

# Londonderry Times

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## First Day Greetings

New South Elementary School Principal, Debra Setterlund, greeted students as they arrived for their first day of school on Tuesday morning, Aug. 30. Setterlund replaced longtime principal Linda Boyd, who retired at the end of the school year.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Conservation Commission Ponders Land Purchase Costs

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission convened for their Aug. 23 meeting and discussed the possible environmental issues related to upcoming

projects in town.

The first issue was in regard to a conversation plan to change a duplex on 9 Button Drive into a condominium. A brief presentation was made on behalf of resident Brenda Kiss outlining

what should be a relatively painless process.

Changing the Kiss residence into a condo will ideally be a relatively minor change as several other buildings in the area have already

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## Town Council Addresses Complaints About Parade

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council faced a number of questions during its Monday, Aug. 29, meeting in regards to several incidents that arose during the town's recent Old Home Day celebration.

A number of concerned residents attended the meeting, many of which were very vocal about issues that happened on Saturday, mainly centered on parade participants.

Two of the main issues were; why there was a confederate flag allowed to be flown on a

jeep in the parade; and why a group of abortion rights activists were permitted to march and shout their views through megaphones.

There were also concerns raised about two incidents of unsafe driving by town officials in golf carts and why a gay youth group was allowed a spot on the Town Common.

Two days after the Old Home Day parade, the Town Council issued a statement condemning the confederate flag issue, saying they were not aware of the flag until it was too late.

Town Manager, Mike

Malaguti, addressed many of the issues at the Monday night meeting in a slide presentation.

On the parade issues, Malaguti said there were only about two to three volunteers directing participants at the staging area in the middle school parking lot and there were 62 groups registered to march.

All participants were registered through Kirby Brown at the Town Office well before the day of the parade.

Malaguti said the abortion rights group registered under the name of a "Women's

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## State Reps Candidates Look for Voter Support in Primary

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the State Primary Election less than two weeks away, on Tuesday Sept. 13, the newspaper asked candidates for Republican State Representative of Rockingham District 16 to give a brief statement of why they would be the most deserving of resident's vote.

There are 10 candidates running for seven seats in Concord on the republican ballot and we gathered the following statements from those candidates.

This year, because of

recent redistricting, voters will also be asked to choose between two candidates running for one District 35 seat.

Each candidate was asked to answer: Why you are the best candidate to vote for in the primary?

Note: There won't be a contested primary on the Democrat Ballot, therefore we did not ask for their response to the question at this time.

Candidates are in alphabetical order, not in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. Candidates Kathleen Kilroy and Julius Soti did not submit a

response.

**Ron Dunn**

Hello, my name is Ron Dunn and I am running as a State Representative here in Londonderry. You should come out to vote for me because I am hardworking, dedicated and passionate about helping

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## Conservation

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been designated as condos. Essentially, changing the status of the building will have no impact on the environment. Changes to the Kiss residence won't have a unanimous approval by the Commission. There was no debate.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is holding a long-awaited public informational meeting for possible changes to

a project at the intersection of Route 28 and Stonehenge Road. Members of the public are encouraged to attend with questions at Londonderry Town Hall on September 1, 7 pm.

Commission Chair, Marge Badois, gave a quick overview of the financial situation for conservation. "Things did not change dramatically at the end of last year." However, some expenses are possible in the near future regarding the proposed acquisition of Lithia Springs.

The Commission has been looking into a land survey before sinking money into the Lithia Springs purchase. The Derry company, Promised Land Survey, was chosen out of three surveyors to do the job.

"We want to know what we're buying for that kind of money" stated Vice Chair, Eugene Harrington. "The key thing is that it meets the state requirements for a boundary survey."

Promised Land will

not be fully mapping the area. Most of Lithia Springs is on wetlands, and the town does not plan to build any new structures. The \$1.5 million proposal is solely for preservation.

The land purchase is not yet finalized, and there were some worries about the possibility of wasting money on an unneeded land survey.

"Should this [land purchase] not happen, we're paying for things we might not need?" said Commission member,

Deborah Lievens. Harrington confirmed, "that is the dilemma that we're in."

It was stated that the Town Council will likely vote on the land purchase by Nov. 12, and the Conservation Commission must have all necessary surveys in place by mid-December at the latest. Londonderry also requires several grants to complete the purchase. As of the end of August, only half the money for the land sale is available and without

full approval by December. Nobody wants to lose out on external funding.

"Given the fact that we have a very competitive project with these grant programs, I think we should put that money at risk, hopefully, we'll be able to use it," Harrington concluded after weighing the risks. The Conservation Commission voted to approve the land survey.

The Commission's next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 13.

## Parade

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March Londonderry" and described themselves as a Women's Rights group looking to get women to vote.

The general message of the presentation was that if the town wishes to limit the kinds of participants in the parade, they would need to base that on a theme, but up

until now, the town has never excluded groups wishing to march.

Later in the meeting, the council noted that there would be discussions leading up to next year's celebration in order to set better guidelines for participants. They also expressed the need for more volunteer participation leading up to the four-day celebration.

Malaguti finished by saying, in response to the question, "How could you let certain people participate and who at the town approved this?" My answer is this, I am the Town Manager, I oversaw the town government's response and involvement to Old Home Day. These decisions were

mine, and mine alone. I for one am proud to live in a country where the government doesn't get to tell us what we can and cannot say."

Residents attending the meeting were allowed to speak briefly about their concerns.

Many comments were made about the response issued by the

Town Council on a confederate flag flying on the rear end of a Jeep. Most felt that all the issues that arose should have been addressed, not just that one.

Resident Jonathan Esposito brought two safety issues up, saying that he and his wife were volunteers at the celebration and witnessed

elected officials driving without regard to those around them. He also said that they reported two incidents to the police, but their phone calls were never recorded by the police dispatcher.

Deputy Chief Kim Bernard was attending the meeting and said he was not aware of complaints by the dispatcher of officers at the parade.

Resident Kristine Perez followed up by verifying that she saw the incident as it happened.

Perez also questioned why the Town Council chose to only address the flag issue and not any others.

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## Candidates

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people. I am a person who will try to bring people together and am willing to work with anyone to get the best results for the taxpayers here in Londonderry. You will always know where I stand on the issues.

I am currently on the HB737 PFAS Commission. This is a group of appointed legislators and community activists who investigate and analyze the impacts of PFAS. I have been dealing with the PFAS in the water here in Londonderry since 2017 and have been on bottled water since 2019. I am fighting for you, the taxpayer, to make the polluters pay and not the taxpayer. Every individual in Londonderry deserves to have clean water in their home.

