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**Remembering Jay** Johanna Hayes, at right, talks to the friends of her son, Jay, on Saturday morning during a memorial bench dedication. A bench and a backstop were placed at the tennis courts in the name of Jay Hayes. See more page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Pennichuck Gives Outline of Water System Expansion

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met on May 6 to hear a presentation from engineers Erin Holmes and Casey Harding of Pennichuck Water Works on the long-term goals for Londonderry's water system buildout. "We've been thinking

about your master plan, and we really appreciate the question of 'how would Pennichuck do this if they were going to build out water?' I think that was a great question to ask, as it really helps us start thinking about how water can look in Londonderry," explained Holmes. "We're well aware of all the

issues and priorities you have with delivering water."

She warned that Pennichuck's presentation was more of a "rough draft" of the water system's potential design.

"We don't know what's going to happen in a couple of years," admitted Harding. "We

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## Finance Director States Town is in Good Shape

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the request of the Town Council, Londonderry Finance Director Justin Campo provided an update on how they are doing financially so far in FY 25, during its most recent meeting.

During a previous meeting, it was requested, as part of the Town Council's goals, that a monthly update be provided by Campo.

Campo said they were 83.06% of the way through the fiscal year, and the goal is for the overall budget to be at or below that percentage.

"You'll notice for the most part everybody is

currently in good shape," Campo said during the meeting.

One of the line items that was over budget was the legal expenses line item.

The adjusted budget was for \$200,000, and actual or scheduled payments totaled \$303,360.70, meaning over 150% of the budget had been spent.

"Legal is obviously over budget at this point," Campo said during the meeting.

Campo said the line item is for legal fees for attorneys and various items.

He also explained during the meeting that the main reason for the higher-than-expected budget

for legal fees is primarily due to having five union contracts negotiated this past year.

One question asked whether or not they could get a breakdown of what each department has spent on legal fees.

Campo said that would be difficult to quantify, because of the way it's reported, and at times having multiple departments affected, but said some departments use legal services more often than others.

For example, he explained that for his department, he tried to use legal services only as a last resort or for verification, saying he

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## Planning Board Opts to Take No Action on State Zoning Changes

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During the most recent Londonderry Planning Board meeting, a question was raised about whether Board members should respond individually to emails received from the community.

Planning Board Chair Jake Butler said that emails received by members should generally be forwarded to the Chair, who, if appropriate, would send a response on behalf of the Board.

He explained that the email in question was regarding proposed leg-

islation at the State House related to land use changes, as well as changes to regulations and zoning.

"I can respond back to the email itself," Butler said during the meeting.

Butler explained that while he has his own opinions on the matter, he felt it wasn't appropriate for the Planning Board to take a stance on any of the proposed pieces of legislation, due to the nature of the Board.

"It's not an opinion that at this time is appropriate for discussion at a board level

because this board works off of regulations and laws," Butler said. "So until I know what the outcome is of these regulations and laws, I feel as though this Board shouldn't have an opinion on it because we work off of regulation and law, and those are

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# Planning Chair Looks for Consensus from Council on PUD

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Following a discussion at the recent Town Council meeting regarding the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Ordinance, the Planning Board addressed the issue during its most recent meeting.

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

Planning Board mem-

ber Tony DeFrancesco said the Town Council had discussed the topic and noted that Planned Unit Developments must have a development agreement.

"We have some PUDs that have development agreements and some that don't have development agreements," he said.

However, DeFrancesco explained that according to current regulations, "the PUD shall either be under unified ownership or be a collection of lots under separate ownership with a development agreement."

He clarified that a

development agreement is only required if the lots are under separate ownership.

"You can have a development agreement if it's a single owner, but you don't have to," DeFrancesco said, adding that he believes this distinction is the source of recent confusion.

The discussion also led to questions about how the process should evolve going forward.

"Obviously there was discussion of the PUD. It sounds like come May 15 there needs to be some stuff outlined to our town staff to be pre-

sented at the 19th meeting," said Planning Board Chair Jake Butler.

Town Council Vice Chair and Planning Board Ex-Officio Shawn Faber said it was his understanding that the Town Council would present the issue with staff involvement.

At the prior Town Council meeting, it was decided that the Planning Board should review the ordinance and provide feedback to the Council.

Additionally, the Town Council was asked to send any questions or recommendations about the PUD ordinance to

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron within the next two weeks.

"I think we thoroughly discussed it down to the bone, and I don't know if there's going to be a consensus coming out of that," Faber said.

But Butler emphasized that a consensus is exactly what he needs.

"I need a consensus from the Council," Butler said.

He explained that he wanted to ensure Faber, as the liaison, and the Town Council understood that the Planning Board needs clearer direction before it can move forward.

"I am expecting a consensus from the Council before we begin to discuss the PUD here," Butler said.

He clarified that by consensus, he means a majority of the Town Council.

Butler added that aligning the efforts of the Planning Board and Town Council is important.

"In order to do that, I need a consensus, so I'm hoping that you can let your chair know that's going to be my expectation," Butler said.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for June 4 at 7 p.m.

# Beautify Londonderry Cleanup Event Set for May 17

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The issue of trash was once again raised during public comment at the most recent Londonderry Town Council meeting.

John Mahon, Secretary of the Beautify Londonderry Committee,

announced that the committee had originally scheduled a roadside cleanup event for May 10.

The event, scheduled for Thursday, was canceled, with a new make-up date set for May 17.

Mahon invited members of the Town Council

to attend and assist with the event.

"We know your time is jammed up with everything you do here, but if you've got the time, you want to get a little bit of fresh air and get out amongst the folks and pick up some roadside trash. It's a

great opportunity," Mahon said.

He explained that he was speaking at the meeting due to ongoing community concerns about roadside trash, adding, "I can assure you that when it comes to picking up roadside trash, I'm your boy."

Mahon said Beautify Londonderry holds two large town-wide cleanup events each year - one in the fall and one in the spring, with the spring event scheduled for May 17.

In addition to those efforts, Mahon noted the committee operates a road cleanup program in which local businesses sponsor specific roads. Employers then host

periodic cleanup events with their staff to help maintain those roads.

