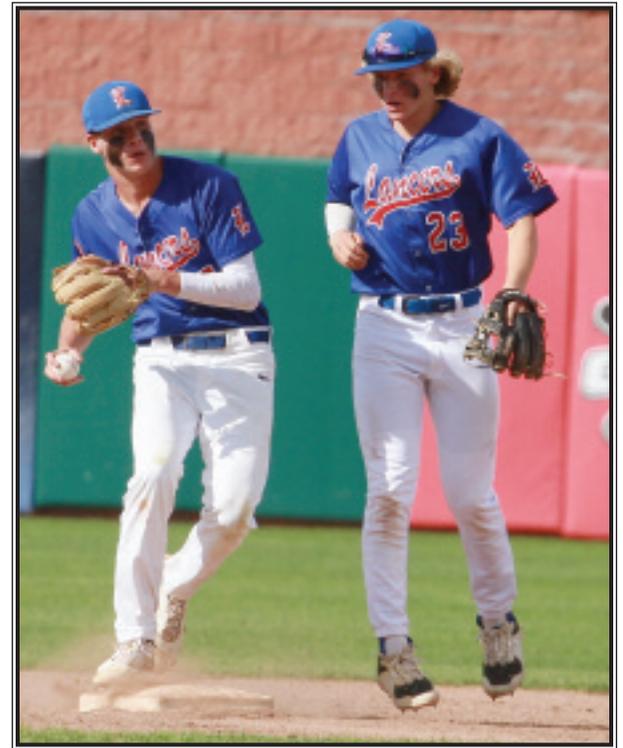
Pinkerton's senior lefty pitcher Liam Doyle threw 70 strikes out of 112 pitches and had 15 strikeouts against LHS in the game. The only two

hits given up went to senior right-fielder Adam Wholley in the second inning and sophomore third-baseman Johan Pena in the seventh.

Those two LHS batters were the only base runners in the game, since Doyle didn't give up any walks and PA fielders didn't commit a single error.

Lancer junior starter Kevin Rourke had a good game too, with four hits allowed, two singles and two doubles in the second and fifth innings, resulting in one run in each of those innings.

Londonderry fielders were also solid in the field, not committing a



Shortstop Jayden Hamilton and Brady Anderson while turning a double play against PA.



Lancer starter Kevin Rourke gave up just four hits in the DI final. Photos by Chris Paul

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# Lancers Volleyball Squad Makes it to DI Semifinals

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For the first time in a while, the Londonderry High School Boys Varsity Volleyball team hosted a playoff match and successfully advanced to the Division I Semifinals.

At the semifinals, they fell to the number one seed in the tourna-

ment, ending an outstanding season.

The Lancer males' team has never won a division title and the closest they've gotten was back in 2011, when they fell to Salem 3-1 in the finals.

On Tuesday, June 7, LHS was able to bounce the Salem Blue Devils out of the championship

with a very tough, straight set win in Londonderry.

The Lancers entered the tournament as the number four seed and Salem was number five with all three games reflected that close standing.

The first game ended with a 25-22 result, the second game finished at 25-20 and the third went back and forth in the final moments to result in a 29-27 victory, allowing LHS to move on to the semifinals.

Both sides brought plenty of fans to fill the seats at the LHS gymnasium, making for an extremely loud quarterfinal match.

In the shutout victory, sophomore Tyler Brown finished with six kills, 13 assists and 11 digs; senior Brandon Galan had two kills, nine assists, six digs and an ace.

Sophomore Matt Doyle wound up with 27 digs and four aces; senior Nathan Seibert: six kills, one block and one dig; senior Ethan Green got four kills, two blocks

and one dig; sophomore Ethan Munro had four kills and two digs; junior Camden Normand managed three kills, 10 digs and one ace; senior Corey Nolan added three kills, one block and five digs; junior Brady Joncas had eight digs; and junior Victor Elguezabal contributed seven digs in the match.

In the team's semifinal match, at Nashua North High School, on June 9, against the number one-seeded Windham High School Jaguars, the points didn't come easy. The team lost 25-10 in the first set, 25-17 in the second game and were able to keep pace but lose in the third game 25-22.

In the final game of



Matt Doyle and Camden Normand in the win against Salem. Photos by Chris Paul



Corey Nolan with a spike during the Lancers quarterfinal game at home last week.