I will not change my vote to gain favor with

any group or individuals. I will take this very seriously. I will not miss any votes and will attend sub committee meetings. I will also hold quarterly meetings with the voters here in Londonderry so they can let me know what their pressing issues are and I can update them on what is happening in Concord. I will always try to save the taxpayers money.

I received an "A" from the NRA and am a Lifetime Member. I have been endorsed by Cornerstone, Liberty Must Win and the Granite State Tax Payers. I humbly ask for your vote on September 13th

### Tom Dolan – Incumbent

I want to take this opportunity to thank the community for recently selecting me as the 2021 Londonderry Citizen of the Year. I was honored to be part of our Old Home Day's

parade a few weeks ago. This parade has become such a wonderful tradition for our town and encourages bringing our citizens together for a fun community event. I have always loved this community and am proud to say I have dedicated many hours of public service and continue to be a firm believer of paying it forward.

While serving on the town council since 2001, I was urged by citizens in 2018 to run for a seat as a State Representative in Concord where my insights as a town official were thought by many to be beneficial to work in the state legislature. I am proud of the many accomplishments thus far in the 2 terms I have served in Concord especially this year as the 2021 Chairman of the Municipal and County Government Subcommittee.

I have voted for responsible manage-

ment of the state budget such as building up the "rainy day fund" to \$257M, decreasing the statewide property taxes by \$100M, and authorizing an audit of the Windham State Representative race (SB43) thereby verifying voter checklists for greater election security. I voted to enhance our clean water for the environment as we have empowered the state to enforce the remediation of PFAS cleanup and have provided several thousand dollars to individual Londonderry residents to protect their water supply.

I am proud of my contributions as your present state legislator is one I hope you will

vote for me for another term as your state representative as I work with our very capable Speaker of the House Londonderry's Sherman Packard.

### Laura El-Azem

New Hampshire is a truly wonderful place to live, work and raise up a family. Our spirit is unique in the Northeast: we value freedom and personal responsibility, and we can be a little stubborn in all the right ways about defending our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That goes double for many of us who came to the Granite State from places where they don't quite see things the same way.

This past legislative session, far too many bills promoting freedom and fiscal responsibility came too close to call, and despite majority support, too many commonsense proposals failed for lack of a few Republican votes. The fact is, New Hampshire's Live Free or Die spirit is under constant assault. A stronger, more committed Republican majority is essential to hold the line. With your help, we can do that and more: cut taxes and overregulation, control spending, ensure parental prerogatives, preserve Constitutionally protected rights, and defend our citizens from federal government

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# Editorial

## Never Forget

Do you remember what you were doing 20 years ago on Saturday when the images and words of the September 11th attacks came across our television screens? We're sure many of you will never forget that day, but September 11th is more than the date of a horrific event. It also marks the day when most of everything we took for granted about life in America disappeared. It's the date when we ever so briefly put aside our political and philosophical differences and came together as a nation.

That's particularly relevant this year, when our freedom and ability to choose is being changed and challenged every day.

What makes America great is the freedom to choose and to know that our choices both large and small have a ripple effect that define us as individuals. This freedom is central to our government and the American way of life, central to the concept of democracy.

The attack on September 11th was an attempt to destroy the freedom to live our lives as we want. On that day in 2001, we understood the importance of coming together as one nation for a greater good, not for power, money, or control. We must remember that today.

Memory is important for the progression of a society; today that memory is being thwarted by an attempt to erase the negative history that built our society as we know it. In the face of strife, we need to come together and join hands to combat whatever negative and violent occurrences are happening in our country such as protests in which we are pitting ourselves against each other, or destroying monuments that represent how far we have come and an era that we never want to return to.

These monuments reminds us of

the horrible things in our past and guide us to be better in the future.

Most of us will hold forever the images of the World Trade Center towers collapsing in on themselves, within them trapping more than 1,000 people and condemning them to death; most of us will remember the bravery of the firefighters, police, and ordinary citizens who were unexpected participants in a disaster of epic proportions.

Unity was the operative word after September 11th, 2001, but after watching Congress this past session, unity is a word that seems to have been banished from the dictionary.

Sixteen years later, we have become disunited and divided, having lost content and clarity to emotion and party line.

Unity is not a sign of weakness. No firefighter asked whether the workers on the top floors of the towers were Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative. None of that mattered. Human beings rushed into the unknown to help out fellow human beings. They were emblematic of the humanity we all share and the opposite of the inhumanity exhibited by the terrorists.

In spite of our busy lives, we hope each one of you pauses on September 11th to recall what we lost that day, and to reflect on what is important to remember. There is a bigger picture out there than a political divide, so embrace the past good, bad, and indifferent for that is what makes us remember so history is not repeated.

We show our love for our country in many different ways. We understood that after the attacks and we must remember that today.

Be thankful of what kinds of people we have become.

# Letters

## Security in our Schools

To the editor,

As we open the school year, many of you, like each of us on the School Board, are increasingly attentive of safety and security in our schools. The School District has long had an Emergency Operations Committee, working closely with Londonderry Police and Fire to promote and prioritize safety of our students and buildings.

At the beginning of 2022, many members of the Londonderry School District admin team became "ALICE certified", working hand in hand with our Police Department to learn new, more effective responses to a variety of potential scenarios. Over the summer, over 600 teachers and staff went through ALICE training, experiencing simulated scenarios and developing the skillsets needed to respond appropriately. These skills range from active decision making, communication, information sharing and effective, safe, evacuation and mitigation strategies.

ALICE is an acronym that stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. It is far improved from prior methods and empowers teachers and staff to make decisions based on available information rather than sitting and waiting to be told what to do. Several of us on the School Board recently had the opportunity to experience ALICE training for ourselves. We left with a sense of awe and respect for our teachers and staff who actively prepare themselves on how to best protect their students. We also left secure in the knowledge, professionalism, commitment and dedication of our Police Department and School Resource Officers. Not only do our SROs take time to obtain and maintain their credentials as certified school resource officers, they take time over the summer to train, teach, coach and empower our staff to be in the best,

most educated position to protect our students. As a Board, are grateful for the chance to partner with the Londonderry Police Department and are humbled by the teachers and staff who used their time this summer to complete ALICE training.

The School District will also be hosting an informational night on Sept. 22 at 6 p.m., in the LHS Gym for anyone in the community interested in learning more. To make sure we have enough seating, we are asking for RSVPs, either online at [Londonderry.org](http://Londonderry.org) or via phone at 603-432-6920.