"Beyond that, we do five to ten what I would call special roadside cleanups," Mahon said, explaining that various organizations assist with those efforts.

He mentioned the football team and the Boy Scouts as examples of groups that have participated in cleanups.

Mahon also highlighted a recent partnership with the Leach Library that offers "do-it-yourself kits" for cleanup. The kits - which include items like trash pickers and safety vests - can be checked out by library patrons to help them clean up roadways.

"We want to take this a step further," Mahon said.

He explained the committee hopes to establish a cleanup station at Town Hall where residents can borrow tools for trash collection and return them afterward.

Mahon said they'd prefer to place the station on the first floor of Town Hall, making it visible to people visiting for other business.

Town staff agreed to look into possible placement for the station.

The spring cleanup is scheduled for May 17, from 9 a.m. to noon, with participants meeting at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

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# Insurance Will Pay For High School Roof Replacement

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During a recent School Board meeting, it was announced by Business Administrator Amity Small that the gym roof at Londonderry High School, which was in need of repair, due to the rubber membrane becoming damaged during high-winds, will be covered by their insurance company.

Small explained during a previous meeting that Therrien roofers have "secured the roof, but the roofers informed us the roof needs to be replaced before another winter season."

Small, noted during the previous meeting, they are looking to see if they can get reimbursed by insurance.

"They estimate the cost will be about \$275,000. We are working with Primex Insurance, who covered the repairs to secure the roof, to see if the roof replacement is also covered by insurance," the memo stated. "However, it is possible the District will need to cover the cost of the replacement, which we will need to discuss further when we get confirmation either way. We have posted an RFP for the project with proposals due by April 2, 2025 so we are ready to proceed."

Another agenda item was in regards to a first reading for a proposed policy for internet access for staff.

"The School Board recognizes that technological resources can enhance teacher performance by offering effective tools to assist in providing a quality instructional program, facilitating communications with parents/guardians, teachers, and the community, supporting District and school operations, and improving access to and exchange of information. The Board expects all staff to learn to use the available technological resources that will assist them in the performance of their education," the proposed policy states. "As needed, staff shall receive training, lessons and instruction in the appropriate use of these resources."

It explains as part of

the proposed policy that "Staff shall be responsible for the appropriate use of technology and shall use the District's technological resources primarily for purposes related to their education. Staff are hereby notified that there is no expectation of privacy on district computers, computer files, email, internet usage logs, and other electronic data."

"The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all District computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that prevents access to visual depictions that are obscene or pornographic and that the operation of such measures is enforced," the proposed policy states. "The Superintendent or designee

may disable the technology protection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research, educational or other lawful purpose."

It also states that the "Superintendent shall establish administrative regulations and an Acceptable Use Agreement that outlines staff obligations and responsibilities related to the use of District technolo-

gy. He/she also may establish guidelines and limits on the use of technological resources. Inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of the staff member's user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations."

"The Superintendent or designee shall pro-

vide copies of related policies, regulations, and guidelines to all staff. Staff shall be required to acknowledge in writing that they have read and understood the District's Acceptable Use Agreement," the proposed policy states.

The School Board approved sending the proposed policy to a second policy reading without any changes.

## Financial

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tries to do as much research as he can.

Another major line item Campo pointed to was insurance, noting that with open positions across various departments that the line items are looking healthy due to those positions."

As of April 30, the line item was at 79.18% spent.

The Police Department was at 81.66% spent, the Fire Depart-

ment was at 82.58% spent, the Library was at 80.55%, Highway Operations was at 79.09%, and Highway Administration was at 76.27%.

In terms of revenue, Campo said they were at 93.73% of the received anticipated revenue.

One of the highlights was for building permits, with the adjusted budget being set at \$500,000, expected, with over \$950,000 already collected at that point.

Town Councilor Ted Combes commended the Town Clerk's Office on

the amount already received for dog licenses.

It was budgeted for \$25,000, with \$26,227.50 received, which would be 104.91% received.

Meals & Rooms Tax is higher than budgeted, with \$2,672,436 budgeted and \$2,682,740.59 already collected to date, which is at 100.39%.

Interest on investments was budgeted at \$1,550,000, \$1,619,348.55 was already collected to date, which is 104.47%.

The next Council meeting is set for May 19, beginning at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Maria A. Wood



Maria A. Wood, 84, of Londonderry, NH, died Monday, May 5, 2025 in her home. She was born on June 16, 1940 in Lawrence, MA, a daughter of the late Harold Doerr and Margaret (Carson) Doerr. She had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 28 years, formerly living in Windham, NH. Maria graduated from St. Mary's High School in Lawrence. She had been employed as a tax examiner for the IRS in Andover, MA.

She is survived by her sons, Douglas Morin and Jeffrey Morin; her daughter, Jennifer Sarcione; her stepchildren, Stewart Wood, Kathleen Howe, and Amy Cooper; 24 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; her brother, John Doerr; her sister, Elsa Traynor; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Wood in 2012, her daughter, Deirdre Morin-Dube in 2008, and her siblings, Alan Doerr and Julie Hilbert.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Thursday, May 8 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A memorial service followed in the funeral home. Private burial will be in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. To send a condolence please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# Editorial

## Proposed Housing Bills Raise Concerns Over Local Control

A wave of housing bills moving through the NH Legislature draws concern from local officials and residents, who fear the measures could weaken municipal authority over zoning and land use decisions.

Supporters argue the bills are a necessary response to the state's worsening housing shortage, aiming to expand affordable options and streamline development. "Some communities, especially in southern NH, have used every trick they can come up with to discourage building," said Sen. Keith Murphy (R-Manchester). "Every permit, every delay, every penny a builder needs must be recouped through the sale of the property" (NH Bulletin).

Critics, however, say the proposed laws would override community-based planning efforts and shift too much authority to the state. Sen. Denise Ricciardi (R-Bedford) warned, "Each town or city knows what is best for them. A few politicians who want authoritarian central planning initiated out of Concord do not and cannot know" (NH Bulletin).

Key bills include:

SB 538: Requires towns to permit duplexes and fourplexes by right in areas zoned for single-family housing.