## Baseball

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single error in the championship game.

Last month, Londonderry was able to best Pinkerton with Doyle on the mound, 2-0, for one of the Astros three losses.

Earlier in the week, during the semifinals against Portsmouth, Londonderry was able to best the number one seed 4-1 in Nashua at Holman Stadium.

In that upset game, LHS was able to take a 3-1 lead by the fourth inning and hold on for the win that sent them to the Division Finals.

Junior Colin Fennell pitched the entire game, striking out 14 batters and giving up just five hits to the very strong Clipper line-up.

The only PHS run came in the fourth, on a sac fly after a leadoff triple.

Londonderry runs were batted in by freshman Jet Jones with a

double in the second inning to score the first run of the game.

Jones batted in the second run of the game with a sacrifice to right field in the fourth followed by a double by junior Drew Heenan.

The final Lancer run of the game came from sophomore Owen Carey, on a miss-played flyball to centerfield in the top of the seventh inning, scoring a speedy Jayden Hamilton from first base, who had reached on a single.

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# Lady Lancer Softball Falls to Concord in Semifinals

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Softball squad suf-

fered just its third loss of the season and fell to the third seeded Concord Crimson Tide in the semifinals of the Divi-

sion I State Championship last week.

After making their way through the first two rounds of the playoffs, as the number three seed of the playoffs, the Lady Lancers headed to Plymouth State University, on Wednesday, June 8, to play the Concord High School contingent where they were beaten by two runs in a 4-2 final.

To that point in the playoffs, Londonderry had amassed an amazing 19 wins over the course of the season and had every reason to feel confident about their chances in the third round game. The LHS squad was riding a 10-game winning streak behind some strong bats and excellent pitching.

In that semifinal game, Londonderry got off to a quick one-run lead in the top of the

first, after sophomore starting pitcher Olivia Cutuli hit her third homerun of the playoffs.

That 1-0 lead was erased in the bottom of the opening inning with the Concord bats coming out strong.

Four singles and a double from the Crimson Tide's top of the order put LHS behind 4-1, and despite keeping Concord from scoring for the rest of the game, Londonderry was never able to recover.

Cutuli gave up four of the nine hits in that inning and wound up pitching the entire game after settling down after the first. She had nine strikeouts and only gave up one walk in her 101-pitch final game of the season.

The LHS batters were only able to get to Concord's pitcher Maddy Wachter for four hits

and two walks. The Concord hurler also struck out 11 Lancer batters.

LHS Senior shortstop Olivia Chau had two of the four hits with a double. Junior Nina Corvino also had a double in the

game. After the win, Concord moved onto the Division I finals where they were beaten 1-0 by Exeter High School, the number one seed in the championships.



Sophomore Olivia Cutuli hit her third homerun of the playoffs in the semifinals.



Senior Olivia Chau had two of the four LHS hits against Concord. Photos by Chris Paul



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# Lancer Laxmen Lose to Exeter in Division I Semifinals

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After easily getting by the Merrimack High School Tomahawks by a score of 9-3 in their first game of the Division I Championships, the Londonderry High School Boys' Lacrosse team fell to

Exeter High School 15-6 in the semifinal round.

The Lancers were the number four seed in the tournament, finishing the regular season with an 11-6 record, and after their quarterfinal win, were challenged with a semifinal contest against the Blue Hawks,

the number one seed of the playoffs.

Exeter had beat LHS 14-3 back in early May, but Londonderry was hoping for a better result, despite the Blue Hawks getting a home field advantage again.

The Semifinal contest started out with

Exeter mounting a 4-0 lead by mid-way through the first quarter.

The Lancers got their first goal with 1:45 left in the opening quarter to make it 3-1.

Senior Josh DeFranzo was able to score the first Londonderry goal with a shot from in front of the net.

Less than 20 seconds later, senior Noah Malcolm worked his way out in front to make it 4-2, heading to the final minutes of the period.

But with 30 seconds left in the quarter, Exeter made it 5-2, then with just over one second, finished the period at 6-2 with another goal.

Four and a half minutes into the second period, Exeter scored again making it 7-2 then scored another unanswered goal at 6:30 left.