Amy Finamore  
Londonderry

## Thank You From the Londonderry Lions

To the editor,

On behalf of the Londonderry Lions Club and the Londonderry Senior Center, we would like to personally thank Londonderry Hannaford's for their generous donation of all the food and liquid refreshments for the Old Home Day festivities including the Senior Night BBQ and the Lions Club Saturday food concession. This has helped greatly to contribute to all our fundraising endeavors for the Town of Londonderry and in particular to benefit the Londonderry Senior Center.

Again, we greatly appreciate everything you have done for us.

Ilona Arndt  
Senior Affairs Director,  
Londonderry Senior  
Center  
David Steinhauer  
President  
Londonderry Lions Club

## Eleven Amazing Nights

To the editor,

If we were playing Jeopardy, the question would be: What is Londonderry Concerts on the Common? Another fantastic year of Concerts on the Common has ended and it was amazing! Kudos go out to Julie and Steve Lee, Ellen and Larry Casey and all of the Londonderry Arts Council

volunteers who worked so hard to bring all of the talented performers to the Londonderry Bandstand. From new musical talent to talent who have been making music for over 50 years, every night was a treat. Thank you to Londonderry Fire Rescue, Londonderry Police Department, Londonderry Highway Department and all of the Town Hall staff who spent hours helping with planning, keeping all of the attendee's safe, healthy and keeping the common clean for all to enjoy. A tremendous Thank You to the many attendees who purchased and donated gifts of all sorts for the FREE raffle, always a fun time of the night! This year will be tough to beat, but I would be willing to bet that the volunteers are already planning on how to attract the best of the best of performers for our pleasure.

Respectfully,  
Vinnie Curro  
Londonderry

## Voting for Packard

To the editor,

This past legislative year, the Republican legislature passed Education Freedom Accounts to allow students and families a choice in where to send their children. Education is not one-size-fits-all, and there are many students who may fall through the cracks. As soon as the program launched, over 1,800 students took advantage of alternate education opportunities.

Each student in our state deserves to meet their potential, and House Republicans will support anything to help students succeed.

There are many families who struggled to find the right fit for their child(ren), and the Education Freedom Accounts was a game changer that opened up opportunities for students who otherwise would not have the chance to compete. While there are still students who do not qualify for

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# Letters

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this program due to income limitations, school choice remains one of the top priorities for Speaker Sherm Packard. It is pretty clear that when children need help, their best chance of getting it is when their parents know what is going on. It is not the educators, but parents who have primary rights in the upbringing of children. Educators and parents should be partners in a child's education, and parents should not be misled or left in the dark regarding their children's activities or what they are learning.

The cost of education is going up while enrollment is going down. Republicans are working to find ways to streamline administrative costs while ensuring most of our taxpayer dollars are going to educate our children. There is still more to do, that is why I am voting for Speaker Sherm Packard in the primary races on

Sept. 13, 2022. Under his leadership, NH Republicans will be the voice of parents in Concord, and will not put systems ahead of our children.

Respectfully,  
Representative  
Al Baldasaro  
Londonderry

## Voting Sept. 13th

To the editor,  
The Sept. 13 primary is right around the corner, and I urge all Londonderry residents to come out and cast your ballots. I ask for your vote as one of the seven positions in District 16 for state representative so I can continue the work set out over the last few years. Part of that work included passing the most conservative and effective state budget in NH history. This put \$100 million into the state education system which reduced the amount of money the towns needed to provide into that system. We also returned over \$60 million to towns for bridges and infrastructure.

I've attended most Town Council meetings to gauge what's important to the town and to report on any upcoming bills that could affect us. It's important to relate what goes on in Concord as well as to take our concerns up there. One example is when I received a briefing on a potential energy situation. I immediately arranged for Eversource to brief the Town Council on the situation and the mitigation plans. Constituent services are also very important. I recently learned of a fixed-income resident who had many issues with his home weatherization but was unable to get help. I contacted the appropriate agency and within a few days, a complete weatherization audit was conducted. I was also able to obtain the proper paperwork for some property tax relief.

A few other state representatives and I attended some school board meetings to see how we could assist parents' concerns in Concord. Our

takeaway produced some good legislation to address these issues. Number one on my list this term is parental rights, and I will encourage the House to pass it.

I believe Londonderry voters are very worried on matters such as how to afford the extreme cost increases of food, gas, electricity, heating fuel and other federally induced skyrocketing costs. Close to home, they want more parental control over schools and what's being taught. Now we may need to worry who will pay for the student debt forgiveness recently initiated. Fortunately, NH is better off than other states in the northeast due to the able conservative leadership of our incumbent state representatives and senators. But there is more to do, and I intend to build on our accomplishments with fiscal conservative principles, reducing government interference, and making school choice more available by reasonable, not extreme, legislation.

I would be honored to

continue the work we started. I ask for your vote this Sept. 13. Please see my website for more information at: [doughthomasnhrep.com](http://doughthomasnhrep.com).

Doug Thomas  
State Representative  
Londonderry

## Vote for Packard

To the editor,

I will be voting for House Speaker Sherman Packard to represent the citizens of Londonderry. During his time in Concord, he and House Republicans passed pro-economy legislation that helped our state economy bounce back from COVID faster than any other state in the nation.

House Republicans lowered business taxes twice, produced a state budget surplus, and brought the state's Rainy Day Fund to the highest in our history. They reduced burdensome regulations and returned money back to cities and towns to help maintain our infrastructure and lower property taxes statewide.

With smart, careful planning and less government interference, Republicans have proven that we can trust them with keeping our fiscal health strong, even if we see a recession at the federal level. Let's protect our conservative majority at the State House. Make sure to cast your vote for House Speaker Sherman Packard for state representative on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Let's send him back to Concord to continue doing good work for the Londonderry community and the state of NH.

Respectfully,  
The Honorable  
Betsy McKinney  
19-term State  
Representative  
Londonderry

## El-Azem for State Representative

To the editor,  
Dear Londonderry Republicans and those who are Undeclared and plan to take a Republican ballot,

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I will serve you faithfully, because I am deeply grateful for the opportunities New Hampshire has afforded me and my family to live in peace and prosperity, in beautiful natural surroundings, in freedom. Thank you for considering me.

Please visit [www.Laura4Londonderry.com](http://www.Laura4Londonderry.com)

**Dave Lundgren**  
**Incumbent**

At this time, as a

state representative, I am on the state and federal Veterans Affairs Committee. I am dedicated to helping those that have served. One topic that is top of mind is opioid abuse. Sadly, this is on the rise and our veterans and active military have a high incidence of abuse. I drafted HB247 which is currently in the study committee and is an opioid reduction act. It is essentially alternative care for chronic pain. This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to create a voluntary non-opioid directive form which may be used for non-opioid treatment options for pain. This bill also establishes insurance coverage for such treatment options. The committee will meet this summer to hopefully bring this bill to vote in the next session. I am proud to work with both republicans and democrats for the betterment of our great state and for our neighbors. I have always worked across the aisle to garner support from my democratic constituents. As a result, I have received cooperation from the other side. If I have your support, hopefully we can pass

this bill.