HB 1399: Limits planning boards' ability to deny developments based on infrastructure concerns unless documented.

SB 482: Expands a state-level Housing Appeals Board's ability to overturn local zoning decisions deemed too restrictive.

HB 1215: Creates "housing opportunity zones" where developers could bypass certain local regulations.

HB 577: Requires towns to allow detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs) by right.

HB 382 & SB 284: Reduce or cap parking requirements for residential developments.

SB 84: Prohibits towns from setting minimum lot sizes over one acre in serviced areas for at least half of residential zones.

HB 631: Allows residential or mixed-use developments by right in commercial zones with water and sewer.

SB 282: Permits mid-rise residential buildings to use a single stairwell under specific fire safety rules.

SB 81: Doubles funding for the state's affordable housing trust from \$5 million to \$10 million annually.

In Londonderry, where the planning board has focused on managing growth and maintaining community character, officials warn that these changes could strip the town of its ability to guide housing design, location, and density. Hudson faces similar concerns, particularly along corridors like Lowell Road and Route 102, where increased density could strain schools, roads, and services.

While Governor Kelly Ayotte has not explicitly backed zoning overrides, her administration's emphasis on speeding up approvals has drawn scrutiny. In response, the Coalition of NH Taxpayers launched a petition titled "Don't Mass Up NH," urging her to reject top-down zoning mandates. Residents can view or sign it at: ([www.ipetitions.com/petition/dont-mass-up-nh](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/dont-mass-up-nh)).

Residents can voice their support or opposition to the bills by submitting testimony online at [gencourt.state.nh.us](http://gencourt.state.nh.us), contacting their local legislators, or attending public hearings at the State House.

*Editorial written by Meredith Kendrick*

# Letters

## Housing in Londonderry

To the editor,  
New Londonderry Housing already Approved, in progress and recently completed. (This includes Single Family Homes, Condos, Two Family, Multifamily)

In the most recent few years, 2,337 housing units have been approved in Londonderry.

Some have been built and some are under construction. I have listed them below for reference.

The most recent U.S. Census bureau data from July 1, 2023, describes Londonderry as having an estimated population of 26,708 at that time. Per the US Census data, Londonderry has approximately 2.73 persons per household. For the sake of this exercise, we will assume 2.0 persons per household. Since 2023, with 2337 new housing units approved, or built or under construction, this calculates to new population in Londonderry approaching 4674 people at the time of completion of these units. Adding this number to the 2023 population number, we get 31,382 people. This is about what our Town Counselors have said that the town can hold. I heard an upper limit at the May 5, 2025, TC meeting of around 32,000 people.

At this rate and currently, we need to stop approving new housing in Londonderry. We need to take a break, a pause, a temporary moratorium and determine the effects of all this building on our traffic, infrastructure and nec-

essary services. The growth has surpassed the town's ability to support it.

• Woodmont Commons: (Note the Baldwin Senior home is designated as commercial and not counted towards residential)

- 1430 Residential units are approved

- 165 already built and occupied

- 264 currently under construction

• Technology Hill: 440 Approved

• Juniper Ridge 96 Luxury Condos

• Lorden Commons: 134 Single family homes, last one completed in Fall of 2024

• Wallace Farms phase 2: 72 units

• Sheffield Place: 36 units, 12 built so far

• 217 Rockingham Road, just finishing construction: 16 apartments

• 52 Gilcrest development: 67 Apartments under construction

• Cedar Crest Development -WINNI Estates on Lily LN 21 approved, 7 permitted

• Moose Hill Estates on Sargent Road 12 lots approved

• 13 singleton multi unit and family homes here and there.

• 3 units on Mohawk drive

• single family -10 Sadies way, and 15 Welch Rd,

• 7 homes being built by Wherever Realty Trust on Hardy Rd,

• 106 Wiley Hill Rd

Total units approved, including newly occupied and being built: 2337

Active Permits, Units under Construction: 380

Recent Occupancy Permits: 236 (Since Janu-

ary 2024)  
1,957 remaining approved to be built in the near future.

Maureen Hardy  
Londonderry

## School Cap

To the editor,

Why would the state support a school budget cap? Could this be so the state will be able to limit what the towns can expect for help from the state? Is this so the state can give businesses and those with interests in stocks and bonds no more interest and dividends tax required on earnings? Also, local control where does that go when the state says no Sanctuary Cities? Does this look like local control? Looks more like loss of our civil liberties.

Jane Cooper  
Londonderry

## Property Taxes and Affordable Housing

To the editor,

There has been a lot of talk about zoning changes at the state and town levels. Most of these proposals are presented as ways to create "affordable housing," since new potential residents are being priced out of the market. On the surface, allowing smaller homes and condos to be built more densely may seem like a good solution. But what about the unintended consequences - especially in a state where most tax revenue comes from property taxes based on home values?

I am a lifelong resident of Londonderry. My parents made sacrifices

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# Grange Members Hold Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale



Members of the Londonderry Grange held their 25th annual Mother's Day Plant Sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 10. A great many residents supported their efforts despite the rainy conditions to start the weekend. The longstanding group is a non-profit organization that has been focusing on preserving the historic hall as well as environmental efforts. Members hope to finish off the renovation project soon so residents can start using the historic hall again.

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# Letters

**Continued from page 4** to purchase a modest home here. We never had much money, but we had a good home with a yard, and we enjoyed it while keeping other expenses low. When I started a family, I did the same - built a modest home in the late '90s. It was expensive for us, but we made it work so our kids could grow up the way I did. Fast forward to today: my house is worth five times what I paid for it. Even with my current income, I'd struggle to afford it now. I live in an "unaffordable" home, but I'm far from wealthy.

What happens when zoning changes allow less expensive homes to be built? New residents can move in, but what happens to existing residents with higher-value homes? Property taxes are based on value, so we pay more. If new residents use the same services but pay less in taxes, who makes up the difference? We do - the longtime homeowners.

Also, people in smaller homes, condos, or apartments - often with no yard - may rely more on public services like

parks, walking paths, and ball fields. These amenities cost money. As demand increases, so will the need for funding, and it will fall disproportionately on those with higher property values.