The Blue Hawks scored one more time before the Lancers answered with their first of the second quarter. Lancer senior Jack DeFranzo got his second of the day from another shot taken just in front of the net.



Senior Josh DeFranzo had two goals against Exeter in the Semifinals.

The half ended with one more score by Exeter and a 10-3 lead.

Exeter added five more goals in the third quarter and kept Londonderry scoreless in that quarter to accrue a comfortable 15-3 lead heading into the final period.

Lancer senior Jack Beirne got his first goal of the game five minutes into the fourth to make it 15-4.

Senior John Baumann made it 15-5 at 8:21 with a shot from well outside.

Malcolm got his second goal of the game the final goal of the season for the Londonderry squad as Exeter moved on to play Bishop Guertin in the finals.

The Cardinals won their second straight championship in that game with an 11-6 win over Exeter.



## Life Saver

Members of the Londonderry Police and Fire departments, this week at met at South Elementary School to recognize retired Police Sergeant, Nicholas Pinardi with a Life Saving Award and metal. Back in April of this year, during a youth lacrosse practice, an adult male had collapsed and had no pulse and was not breathing. CPR was immediately performed by Pinardi until LFD medics arrived. Pictured, Deputy Chief Kim Bernard congratulates Pinardi during a ceremony.

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## Concerts on the Common

Londonderry Concerts on the Common presents Brian Maes Band Featuring Barry Goudreau on Wednesday, June 22, at the Londonderry Town Common, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. In case of bad weather location will move to the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

## Blood Drive

The Londonderry Rotary Club, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will be holding its annual blood drive on Thursday, June 30, at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria, at 295 Mammoth Rd. The blood drive will run from 2 - 7 p.m. There is a drastic need for blood, so please consider donating. If you are an eligible blood type: "O", "B-", or "A-", please consider making a Power Red donation. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit "RedCrossBlood.org" and enter "LONDONDERRYROTARY" to schedule and appointment. Please Donate.

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## "Library After Dark" Movie Night

On Friday, June 24, from 6 - 8:30 p.m., the Leach Library will host a special after-hours movie night in the adult room. Join the library staff for a showing of a 2003 adventure film rated PG-13 along

with refreshments and raffle prizes. PJs and costumes are welcome. Registration is required and opens on Friday, June 17 at 9 a.m.

## Craft Day

On Monday, June 27, join the Leach Library staff and color-your-own dinosaur bobblehead. Sessions are available for ages 0-5 at 10 a.m., ages 6-11 at 1 p.m., and ages 12-18 at 4 p.m. Registration is required and opens on Monday, June 20 at 9 a.m.

## Voter Information

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## Froggy Visits the Library

Froggy will help get the Leach Library ready for summer with a special visit. Froggy will be at the library for hugs, high fives, and photos on Tuesday, June 21, and Thursday, June 23, at 11 a.m. and Wednesday, June 22, at 4 p.m. Registration is required and opens one week before each session.

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# Londonderry Police Log

## Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

### Monday - June 6

**1:57 a.m.** Disturbance investigated on Welch Road at Noyes Road.

**5:51 a.m.** Burglary investigated by four officers at Concrete Systems Inc. on Independence Drive.

**12:31 p.m.** Five officers respond to Suspicious Activity on Mayflower Drive and subject Taken/ Referred to another agency. Elizabeth McNamara, 57, of Londonderry charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Driving Under the Influence - Second Impairment; License Required (Operating without a Valid License); Protective Custody - Alcohol.

**8:44 p.m.** Services rendered to keep the peace at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

### Tuesday - June 7

**8:41 a.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Birchwood Drive.

**8:49 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**10:29 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Coteville Road.

**2:33 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Canterbury Lane at Boyd Road.

**6:12 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Valley Street at Hillsborough County House of Correction. Ryan Noel, 34,

of Hudson charged with:

Driving After a Revoked/ Suspended License; Having an Open Container; and Disobeying an Officer.

**7:15 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance leads to an arrest made by four officers on Chapparel Drive.

**11:02 p.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on South Road at Saint Mark's Church.

**11:38 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Sparhawk Drive.

**Wednesday - June 8**  
**12:29 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Douglas Street. Ayodeji Olorunfemi, 29, of Manchester, Charged with the Sale of a Controlled Drug that Resulted in a Death.