It is my intention to run for another term as your representative for the town of Londonderry and I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote. If you trust me again with your vote, I will be the representative who continues to listen to you and continues to work to solve the challenges that we face because YOUR voice matters. I will continue working to restore New Hampshire to the way life should be. Again, I firmly believe that the people of New Hampshire are worth fighting for.

**Kristine Perez**

An easy answer as to why I am the best candidate to choose as a Londonderry State Representative is to just state my qualities that the people of this town have come to know. I pride myself on my honesty, my transparency, and my true commitment to all the people of Londonderry. My honesty comes easily as I believe that the truth is the only way to communicate. I research issues thoroughly before I speak and attempt to obtain every detail. I must admit that, at times, the real truth can only be found beneath the layers of mud placed on it by those that want it hidden. I have no personal agenda other than to serve and represent the residents of this

great town. My first, but not only priorities, currently for Londonderry and the State are energy (electricity), pure water, and parental rights. I have also signed and submitted the “State Taxpayers Protection Pledge” to vote against “any and all efforts to increase taxes” as well as the Taxpayers Pledge with the “Coalition of NH Taxpayers” stating that I will “oppose all efforts to impose a sales, income, or broad-based tax”. I will fight for the Second Amendment having started the “Londonderry Second Amendment Preservation Coalition” in 2021. We worked with “Protect NH” providing education and action on Bills being put forward in the State concerning our rights.

I have been called a strong conservation and a Patriot. I love this State and this Country. I will follow the NH Constitution. I have studied it for multiple years and just recently attended another class on its legal interpretation.

Please consider and vote for me on September 13, 2022, so that I might proudly and enthusiastically serve my community.

Respectfully, Kristine Perez (Candidate for NH State Representative District 16)

**Moir Ryan**

My name is Moira Ryan and I am running for state representative I

am fighting for people to live their best lives.

We need to: encourage more healthcare specialists to come to NH and open small business practices. We have severe waitlists due to onerous regulations. Small businesses pay taxes removing tax burden from homeowners. We must keep taxes low so people survive inflation.

We must improve education. Education affects so much: the quality and availability of the workforce, retirement, and prosperity of our children and theirs. Globalization has negatively impacted the workforce as jobs moved overseas. Education is a means of giving people flexibility. At present, almost 20% of graduating classes consist of people with no meaningful employment skills. This is unsustainable, stopping them from participating fully in society. I have championed three bills which were signed by the governor. I rallied for para training (now available through NHTI/321). I continue to work on attaining the best educational opportunities for children, including school choice.

Parents have huge role. The #1 indicator of school success is parent involvement. Parent involvement does NOT mean fundraising/volunteering. It means being transparent. Telling the public what is happening in schools with curriculum and what money is being spent on. It means guaranteeing public comment. It

means conducting adequate background checks and ensuring children are safe. It means being accountable to the people.

I have been part of the SAC education committee and am a chair for dispute resolution. I have run organizations like Order of Omega and Phi Mu. I have worked for Fortune 500 Companies.

I am a veteran and I advocate for my fellow veterans. I want the best for my children and yours.

Vote for Moira Ryan  
September 13.

**Sherman Packard - Incumbent**

I am proud of the hard work done by the NH legislature in Concord, and as House Speaker, I am equally proud of the Republican accomplishments that have carried our state through the pandemic and left us in a better financial position than pre-COVID.

For the last 16 terms, I’ve had the honor of representing Londonderry. I am a retired small business owner, a member of the Masonic Fraternity and of the Londonderry Lions Club. I am deeply committed to my community and believe everyone has the right to individual freedom and to live according to his or her own standards without government interference. As your legislator, I have taken that philosophy with me to Concord. It has dictated the way I conduct myself in everything that I have

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# Sensory Equipment Recently Installed at Funway Park



*Local couple Katie and Brandon Keeley try out the newly installed sensory equipment at Funway Park with twins Cameron and Chase.*

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Funway Park Playground area at the LAFA Complex on Sargent Road recently had three pieces of Sensory Equipment added, in large part, through the efforts of resident mom, Katie

Keeley, and her fundraising efforts over the past few years.

Keeley, the mother of twin boys with autism, saw a need for the equipment after visiting the park and seeing a need to accommodate those with special needs.

She soon realized

what a major undertaking it would be after pricing the equipment and seeing just how expensive it was.

Keeley was able to raise nearly \$30,000 for three pieces of equipment; a wheel chair accessible merry-go-round "spinner"; drums with chimes; and an

adaptive swing were delivered and installed just before Old Home Day.

Donations came from a number of different sources: The Londonderry Lions Club, Londonderry Police Association, Reeds Ferry Sheds, Pro Image Painting, the Women's Club of

Londonderry, Special Olympics, North School, Moosehill teachers, Tierpoint Disaster Recovery Solutions, Londonderry Athletic Field Association, Millennium Running, Families of the Mill Pond Neighborhood and many other families, neighbors and friends includ-

ing the Yarrington Family and the Patel Family.

Keeley is also looking into a shade for the playground, but has no immediate plans for that. She's also hoping to do a volunteer clean up day, but hasn't had time to make plans for that yet.

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# North School First Graders Get a Sneak Preview of Classes



North Elementary School first grade students had a brief introduction to their classrooms on Monday afternoon during the school's Orientation Day. The youngster got to meet their teachers and classmates as they prepared for their first day of school on Tuesday. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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On Sept. 13, I ask you to support my friend, Laura El-Azem, for State Representative. I have known Laura for 20 years, first meeting her when we both attended a playgroup at St. Jude's Church with our now grown sons. In the time that I have known her, I have

admired her dedication to her family (which grew to a family of 7 when she and her husband adopted their 3 beautiful daughters and younger son through DCYF) and our local community. Over the years, Laura has served on our town's Planning Board, the board of directors for the Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry and has been active

in her kids' schools. She is a positive person, intelligent and able to discuss political issues and agree to disagree while not being disagreeable. Throughout her campaign (her first for public office), Laura has reached out to voters by door-knocking and talking directly with people, asking them about the issues that concern them most.

While making these personal connections, she has heard the shared worries about the economy, rising inflation and high gas prices which affect all families, both young and old. I know that if Laura is elected to the House of Representatives, she will continue to listen to the people she serves and bring her dedication to Concord. I know there are many choices to consider for State Rep this fall. Please be sure to include Laura El-Azem as one of yours.