Focusing only on bringing in new residents through affordable housing overlooks the impact on those already here. It shifts the tax burden onto existing homeowners, regardless of their financial ability to handle it.

We need to consider the long-term effects. In trying to make the town more affordable, we may unintentionally price out the very people who built and sustained it - people like my parents, and now myself. Do we want a town that only has million-dollar homes and small apartments? Because that's what we may end up with if the middle class gets pushed out.

Let's plan for growth that balances affordability with fairness - not just for new residents, but for the people who are already here.

Scott Bristol,  
Lifetime Resident  
Londonderry

## State Mandated Zoning

To the editor,  
Multiple zoning Bills have made their way from the State Senate and House Committee over the last several months. These Bills are being driven as a means of solving the housing crisis here in NH. They are being presented as a solution to provide "affordable" homes. The concept of unifying all municipalities under State mandated codes is concerning and an attempt to support the theory that "one size fits all". Knowing that, that is not the case in this

very diverse State with towns as small as 25 residents and cities as large as 115,474 is concerning to all. We do not ascribe to all of the State mandated zoning as a "fix". Housing is a complex issue and factors other than zoning perhaps play an even larger role in solving this crisis.

Our commitment is to Londonderry and what is best for all of our residents, those that own homes and those that do not but might seek to. Each of us is committed to examining each Bill that might come before us in House Session and to vote

accordingly and in the very best interest of Londonderry. We will vow to vote against all that are counterproductive.

We thank you for your continued support and trust in our leadership as your State Representatives.

Rep Kristine Perez,  
Rep Ron Dunn,  
Rep Tom Dolan,  
Rep Wayne MacDonald,  
Rep Dave Lundgren,  
Rep Doug Thomas  
Londonderry

## Rebuild Our Merchant Marine

To the editor,  
President Trump plans to revive the U.S. maritime ship building industry, including levying tariffs and fees on Chinese ships entering American ports. Now Congress must pass the SHIPS Act, which will increase our ship building capacity and hopefully the size of our merchant marine. It could also provide economies of scale and expertise to rebuild our Navy.

Since WWII the U.S. has had a steady decline in U.S. flagged merchant ships from about 50% of the world's cargo shipping to about 1% today. Our merchant marine has less than 10,000 mariners compared to 50,000 in 1960. Our Navy is hard pressed to find commercial ships to support its operations.

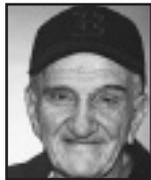
China leads the world in commercial shipping and ship building. It has 5,500 ships in maritime trade compared to 80 for the U.S. China, an economic and military adversary, is a big user of the Panama Canal, and this is why President Trump wants to exert pressure on Panama to have Chinese companies relinquish ownership of Panama Canal port facilities.

Approximately 90% of the world's goods are transported by ships. We must increase U.S. flagged ships to compete with China and other countries, and for our national security.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry

# OBITUARY

## Louis R. Fabiano



Louis R. Fabiano, 90, lifelong resident of Revere, MA, passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Feb. 6, 1935, to the late Ralph and Concetta (Donna) Fabiano, in Revere, MA.

From a young age, Louis had a great work ethic and understood an honest day's work. Throughout his life, he worked as a laborer for various construction companies, and in food services at United Airlines and Revere Public Schools. In his free time, Louis enjoyed clam digging and watching the Patriots and Red Sox. He enjoyed his frequent scratch off ticket at the local convenience store. A hobby that would pay off, when he scratched a ticket worth One Million Dollars just a few years ago. Above all, Louis was a family man. He was always sure to take care of those whom he loved. His grandchildren will never forget the significant role that he played in their childhood. Every day was an adventure, and they never knew where their grandfather would be taking them next. A humble man, Louis could not hold back the pride of making it to 90 years old.

Louis is survived by his loving wife of 62 years: Elizabeth "Betty" (Martell) Fabiano; their son: James Fabiano and his wife Tara, of Londonderry, NH; his grandchildren, who were his pride and joy: Dylan, Damien, and Dante; his siblings: Eileen and Carol; as well as many friends he made along the way.

In addition to his parents, Louis is predeceased by his siblings: George, Ralph, Bobby, and Suzanne.

At the family's request, there will be no funeral services at this time. To leave an online message of condolence, please visit: [www.carrierfuneralhome.com](http://www.carrierfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the care of the Carrier Family Funeral Home, 38 Range Rd., Windham, NH 03087.

# OBITUARY

## Alyson Anne Bermudez



Alyson Anne Bermudez, 32, passed away on April 27, 2025. Born in Santa Clara County, CA, she grew up in Londonderry, NH where she excelled in academics and youth softball. After playing for the Bedford Hornets she continued her softball career while earning a degree in fashion design from Lasell University. After working for major labels in England she became a lead designer for J. Jill, then relocated to Sarasota FL to design for Chico's. While in Florida she became a personal coach and trainer for youth softball athletes. Her reputation and rapport with her students allowed her to build New College of Florida's softball program as its head coach.

Alyson pursued excellence in all she did. She sought positions of leadership in her professional and creative pursuits, fostered comradery in every organization she was involved with, and pushed her own limits along with those of the teams she was part of. Even after a sudden cancer diagnosis, she remained dedicated to her athletes, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, strength, and love. Supported by family, friends, and students, she fought with grace and determination.

She is survived by her parents, John and Elizabeth, and her brother, Corwin. The Bermudez family deeply appreciates the love and care shown by her community during her battle.

A Celebration of Life will be held at College Hall, 351 College Dr, Sarasota, FL 34234 on Wednesday, May 21 from 4 - 7 p.m.

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# Water

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had to make some assumptions so we knew where to start.”

Committee Chair Lynn Wiles clarified that the town wanted to prioritize the neighborhoods east of High Range Road.

“That covers the neighborhoods not affected by the consent decree,” he said, referring to the settlement with Saint-Gobain.

The consent decree area was not included in the Pennichuck study. Harding stated that the High Range Road area was a central priority,

while the northeast section of town was seen as a “mixed priority area” with less contamination and lower population density. In addition to new water mains, the buildout plan included the addition of new tanks and a booster station to serve hillier neighborhoods.