**9 a.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

**11:54 p.m.** Services rendered for Trespassing on Garden Lane.

**12:45 p.m.** Sudden Death investigated on Meadow Drive by five officers.

**4:58 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Pillsbury Road.

**4:33 p.m.** Services rendered Juvenile Offenses at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

**5:14 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers to keep the peace on Coteville Road.

**6:11 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated at the Lon-

donderry Leach Library.

**6:48 p.m.** Services rendered for a Shooting Complaint on Wiley Hill Road at Colonial Drive.

**10:51 p.m.** Peace restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Chase Road.

### Thursday - June 9

**9:51 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Industrial Drive.

**3:04 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at Home Depot. Peter Hurley, 47, of Derry, charged with:

Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Driving after a Revoked/ Suspended License.

**3:22 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated on Hillcrest Lane.

**3:24 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated at the Londonderry Middle School.

**5:10 p.m.** Four officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an arrest on Nashua Road at Michels Way. Jesse Men-

ize, 34, of Derry charged with: Revoked/Suspended License; and Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

**8:57 p.m.** Overdose investigated by four officers on Whittemore Road.

### Friday - June 10

**7:55 a.m.** Sex Offenses

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## Poultry

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erties that are an acre or smaller or closer to their neighboring property.

"If you want to do a half an acre I won't stand in your way," said Farrell. Councilor Deb Paul said people were coming to the Planning Board and wanted to do it on .75 acres of land.

It was explained former Town Planner Colleen Mailoux did extensive research on what

the best practices are for poultry and determined that a half an acre is the absolute smallest that it could be to have them.

One of the questions raised was whether or not the police department should be the one handling concerns with chickens or if it should be handled by code enforcement.

Malaguti said he felt it would be better to do through code enforcement.

Councilor Chad Franz asked if the conservative ranger could help out with some of the

chicken issues.

Bernard said that the Animal Control Officer would be designated to handle chicken issues.

Chief Building Inspector Nick Codner told the Council that they usually only field three to four complaints a year that they actually have to enforce. He said typically they are back in compliance before it gets to the legal level.

The Town Council ultimately voted in favor of the zoning ordinance amendment.

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Investigated at Londonderry High School.

**3:50 p.m.** Three officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance resulting in subject being transport-

ed to a hospital from Elijah Hill Road. Phillip Tausky, 26, of Londonderry charged with Involuntary Emergency Admission.

**8:12 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Check results in two arrests made on Memorial Drive. Kayda Reese Applegate Bosse, 18, of Man-

chester and Isabelle Linna McStowe, 18, of Bedford, charged with Unlawful Possession/Intoxication.

**Saturday - June 11**  
**10:26 a.m.** for Juvenile Offenses on Hunter Mill Way,  
**4:12 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace

on Elijah Hill Road.  
**9:21 p.m.** Trespassing investigated on Pillsbury Road.

**Sunday - June 12**  
**2:23 a.m.** Three officers served a warrant on Bell Street in Manchester to Tariq Alston, 20, of Manchester, who was charg-

ed with two counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000; and Unlawful Possession/Intoxication.

**4:02 a.m.** Burglary investigated by three officers on Misty Lane.  
**11:18 a.m.** Disturbance Investigated at Main

Street Apartments on Main Street, Woodmont.  
**11:25 a.m.** Missing Person investigated at the Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road.  
**8:48 p.m.** Sex Offenses investigated on Noyes Road.

# Around Town

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to fit their individual skill levels. Additional classes may be added as needed. The cost per week is \$150 with early bird special pricing of \$135 if you register by June 17. To register or get more information, contact Roberta at londonderrytenniscamp@gmail.com.

## Magician Peter Boie

Leach Library welcomes back Magician Peter Boie for another amazing

children's show on Wednesday, June 29, at 4 p.m. Registration is required and opens on Wednesday, June 22 at 9 a.m.

## 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 jimedwards48@comcast.net.

## Women's Club

Looking to join a club? 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 this wonderful group, check them out on Facebook, visit our website at www.londonderrywomensclub.org or email info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

## GriefShare

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You are not alone. We invite you to attend a GriefShare support group taking place at Orchard Christian Fellowship, 136 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. Choose between an IN PERSON day-

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