Sincerely,  
Lara McIntyre  
Londonderry

## Dunn Will Get It Done

To the editor,  
I've worked with Ron Dunn for several years and know he is ready to be a state representative for Londonderry. He is a tireless defender for Londonderry's citizens' rights and living conditions.

When he saw how inflation was affecting our economy and property taxes were climbing out of control, he didn't just

complain about it. He forgoes the rhetoric, jumped in, and got elected to the Budget Committee to lend his strong values of fiscal conservation to the decision-making process of the committee.

Ron is passionate about improving Londonderry's water and other environmental issues. He believes everyone should have access to clean water for the health and welfare of our citizens and children. Ron stepped up and joined the Londonderry Solid Waste and Environmental Committee, the Londonderry Energy Efficiency Task Force, the HB737 PFSA Commission, and the National PFAS Coalition.

His positive attitude and "can do" philosophy instill confidence and is something very refreshing in today's times! He has demonstrated his ability to help our town. He delivers instead of promising. Ron says "elect me and I'll continue to fight for you everyday" in Londonderry and Concord.

He also realizes that not all problems we face within the state can be

resolved locally. He knows that many issues like energy costs, border control and inflation are caused by Federal policies. His reasonable approach will help mitigate these and other issues within the authority of a state representative.

Ron has earned my endorsement because of his tireless work and accomplishments. I want someone who has pitched in day to day and shown the aptitude of knowing what a state representative means. He is the one who stepped up and fights for you every day and will continue to fight for you when you send him to Concord as a state representative from Londonderry.

These are just a few reasons why I support Ron Dunn for one of Londonderry's elected state representatives in the Primary Election on Sept. 13. He will make an excellent addition to another well-qualified candidate, Laura El-Azem and the five incumbents to represent District 16!

Elizabeth Thomas  
Londonderry

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## More Accessible

Leach Library Director, Erin Matlin, left, and Donna Plante, Assistant Director and Head of Reference and Technical Services, recently held a ribbon cutting to unveil the new grant-funded automatic doors. The new addition to the Leach Library entrance will make the library more handicap accessible. The library was awarded the grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for \$9,500 to make the doorway possible.

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**Kristine Perez for NH State Rep**

To the editor,  
 I am writing to vigorously support Kristine Perez for State Representative. Also, Please vote in the Primary. It is so important to our Nation and our Constitutional Republic.

Kristine is a fighter and that is what we need. She stays engaged locally to keep on top of local issues and concerns. I mentioned something to her about Energy (Natural gas) shortage problems which will lead to planned brown outs this coming winter and beyond in NH and she was on it! She researched the issue and will be working to fix it unlike the current 8 year incumbent, the Vice Chair of the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee who has done nothing but dump it on our Town Council. (Please see the Feb. 22, 2022 Town Council meeting as reference). Kris-

tine speaks for the people. Kristine wants to hear from the residents of Londonderry and take our needs to Concord.

Kris is the new blood that we desperately need on Concord. If you have not had the pleasure of seeing Kristine in action, fighting for our rights, please look up her on Facebook: "Kristine Perez for NH State Rep", email KFPerez@proton.me, or come see her at any of the local events, you will be impressed.

Maureen Hardy  
 Londonderry

**Support Kristine Perez**  
 Take a stand.

The time has come when citizens of this great country take a stand for the values that have made us great. There seems to be major changes taking place now in both the country and our state of New Hampshire. It is time to take a stand and VOTE for those most important values.

We have lived in a

retirement community in Londonderry for over 10 years and in that time, we've come to know Kristine Perez as an acquaintance, neighbor, and friend. We also know her as a person who cares deeply about our government and the values that make it strong. After retiring from the nursing profession, she became involved in the Londonderry Public Schools and in the Londonderry town government as a citizen who takes a stand.

Kristine is known for researching current issues and asking questions especially when important issues affect the community. Over the years she has reviewed the town and school budgets and is not afraid to ask the hard questions about how our tax dollars are spent.

When there is a proposal made by the local government regarding water safety, new construction, new roads, cur-

riculum changes in the schools, tax increases (just to name a few issues), Kristine Perez does the research and then asks questions publicly at a town meeting or a school committee meeting. Her presentations are well researched and presented.

Kristine is committed to the Constitutions of the United States and New Hampshire and is willing to take a stand as a hard working informed citizen of Londonderry. We support Kristine Perez as a State Representative from Londonderry. She will do the work and take a stand to become a great representative for Londonderry in Concord.

Peggy and Don Kerr  
 Londonderry

**Anne Fenn for State Rep**

Letter to the Editor,

I am writing this letter to endorse my good friend, Anne Fenn, who is running for State Representative in the upcoming election in Londonderry. Anne Fenn has a strong educational background and worked for years at the EPA in Washington DC and the regional office in Boston, MA. Anne served on the water task force that was established in Londonderry and is familiar with the water issues some of us have been experiencing in Londonderry. Anne throughout her career has worked with a variety of constituencies and has experience in mediation as well. Anne has stated, "She wants to improve

the overall political climate. Only by taking this step can we actually focus attention on realistic compromises on crucial issues such as clean drinking water, women's health, decreasing gun violence and education for the children of Londonderry and our State." I am confident that Anne Fenn will be a great asset to our town if elected to the State legislature. She is very aware how the politics in this State are changing and strongly feels she can bring her experience and knowledge to this position. Anne is a democrat and very aware that for government to truly work for all of us compromises has to be made. I know that Anne Fenn will work well

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## Candidates

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done as your elected representative.

I am asking to be re-elected as your state representative to continue the good work House Republicans have delivered this year. Under my leadership as House Speaker, Republicans produced a fiscally responsible and balanced budget, cutting spending by \$172.5 million over the prior state

portion which resulted in a 3% cut from budget to budget. Today, NH enjoys an historically low unemployment rate, steady job growth and a boom in small business ventures. I worked hard to help establish Education Freedom Accounts, I spoke out against federal overreach and was able to deliver over \$300 million to cities and towns - including Londonderry - for roads, bridges and property tax relief.

and keep the state of NH moving in the right direction. I am grateful for your vote! Re-elect me, Sherm Packard, as your state representative on Tuesday, September 13th.

### Wayne D. MacDonald - Incumbent

I want to begin this message by thanking you for the opportunity to serve you and all of our fellow citizens in the State House for these past two years. The Republican-led legislature has accomplished a great deal, from cutting

needs to be done in addition to it and I want to be a part of that.