She described supplying water to the “southern section” near Mammoth Road as “tricky.”

“There is essentially one backbone running through this part of town, and that’s Mammoth Road. The rest of the area requires a lot of buildout,” said Harding. “You need that back-

bone first before branching out.”

The engineer noted that a widespread buildout of the water system would cost around \$160 million. A buildout of “strategic main areas” would cost \$45 million. Pennichuck’s outline included several options to break up the buildout into phases, something most agreed would be necessary.

The timeline of the overall project remains unclear.

“Once you start going out into neighborhoods, what becomes more complicated are those services,” said Holmes, who explained that large water mains

like the one going in at High Range Road were comparatively faster and easier to install. “The hardest part is the permitting, the permissions, the plans - just making sure all of that is in place, or finding a site for a pump station.”

Committee member Mike Speltz wanted to know what the downsides of a phased project might be.

“Is it possible to get into a cash flow crunch where you sink a few million dollars into a length of main, but you haven’t gotten anybody hooked up, so there’s no revenue coming in?” asked Speltz. “Is that a risk that Pennichuck

bears? Or is that a risk Pennichuck ratepayers are bearing?”

According to Holmes, Pennichuck is a regulated utility and cannot build a water main without connections.

“Do you have any data showing when you put a line down a street how many people don’t hook up? Do you have any historical numbers?” asked Wiles. “We struggle to answer that question.”

The engineers did not have that information immediately available but stated that when it opens, the High Range Road water main would be “telling.” They agreed to review that

data and compare it to past projects.

PFAS contamination remains an ever-present factor in the water system expansion - one that Secretary John Ferreira noted is not limited to Londonderry. He proposed coordinating local plans with statewide efforts.

“I want to put a price tag on what it’s going to cost the state to fix this problem - it’s a statewide problem,” said Ferreira. “If we put a number on it, people will understand, ‘Wow, this is a serious problem.’”

The next meeting of the Utilities Committee is set for Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

# Zoning

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just proposed.”

He noted that any Board members who disagreed with his stance could speak to him about it. No members of the Planning Board expressed opposition during the meeting.

Following the meeting, Glenn Douglas, a Londonderry resident and administrator of the Facebook page Town Underground, posted the email he had sent:

Bills Being Considered in Concord That Could Affect Londonderry

There are several housing and zoning bills currently being considered in Concord. Many of these bills, if passed, could affect Londonderry. Residents have spoken at both the Town Council and Planning Board meetings expressing concern; unfortunately, their concern does not seem to be shared by all members of these boards.

The NH Municipal Association sent out a ‘Special Bulletin’ on April 2, 2025. A link to the bulletin is below. Since you serve on a board that deals with land use, the bulletin

may be of interest.

NH Municipal Association

Urgent Call to Action The Time Is Now to Stand Up Against Zoning Mandates

The zoning mandates under consideration in the legislature this year fundamentally shift control away from municipal authorities - and local voters - replacing local decision-making with statewide dictates.

The importance of addressing housing shortages is undeniable, but urgency must not come at the expense of thoughtful policymaking and responsible, sus-

tainable growth. In the end, zoning and planning are not merely technical exercises - they are reflections of the values and visions of the communities they serve.

At the midpoint of the legislative session, we’re asking our members to redouble their efforts to advocate against all these proposals - we’ll tell you how at the bottom of the email - and keep it up over the coming months.

Let the folks at the State House know loudly

and clearly (and respectfully) that forcing all municipalities to adhere to a uniform set of zoning mandates undermines the autonomy that has long been a cornerstone of local governance in our state and will lead to unintended consequences.

Take Action!

It’s essential for municipal officials and concerned residents to engage with legislators, share their concerns, and advocate for balanced, practical ap-

proaches to zoning and housing development. Here are some of the things you should do right away - and continue to follow up on throughout the rest of the legislative session.

The NHMA lists over 20 bills of concern that can be found here: [www.nhmunicipal.org/sites/default/files/uploads/legislative-bulletins/special-legislative-bulletin.pdf](http://www.nhmunicipal.org/sites/default/files/uploads/legislative-bulletins/special-legislative-bulletin.pdf)

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for June 4 at 7 p.m.

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# Lancer Alumni Has Bench, Backstop Named in Honor of Past Player



Cassie Burbine, Londonderry High School alumni and daughter of Skip Burbine, the man who the Londonderry Tennis Courts were named after, recently had a bench and tennis backboard erected in honor of James "Jay" Hayes IV. Jay, a member of the LHS Class of 2020, and varsity tennis team member, died just before graduating college in April of 2024. Cassie was friends with Hayes, through coaching him at Skip's annual Tennis Camp, and felt it appropriate to create a memorial at the Skip Burbine Tennis Courts. On Saturday, May 10, family members, classmates and friends gathered for the unveiling and paid respect by leaving a rose on the bench, which overlooks the court he played on. Cassie raised nearly \$14,000 through a GoFundMe site to fund to project. Cassie is pictured with Jay's mom, Johanna Hayes, at the dedication. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Softball Stay Undefeated During Rainy Week

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Division I reigning State Champion Londonderry High School Softball team was able to take down just one opponent last week between rainstorms with a 5-2 late-inning victory over the Wachusett Regional High School Mountaineers.

Two of the three games the Lancers were scheduled to play last week were washed, including the battle with the team's rival, the Pinkerton Academy Astros. That game, planned for Friday night, needed to be re-scheduled for Tuesday, May

20 at 4:30 p.m.

In the out-of-conference game, at Wachusett Regional High School, in Holden Massachusetts, Londonderry kept its record spotless with three unanswered runs in an extra-inning after finishing 2-2 in regulation.

Junior right-hander Elisabeth Kearney was able to strike out 20 batters in the game, pitching all eight innings. Kearney gave up six hits with two runs and walked five during regulation, then hit a bomb to left in the top of the eighth-inning to drive in the three winning runs. She followed that sitting down three batters with

strikeouts to end the game.

Overall, the Londonderry offense put up seven hits in eight innings and struck out 10-times against the Mountaineers ace, Shayna Bakun, who didn't allow a single walk.

The Lancers opened the scoring in the fourth-inning starting with single by Ginny Flaherty, followed by another single by Mady Normand to put two-on with one out. After a sacrifice bunt by Shannon Crowley, Riley Campo singled in the first two runs from third and second.

In the bottom of the fifth, Addison Scoble singled to right field for the

Mountaineers and tied the game at two, where it sat until the eighth.

Flaherty led the Lancers with two hits in four at-bats in the game.

Londonderry was very sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error.

The Lady Lancers had a busy schedule planned for this week, provided the weather cooperates, starting on Monday with a game in Exeter (4-5), at home on Tuesday against Manchester Memorial-Central (1-8), Dover (3-6) at home on Wednesday and a road game on Thursday versus Bishop Guertin (8-2).



Elisabeth Kearney hit a homerun to left in the eighth-inning to drive in the three winning runs.

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# Lancers Boys' Tennis Gets Another 9-0 Win After Break

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Tennis team came off the spring break and was able to get one more match win under their belts in-between washouts last week.

The Lancers were able to notch their eighth victory of the season on Thursday, May 8, when they traveled to Nashua to faced the Nashua North Titans.

In Singles, Neel Chakravarthy had an 8-1 win on court number one.

On the number two court, Connor Lord added an 8-0 shut out

and number three player Logan Hunt claimed an 8-2 victory.

Other singles wins went to Teige Broadhurst (#5) with a score of 8-1 and Evan Fortin (#6) with the team's second shutout of the day.

In Doubles, the team of Chakravarthy and Lord took an 8-1 win; Lord and Jayden Wu had an 8-2 victory; and the team of Broadhurst and Fortin tied 8-8 in regulation, but won in extra frames 7-4.

The team began its week at 8-1 and will have six matches over the next two weeks to finish the season.



Neel Chakravarthy



Connor Lord

## OBITUARY

### Mark W. Barger



Mark W. Barger, 70, of Londonderry, NH, died Tuesday April 29, 2025 in the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH. He was born on Nov. 11, 1954 in Waltham, MA, a son of the late Joseph and Lennea (Johnson) Barger. Mark had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 10 years, formerly living in Milford, NH. He was raised in North Chelmsford, MA and was a graduate Chelmsford High School. Mark had been employed as a chemical technician for Xyleco in Wakefield, MA for many years. Mark enjoyed working on cars, wood carving, and painting. He was a jack of all trades and was known to be able to fix anything. Mark liked the beach as well as the mountains. Mark was a kind hearted person and was willing to help anyone at any time.

He is survived by four brothers, Joseph "Jim" (Kathy) Barger, Stephen (Marion) Barger, Scott (Deanna) Barger, and Robert (Jackie) Barger; his daughter, Sandy Durand; his son, Craig Fortin; many grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Pauline (White) Barger in 2015.

Following cremation, services will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

# Girls Track & Field Take Fourth in Salem

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Track and Field Team competed in the Kiwanis Freshmen-Sophomore Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 3, in Salem where the Lancers scored 43.5 points and placed fourth out of seventeen teams

taking part in the event. The young and budding athletes worked well together, turning in several personal best performances for the Lancers.

Earning points were grabbed by a number of LHS teammates.

Second-place finishes were Evelyn Gillespie in the 100-meter hurdles,

Shaneda Jackson in the triple jump, and the 4x100 Meter Relay team of Shaneda Jackson, Lilian Barud,

Alexia Mbuyi and Jessica Doherty.

Third place finishers included Gabby DeLong in the 800-meter Run and Stella Dutton, in the 3,200-Meter Run. Evelyn Gillespie, Marleigh Talbot, Morgan Ayotte and Gabby DeLong took third the 4x200-Meter

Relay. Marleigh Talbot had a fifth-place finish in the pole vault and Sharon Jackson took fifth in the Shot Put.

Head coach Suzanne Johnson commented after the meet, "We are very pleased with the determination of these athletes and progress made. There is a bright future ahead for this group."

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# Lancers Baseball Get Shutout Wins Over Manchester Teams

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Baseball team was add two more shutout wins between rainstorms last week, beating Manchester Central-West 11-0 and Manchester Memorial 7-0.

On Lancers Varsity defeated Central/West Knights 11-0 on Monday in Manchester.

Brody Labbe had three hits in four at-bats, with a triple in the first inning and singles in the second and fourth innings, while left-hander Colin Philcrantz earned the win by giving

up just one hit over five innings, striking out six and walking one.

Londonderry was able to jump out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning after Brett Mckinnon singled, scoring one run, Jet Jones hit a sacrifice fly, scoring another, then Labbe tripled in another run, followed by a Brady Fuller single to score the final two runs of the inning.

Londonderry led 8-0 by the top of the third and got three more in the sixth for the 11-run win.

Hunter Raadame took the loss for the Cen-

tral/West Knights going just one inning, surrendering five runs on five hits, striking out none and walking one.

Casey Marsh threw one inning in relief for Londonderry giving up one hit and walking one.

The Lancers put together 10 hits in the game Fuller led Londonderry with four runs batted in from the number eight spot in the lineup and went two-for-four at the plate. McKinnon collected two hits in four at bats. Mantegari stole two bases with the team stealing eight bases in the game.

On Thursday, May 8,

at home, the LHS bats and pitching continued to be strong against Manchester Memorial Crusaders.

Londonderry dealt the Crusaders a 7-0 defeat thanks in part to a six-run fourth inning where Zach Mantegari singled, scoring one run, Brett Mckinnon singled, scoring two runs, Jet Jones singled, scoring one run, and Brody Labbe doubled, scoring two runs.

Right-hander Jaylen Stott earned the win, pitching five innings with zero hits, zero runs and striking out six. Ben Mailloux took the loss

for the Manchester Memorial Crusaders. The righty went five innings, allowing seven runs on 12 hits, striking out five and walking two.