Public service is very important to me. Prior to being elected as one of your state representatives in 2020, I worked at the New Hampshire Department of Health

and Human Services for twenty-three years, investigating and prosecuting welfare fraud. I retired as the senior investigator for the Department in 2019, having resolved 2,339 cases. Hundreds of

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with folks on "both sides of the aisle". The acrimonious state of the public and private discourse in politics today is not helping our democratic form of government. Anne Fenn is a strong believer in the democratic process and knows that without listening and discussion and compromise nothing will get accomplished to help all of us. I urge you to seriously consider casting your vote for Anne Fenn in the upcoming election.

Martha L. Smith,  
Londonderry, NH

## OBITUARY

### Robert R. St. Jean



Ridgewood Center, Bedford, NH. He was born in Andover, MA on Aug. 14, 1939, a son of Roland & Mary (Sciotti) St. Jean. Robert proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force. He was employed by Craig Systems in Amesbury,

MA for 28 years.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Wendy M. Bergeron and husband Richard of Londonderry, NH, & Tammy St. Jean & wife Denise Goupil of Topsham, ME; son, Robert St. Jean of Nashua, NH; 6 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Nancy Kojnok of Haverhill, MA, Janet Fontaine of Lawrence, MA, & Elaine Castricone of Marana, AZ, as well as several nieces & nephews.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Aug. 29, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. The burial will be in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry, NH at a later date. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# Candidates

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those cases were resolved as successful prosecutions, resulting in convictions in either circuit or superior court. The cases which were resolved through criminal and civil actions resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars being returned to the state coffers.

Even though I was only in my first term in the legislature this past term and served as a freshman, my experience in state govern-

ment and politics in general (managing campaigns and serving in multiple Republican Party leadership roles), enabled me to serve as the Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Election Law. I supported many efforts to make our elections more secure.

My various experiences have enabled me to learn a great deal about how to get things done and who to work with in the process. As you consider the seven choices you have in this primary, I think that I

have made the case I am one of the best ones. I respectfully ask for your vote.

## Doug Thomas - Incumbent

Being a state representative allowed me the freedom and the ability to pay back to my community to keep NH and Londonderry the great place they are. I've been a NH resident since I was 9 years old and fully understand what it means to be fiscally conservative, have less government overreach, and promote liberty as the best way towards the pursuit of happiness. I've seen our freedoms eroded by politicians who believe Government is the solution. It's not. More government is the problem. Now, more than ever, we need a strong, conservative voice with a record to back it up.

I have that record.

I'm proud to have served Londonderry by voting against statewide income and sales taxes, government overreach, gun-grab bills, third trimester terminations, and more. I've proudly supported school choice, parental rights in schools, home school improvements, PFAS water bills, election integrity reform, reducing business taxes, no-mask mandates, and much more.

I have been endorsed by the NH Liberty Alliance, the NRA with an "A" rating, received the Conservative Excellence Award by CPAC and ACUF with a 97% score, received the Legislative Gold Award from the Granite State Taxpayers, Cornerstone Action score 100%, and have a 95% House Republican Alliance score.

Experience does matter. We passed impor-

tant legislation that has kept New Hampshire on the right track. But to build on our successes, we need to do more to strengthen our progress, especially in education, election integrity, energy policies, assistance for our elderly and fixed income residents, and more. That is why I am running again and believe I'm best qualified to be part of the Londonderry delegation. With your support, we will continue to make the changes to keep NH going in that direction. I ask for your vote in the primary on September 13.

## District 35 candidate Roger W Fillio

I am the best candidate to represent you, largely because of my long, varied work and learning history. I have worked in the school system. I completed 35 years Army service, Training coordination,

Instruction and Plan Development.

Being able to react and make decisions to keep moving forward and finish the plan/job was a skill I learned early and still use today.

I have worked in the retail industry at many levels. I started as a store manager in small company and early on I became Construction Manager. From that single store we grew to 50 large stores in major malls. It is now called the GAP.

The ability to see a problem, analyze it, and move forward with solution to get positive results.

My pledge to You is:

I will attend all days the House Representatives are sessions and attend all assigned committees possible. As Representative of the people, I will listen to and keep them informed.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following two items:

Resolution #2022-14 - Updated Policy Against Harassment & Reporting Procedures

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## Tie-Dye a Tote Bag

On Saturday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m., join New England Tie Dye Company to tie-dye your own tote bag at the Leach Library. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 25 participants ages 8-18. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Sept. 2. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

## Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m. and continuing weekly through Oct. 18, the Leach Library will hold a new story time program for babies 0-18 months old. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new envi-

ronment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call.

## Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 10:30 a.m. and continuing weekly through Oct. 18, toddlers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library for a new story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call.

## Bookworms Story Time

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. and continu-

ing weekly through Oct. 19, the Leach Library will hold a new story time for preschoolers ages 3-4 years old. Bookworms will focus on preschoolers learning more about words, numbers, and concepts through stories, songs, rhymes, and games. The program will also include a simple craft to promote developing fine motor skills. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call.

## Craft Time

On Thursday, Sept. 15, at 4:30 p.m., kid crafters are invited to the Leach Library to work on a craft in the meeting room. Craft kits will be provided, and staff will be available to offer assistance. Registra-

tion is required and begins on Thursday, September 8. To register, please visit the children's desk or call.

## An Evening with Mrs. Eliza Hamilton

On Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m., join Anne Barrett at the Leach Library as she transports audience members back in time and shares Eliza Hamilton's story. From wealthy belle to family protector, Eliza's indomitable spirit and unwavering devotion to Alexander enabled her to survive and thrive after tragedy. Named "Storyteller of the Year" by the North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau in 2006, Anne Barrett researches, writes, and produces her own performances and lectures with a focus on educating and entertaining. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Sept. 8. To register, please visit the main desk or call.

## Blood Pressure Clinic

On Friday, Sept. 16, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., the Visiting Nurses Association of Manchester and Southern NH will offer a free blood pressure clinic at the Leach Library. Registration is encouraged, but

walk-ins are welcome. To register, please visit the main desk or call.

## Magician Robert Clarke

Magician and juggler Robert Clarke will perform his interactive and fun-filled family program "The Lucky Show" at the Leach Library on Monday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Sept. 12. To register, please visit the children's desk or call.

## Study Break

Take a break from homework and stop by the Leach library on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 3 p.m. for a fun afternoon of games and activities for students ages 11-18. Assorted board games, activities, and craft supplies will be available for use during the program. No registration required.

## Duplo Budding Builders

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. for the first meeting of Duplo Budding Builders. Following a theme, participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and

begins on Thursday, Sept. 22. To register, please visit the children's desk or call.

## Building Buddies

Come to the Leach Library Thursday, Sept. 29, at 4:30 p.m. for a new Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Sept. 22. To register, please visit the children's desk or call.