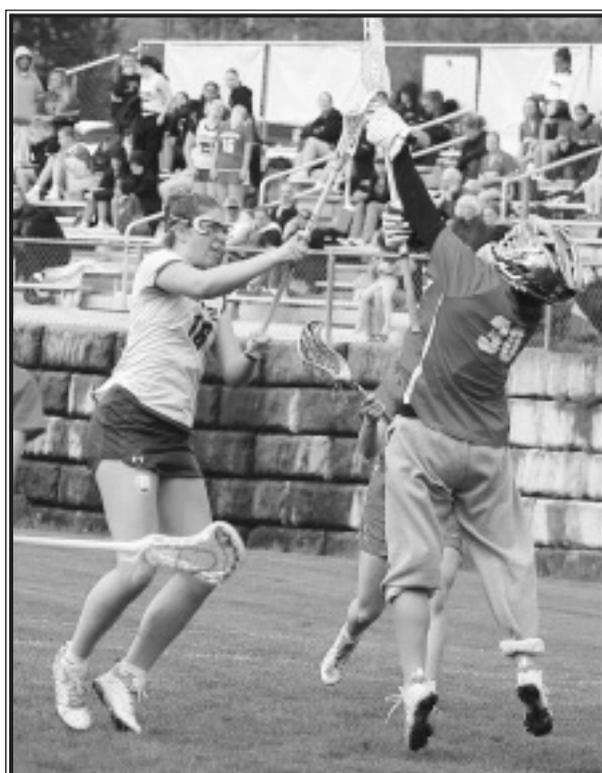
Overall, Londonderry tallied 12 hits in the game. Jones led the Lancers with three hits in three at bats. Labbe provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Londonderry with three runs batted in. The third baseman went one-for-three on the day. Stott

and Mantegari each collected multiple hits for the team. Mantegari stole two bases. Londonderry didn't commit a single error in the game with Jones making six defensive plays.

With the two wins, LHS began this week at 9-2.

The game between the Lancers and the Astros that was scheduled for Friday night in Derry was postponed to Tuesday, May 20 at 4:30.

# Lancers Lax Team Fall Against Astros



CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Even though both games were fairly close through the

first half of play, the Londonderry Girls' and Boys' Lax team fell to the Pinkerton Astros on Thursday, May 8.

The girls' finished at 13-81 and the boys fell 9-16 in the rivalry games. The Lancer Girls' now sit at 3-5 on the season

while the boys' are at 5-4 this year.

The spring season has now crossed over the half-way point.

## OBITUARY

### Thomas R. Bourassa



Thomas R. Bourassa (68) of Londonderry, NH passed away on April 24 ending his short battle with cancer. Born in Methuen, MA on May 7, 1956, but raised in Lawrence, MA he attended St. Annes Grammer School class of 1970 and graduated from Central Catholic High School

in 1974.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, Tom's kindness and humor (to the end) touched all who had the pleasure to know him. The memories for his love of Boston sports, classic cars and music, his kind heart and friendly spirit will live on in the lives of those he cherished most.

Members of his family include, Lucie (St. Pierre) his wife of 39 and half years; sons, Steven and TJ; granddaughters, Juliana and Riley; sister, Denise (Hoegen); brother-in laws, Micheal Hoegen and Michel St. Pierre; sister-in-laws, Carmel (Roy) and Micheline St. Pierre; nieces and nephews, Amanda and Andrew Hoegen, and Eric and Evan St. Pierre. Parents Arthur and Anita (Ouellette) Bourassa are predeceased.

His family is deeply grateful to the Elliot Hospital Fitch Unit for their dedicated care, compassion, and support.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian was celebrated at St. Marks the Evangelist Church, on Friday, May 2. In lieu of flower donations, please donate in Thomas's name to your favorite charity. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

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## Democrats Meeting

The next meeting of the Londonderry Democrats is scheduled for Thursday May 22 at 6:15 p.m., in the Leach Library downstairs meeting room. Local Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independents and UnDeclareds are urged and welcome to attend. Please reach out to LondonderryNH Democrats via Facebook or email [pskud@gmail.com](mailto:pskud@gmail.com) for more details.

## Meet the New Town Manger

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

## Touch A Truck

Moose Hill PTA is bringing back the return of our Touch A Truck event! The event will be taking place on Saturday, May 17 rain or shine from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Moose Hill

parking lot. The Moose Hill lot will be filled up with local community helpers and businesses for the children and families to explore and check out. It should be another fun family event to help us raise money for the school. A \$10 suggested donation per family.

## Spring Artisan Craft Fair

On Sat. May 17, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, Mammoth Rd., at 3 Peabody Row Londonderry experience a Artisan Craft Fair. Stroll through over 70 booths of original, creative artisan crafts. Whether you're looking to buy unique crafts or works of art including jewelry, baskets, quilts, wooden goods, art of various media, windchimes, soaps, pet accessories and a host of many others, you will be certain to find the perfect treasure. Satisfy your appetite with a grilled burger or hotdog at the 'St. Peter's Bistro' grill or purchase delectable, homemade baked treats. Don't forget

to try your luck with the ever popular raffles or to look for bargains at the great-deals tag sale. The fair benefits the local community and serves as a fundraiser for the church. It will be held rain, or shine. For more information, visit <https://stpeter-slondonderry.org/>

## Historical Society Open House

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

## Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning now to May 20, a story time program for babies 0-18 months old will be held at the Leach Library. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, 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, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

## Butterfly Mosaic Craft

Children are invited on Monday, May 12 at 4:30 p.m. to create a foam butterfly mosaic at the Leach Library. Crafts will be provided, and library staff will be on hand to offer assistance. Registration is required.

## Growing Up Wild

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, May 19 at 4 p.m. for a monthly nature exploration program. This program is designed for ages 3-7, but older children are welcomed to join in. Registration is required.

## Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. from May 6 to

# Student of the Month



Londonderry High School is proud to recognize Junior Talia Batherwich as House 1's Student of the Month.

Talia excels academically, taking accelerated classes while actively participating in the marching band. She is dedicated to her future, regularly

planning her senior year and exploring post-LHS opportunities. Recently, Talia was accepted into the prestigious United States Naval Summer Seminar, reflecting her commitment to academic excellence and outstanding character.

21, toddlers and their caregivers are invited for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more at the Leach Library. This program is designed for ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required.

## Maker Fair: Try and Explore

Come to the Leach Library's Main Reading Room and Teen Area on Saturday, May 31 for a day of creativity and hands-on fun. Whether you're a budding inventor, artist, or aspiring creator, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Makers can explore coding with simple programs and test their creations using Hummingbird Bit or Makey Makey devices. Artists will have a

variety of mediums at their disposal allowing them to express their creativity in new ways. Aspiring creators can experiment with an assortment of materials, including building sets or a stop-motion camera to help bring their ideas to life. Plus, participants can take home a Maker Starter Kit while supplies last. This program is intended for ages 8-18, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required.

## Adult Craft: DIY Marbled Mug

On Saturday, May 24 at 11 a.m., make a DIY marbled mugs on the Leach library lawn using water, nail polish, and sealant, for adults. This program is intended for adults ages 18

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

## Monday - May 5

**9:50 a.m.** Four officers render services for a Sudden Death on Sugarplum Lane.

**12:39 p.m.** Suspicious Activity reported at Solomon Law Firm on Buttrick Road.

**2:43 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance on Reed Street leads to arrest(s) made by three officers.

**5:16 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Old Derry Road.

**6:11 p.m.** Animal Control investigates a Dog Bite reported on Pendleton Lane.

## Tuesday - May 6

**10:34 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made at Nouria on Rockingham Road. Mathew Gagnon, 36, of Pembroke, charged with: Conduct After Accident; and Improper

Backing on an Interstate. **12:16 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Summer Drive.

**9:33 p.m.** Arrest made by six officers during a Disturbance on Buckthorn Street. David Dooley, 25, Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief.

## Wednesday - May 7

**3:43 a.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Welfare Check at 7-eleven Food Mart, on Nashua Road.

**6:38 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made at the Londonderry Police Department. Felly Soso Mizenga, 54, of Manchester, charged with: Negligent Homicide; Vehicular Assault; "Hands Free" Violation; Yellow/Solid Line Violation; and Failure to Yield.

**11:26 a.m.** Four officers assist the Litchfield Police Department with services on the Charles Bancroft Highway

**2:13 p.m.** Car Break-In investigated on Sanborn Road.

**6:06 p.m.** Five officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transported to a hospital from Orange Theory Fitness on Main Street, Woodmont.

## Thursday - May 8

**7:33 a.m.** Four officers serve warrant and make an arrest on Prairie Lane. Stephanie Ethier, 34, of Londonderry, charged with four counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury). **11:44 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Semigen on Grenier Field Road.

**2:46 p.m.** Three officers

render services for a Disturbance on Thornton Road.

**6:04 p.m.** Four officers assist Manchester Police with an arrest on Morway Drive. Stephen Smith, 45, of Londonderry, arrested without a warrant for Domestic Violence.

## Friday - May 9

**1:55 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

**3:30 p.m.** Three officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Nashua Road at Walgreen Drug Store.

**5:21 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Route 93, at Nashua Road, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Zaccari Ricard, 26, of Derry, charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspension; and Driving Without Giving Proof.

**6:11 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital

from on Jersey Street.

**7:18 p.m.** Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Albany Avenue.

**9:22 p.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Dominos Pizza on Nashua Road.

## Saturday - May 10

**12:21 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mischief at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

**3:36 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at Staples on Nashua Road.

**11:31 p.m.** Pedestrian Check conducted on Perkins Road, at Sleep Inn.

## Sunday - May 11

**12:17 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop at Harvest Moon Road, on Nashua Road, leads to an arrest. Steven Norton, 36, of Londonderry, charged

with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Open Container Alcohol or Marijuana; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

**11:27 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**1:02 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Abington Drive.

**3:06 p.m.** Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport taken/referred to another agency.

**9:20 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Check at Auto Auction of New England, Inc., on Action Boulevard, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Richard Baril, 29, of Litchfield, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Arrested on a Warrant.

## Around Town

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and up. Registration is limited to 20 participants and begins on Saturday, May 17.

### Craft Swap

Do you have unused craft supplies? Tried a new hobby that didn't quite work out? Or are you looking for something fresh to try? Come to the Leach Library's first-ever Craft Swap. Drop off gently used or unused craft supplies at the library between May 19, and 29, during regular library hours, and you'll receive an Early Bird Ticket for first pick of the new supplies. Early Bird access will take place on Friday, May 30 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. Don't have supplies to donate? No worries - everyone is welcome to join the swap on Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Crafternoon

On Friday, June 6 at 2 p.m., bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters at the Leach Library. The library will also provide supplies for an adult coloring activity.

Please note that Crafternoon will not meet during July and August. No registration required.

### Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Gather your team of up to four people to compete against other groups in a timed jigsaw puzzle competition on Saturday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m. Teams will have 90 minutes to put together their puzzle. Each team will be working on an identical 500-piece puzzle provided by the library. First, second, and third place team members will be awarded a free item from the book sale and bragging rights. Puzzles have been generously donated by Ravensburger. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration is required and opens on Saturday, May 31. Participation is limited to eight teams, and individual registrants are welcome.

### Literary Fiction Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, June 25 at 2 p.m. to discuss André Aciman's novel "Call

Me by Your Name." Refreshments will be served. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration is required and begins on Monday, May 19.

### GMILCS Library Hop

The GMILCS Library Hop is back and includes the Leach Library for the first time! From June 1 - Aug. 31, visit each participating library in the GMILCS Consortium, complete a unique challenge at each library, and earn prizes along the way. To get started, stop by your home library to pick up a game board. On your game board, you'll find each library's information and challenges. After you complete a challenge, show it to a library staff member to receive a stamp or sticker on your game board and earn a prize. Once you have completed all of the challenges, present your completed game board to your home library to be entered into a raffle for a \$100 gift card to The Bookery in Manchester, NH. The grand prize will be drawn at the end of the Library Hop, and the win-

ner will be notified by their home library.

### Historical Fiction Book Discussion

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

### Child Find

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

## OBITUARY

### Isaura M. Collins



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

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

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

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

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

A calling hour were held on Tuesday, May 6, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Liturgy of the Word followed in St. Jude Parish. The burial followed in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry, NH.



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