## Library After Dark

On Friday, Sept. 30, from 6 - 8:30 p.m., a special after-hours movie night in the main reading room of the Leach Library. For the showing of a 2022 adventure film (rated PG-13) along with refreshments and raffle prizes. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Sept. 23. To register, please visit the main desk or call.

## Library Card Sign Up

September is Library Card Sign Up Month. Help the Leach Library win the NH trophy by signing up for a library card from Sept. 1 - 30. Already have a card? Spread the word by

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - Aug 22

**6:40 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Old Derry Road at Par-

tridge Lane.

**9:05 a.m.** Services rendered to serve a Warrant on Park Street. Olson Mast-

ers, 24, of Wilton, charged with Bench Warrants.

**10:19 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Sawgrass Circle.

**1:05 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport. David Ackerman, 45, of Claremont, arrested on a warrant.

**5:49 p.m.** Arrest made by three officers at the NH Liquor Store on Rockingham Road during a Drug Offense investigation. Rebecca Kennedy,

28, of Gloucester, Mass., arrested on a Warrant and Bench Warrants.

#### Tuesday - Aug 23

**7:24 a.m.** Services rendered at Walgreen's Drug Store on Nashua Road for Suspicious Activity.

**8:02 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**11 a.m.** Services rendered in Keeping the Peace on Whittemore Road.

**11:03 a.m.** Disturbance on Charleston Avenue leads to an arrest. Sarah Vaskelionis, 40, of Merrimack charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**12:54 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Mammoth Road.

**2:15 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Copperfield Lane.

**2:19 p.m.** Disturbance at the N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road results in transportation to a hospital.

**5:23 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Independence Drive.

#### Wednesday - Aug 24

**7:31 a.m.** Services rendered for a report of Trespassing on Gilcreast Road.

**10:58 a.m.** Services rendered to keep the peace on O'Connell Drive.

#### Thursday - Aug 25

**12:25 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest at the Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road. Jacob Morrisette, 24, of Washington, NH, charged with: Stalking - Domestic Violence; and Breach of Bail.

**7:39 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on at Walgreen's on Nashua Road.

**5:39 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Boyd Road.

**8:30 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**8:57 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Bayberry Lane.

#### Friday - Aug 26

**10:50 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Continental Paving on Continental Drive.

**1:01 p.m.** Report of Trespassing leads to an arrest made on Melody Lane. Robyn Dipietro, 58, of Lowell, MA, charged with: Breach of Bail Conditions; Criminal Trespass; and Stalking - Domestic Violence - Put Person In Fear.

**4:36 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest at Granite Gas on Nashua Road. Pamela Campbell, 60, of Concord, Arrested on a Warrant.

**6:08 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance on Honeycrisp Circle.

**6:43 p.m.** Arrest made for the Violation of a Protective Order at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road. Four officers charge Amy McDonald, 49, of Merrimack with: Stalking - Domestic Violence; and Breach of Bail Conditions.

**Saturday - Aug 27**

**9:56 a.m.** Medical Emergency taken to other agency from Nashua Road at Route 93.

**11:44 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**12:44 p.m.** Receiving stolen motor vehicle arrest made by three officers at Park & Ride South on Garden Lane. Brianne Cabral, 40, of Billerica, MA., charged with: Un-

authorized Use of a Vehicle (\$0-\$1,000); and Driving after Revoked/Suspended License.

**9:36 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Deer Crossing Circle.

**11:42 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Cartwright Drive.

#### Sunday - Aug 28

**12:04 a.m.** Shoplifting investigated by three officers at RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

**1:28 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest by three officers on Mammoth Road at Stonehenge Road. Mary Ray, 53, of Londonderry charged with # 1: Driving Under the Influence - Second - Impairment; and Operating a vehicle with a expired License - less than 12 months.

**2:06 a.m.** Arrest made by five officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Winding Pond Road. Noah Stonestreet, 20, of Londonderry, charged with: Second Degree Assault (Domestic Violence; Strangle); Domestic Violence - Criminal Threat Against a Person; and Domestic Violence - Simple Assault - Bodily Injury.

**2:14 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident leads to an arrest made by three officers on Liberty Drive. Samantha Gray, 29, of Waltham, Mass., charged with: Driving after Revoked/Suspended License; Possession of Controlled Drug (Heroin Crack less than One Gram); and Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle.

**8:16 a.m.** Six officers respond to Sex Offenses and make an arrest on Rockingham Road.

**11:08 a.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance on Symmes Drive.

**2:52 p.m.** Three officers render services for a Disturbance on Elijah Hill Road.

**5:34 p.m.** Disturbance investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**5:52 p.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Lancaster Drive.

## OBITUARY

### Micheline "Mickey" (Soucie) Bielevich



On Aug. 25, 2022 Micheline "Mickey" (Soucie) Bielevich peacefully passed in her sleep. Adored mother to 4, loving grandmother of 10 & cherished great-grandmother of 10 soon to be 11. Simply known as Nana to all. Mickey was born in Millinocket, ME on Aug. 19, 1939 where she lived with her family until moving to Lawrence, MA in 1947. Mickey was raised in the Lawrence School system & was a long time resident until moving to Salem, NH in 1978. Mickey worked for MDI in Lawrence & then went to Digital Corp in Salem as a top circuit board repair employee for years until her retirement. Mickey enjoyed reading, cooking, crossword puzzles & most of all family gatherings. She looked forward to going to camp every summer sitting on the deck in the fresh air. She loved babysitting her grandchildren every day. Christmas was her favorite of all. She bought endless presents for everyone. That was her enjoyment, watching all the excitement on Christmas Day surrounded by all of her family. Her family was everything to her, as she was to us all.

Mickey was preceded in life by her parents Omer & Helen (Tamel) Soucie; her sisters Bernice Wilson, Sharon Joaquin, & Tina Jones.

Mickey is survived by her 4 children from her first marriage to Leonard Poole; Debra "Hazel" Guilmet & her husband Glen of Londonderry, NH where Mickey resided for the past 30 years; Sharon (Little) Pekarski & her husband Dale of Londonderry; Leonard Poole & his wife Lisa of Washington, NH; Audrey Mooreland & her husband Steve of Andover, MA; Mickey leaves behind her adored 10 grandchildren, Vanessa Millette & her husband Joseph, Nicole Rowsell & her husband Brent, Don Little, Michael Guilmet & his wife Jessica, Michelle Segal & her husband Kyle, Tyler Poole, Kenneth Poole, Gianna Cavaliere, Stephen Mooreland, John Mooreland; also her beloved 10 great-grandchildren, soon to be 11 in Sept., Taylor, Olivia, Victoria, Sawyer, Kailynn, Grayson, Eloise, Ryker, Leo, Everly, & baby to be. Mickey is also survived by her brother Michael Soucie; her beloved family friend Mary Poole; & many nieces & nephews.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Aug. 29 at the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, followed by a Funeral service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Chaos & Kindness Christmas Toy Drive, 777 Union Ave., Laconia, NH 03246 in Mickey's name can be made.

## OBITUARY

### Craig C. Smith



Craig C. Smith, 77, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Monday Aug. 22, 2022, surrounded by his family in his home. He was born on Jan. 14, 1945 in Chelsea, MA, a son of the late Herbert & Velia (Minervini) Smith. Craig was raised in Malden, MA where he graduated from Malden High School, in 1962. He worked for General Electric for 42 years, starting his career in the GE apprentice course. He was proud to have been one of the quality control engineers working on aircraft engines. Craig could fix anything in need of repair & was a jack of all trades. He enjoyed boating, duck hunting & travelling. Craig was also always up for a trip to the casino. He will be remembered for his sense of humor & love for his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Doris (Trout) Smith, 2 daughters, Doreen McNeill & her late husband John & Diana LaMothe & her husband Dean; daughter-in-law, Tina Smith, 8 grandchildren, Tyler, Molly, Thomas, Emily, Jenna, Joseph, DJ & Sadie; 1 sister, Patricia Goan & her husband Larry; 2 brothers, Carl Smith & his wife Nancy & Victor Smith; a sister in law, Barbara Smith; as well as many nieces, nephews, & extended family. He was predeceased by his son, Craig S. Smith & brother Herbert Smith.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Aug. 26, with a service at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Cremation followed. Memorial contributions may be made to the VNA of Manchester & Southern NH, 1070 Holt Ave., Suite 1400, Manchester, NH 03109 or at <https://donate.elliethospital.org/give/94373/#/donation/checkout>.



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telling your friends, family, and neighbors. To sign up for a Leach Library card, visit the main desk any time the library is open with a photo ID and proof of residency. Children ages 6 and up can sign up for a card in the children's room.

## Climate Change and Your Health

On Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, Dr. Gerson will host a lecture on Climate Change and how it relates to health. She is a pathologist practicing at Catholic Medical Center where she has seen the health effects of global warming in her practice with the increase in tick-borne diseases such as babesiosis and Lyme disease. She is part of NH Healthcare Workers for Climate Action (NHH-WCA), educating healthcare workers and the community about the health effects of climate change to support climate solutions to improve health for all.

## Women's Club Welcome Back Social

The Londonderry Women's Club is hosting their annual Welcome Back Social at the Morrison House on Pillsbury Road on Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy this fun event and meet current members coming back from summer break. You can learn about the club and hear about the exciting fundraising and social events planned for the year while enjoying hot dogs, snacks and smores around the bonfire. Women from surrounding towns are welcome. Check out the club on Facebook, or visit [www.londonderrywomensclub.org](http://www.londonderrywomensclub.org)

## Oktoberfest

For friends, members, and affiliates, the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) is having its 3rd Annual Oktoberfest, Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5 - 7 p.m., at Londonderry's American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd. Along with the Oktoberfest bratwurst meal there will be music, special speakers, and introductions of

available 2022 General Election Republican Candidates. This fun and celebratory event is only \$25 per person with children 12 and under free. Levels of sponsorships are available that include acknowledgements and event tickets. Walk-ins are welcome. Yet pre-registra-

tion will assure accommodation. Pre-Register on line at [Londonderry-GOP.org](http://Londonderry-GOP.org) For more information contact Janet Huttula at 603-432-7368.

## Republicans' Election Talk

For friends, members, and affiliates, the Londonderry Republican Commit-

tee (LRC) will have a gathering on Sept. 8, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at the Long Blue Cat Brewery, 298 Rockingham Rd. Join liked-minded people and hear from Republican Primary Candidates. Let's talk hopes and expectations while enjoy-

ing some of the Long Blue Cat's menu and beverage items that are always reasonably priced. For more information go to [Londonderry-GOP.org](http://Londonderry-GOP.org), [facebook.com/LondonderryGOP](https://facebook.com/LondonderryGOP), or contact Janet Huttula at 603-432-7368.

## OBITUARY

### Margaret (Peggy) Elizabeth Forrest



Margaret Elizabeth Forrest (Peggy) passed unexpectedly at her home in Londonderry, NH on Aug. 16, 2022. Peggy was a loving, dedicated wife to her husband Rodney & 2 sons John of Bedford, NH & James of Acton, MA.

Peggy is survived by her sister Mary Remeika & sister in-law Margaret O'Neil & their children. She was predeceased by her parents John & Rita O'Neil, her brothers James & John O'Neil, & her Nephew Timothy O'Neil.

Peggy was a wonderful grandmother to Sara, Jack, Ryan, Emerson, Avory, & Jaxson. Peggy truly enjoyed time with her 2 daughter in-laws, Joanne Forrest & Emily Whitehead, gossiping & giving words of wisdom on how to "handle" the Forrest boys.

Peg was recognized by many in the community through her years of employment at the Londonderry Osco Drug (later Brooks & Rite-Aid). She always took the time to chat to her customers & friends.

Peggy loved music, reading, & baseball & will be remembered for her sense of humor, opinions about the Red Sox, & her kind, loving heart.

Following cremation, the family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARY

### Linda Marie Rioux



Linda Marie Rioux, 75, of Londonderry, NH, died Saturday Aug. 27, 2022, in Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, MA. She was born in Claremont, NH on July 11, 1947, a daughter of Wallace Vaudrien, Sr., & Lena (Lariviere) Vaudrien. She was raised in Derry. Linda was a 1965 graduate of Pinkerton Academy & has been a resident of Londonderry for the past 55 years.

Linda was a loving wife & was devoted to her children & grandchildren. She enjoyed her flower gardens & enjoyed feeding birds, especially hummingbirds. Linda loved collecting & playing vinyl records & had a large collection.

She is survived by her loving husband Raymond Rioux of Londonderry; 2 sons, Mark E. Rioux & wife Christine of Derry, NH & Mathew W. Rioux of Avon, IN; daughter, Jeanette M. Bristol & husband Tim of Londonderry; 11 grandsons, Zachary Rioux, Bobby Bristol, Raymond Rioux, Thomas Rioux, Nicholas Rioux, Johnny Bristol, Luke Rioux, Ryan Bristol, Nathan Rioux, Samuel Rioux, & Miles Rioux; brother, Wallace Vaudrien Jr. & wife Dena of Hooksett, NH as well as several nieces & nephews.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday Aug. 31, from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Sept. 1, in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery - Gilcreast Rd., Londonderry.

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