



**AUGUST 12 – AUGUST 16, 2015**



# Schedule of Events

## Wednesday – August 17

### FREE SENIOR BARBECUE AND CONCERT ON THE COMMON BBQ from 5 to 6 p.m.

Concert from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Barbecue takes place under the pavilion at the Lions Hall. Reservation tickets are required. Concert featuring the Windham Swing Band follows meal on the Town Common.

*Rain: In the event of inclement weather, the barbecue and the concert will take place at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria.*

## Thursday – August 18

### KIDZ NIGHT

Entertainment is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the Town Common.

There will be live entertainment throughout the evening on the bandstand. Other activities offered include: Face Painting, Bounce Houses, Roaming Raceway and Railroad, Bektash Clowns, ALERT, Military Vehicles, PTA Groups from our local schools, Costumed Char-

acter, Knights of Columbus Popcorn, Lions Hamburgers and Hot Dogs.

*Rain: The event will take place at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium. Same time.*

### HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Matthew Thornton School Field

Weather permitting, RE/MAX 1st Choice Realty will offer a tethered Hot Air Balloon ride. Take a ride up above the festivities during Kidz Night. Contact: Arlene Hajjar, 425-2400.

### MOVIE NIGHT

Movie starts at 9 p.m. on the Town Common.

This year's movie is the PG Rated animated adventure comedy "Inside Out."

*Rain: The movie will be shown at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria.*

## Friday – August 19

### ANNUAL FIREFIGHTERS' VS. POLICE SOFTBALL GAME

Matthew Thornton Softball Field

Game starts at 6 p.m.

Rain or Shine.

Lions Club will be on hand serving

food and beverages. Proceeds benefit Camp Pride.

### CONCERT and FIREWORKS

Concert from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.

Fireworks start at 8:45 p.m.

Front Lawn of the High School

*Rain: Concert will be in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria.*

*No Rain Date for the Fireworks*

The concert features "The Voice" with lead vocalist Londonderry Middle School music teacher Donna Salvati. Proceeds raised at this event will benefit the Londonderry Friends of Music.

## Saturday – August 20

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7 to 9:30 a.m.

Corner of Mammoth and Pillsbury roads, under a tent at the Londonderry United Methodist Church

Orchard Christian Fellowship will offer a free continental breakfast during booth setup and the Lundgren 5K race from 7 to 10 a.m.

### LUNDGREN 5K ROAD RACE

Begins at 8 a.m.

Starting/Finish Line at Grange Hall

Registration is Friday, Aug. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 20, starting at 6:45 a.m. in the Londonderry High School gym lobby. Cost: \$15 for pre-reg-



*Kids of all ages will cut loose during the Friday night concert held in front of Londonderry High School, followed by the fireworks.*

istered Londonderry residents. \$20 Non-Londoderry residents. \$20 for all the day of the race.

### BABY CONTEST

9 to 10:30 a.m.

at Matthew Thornton Elementary School

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compete. There will be no same day registration. There will be prizes for: Best Personality, Best Dressed, Best Smile, Little Miss and Little Master.

**PARADE**  
**10:30 to 11:45 a.m.**  
**Rain or Shine**

The annual Old Home Day Parade will start at Londonderry Middle School and march down Mammoth Road to Mack's Apples Farm Stand (See map of parade route on page 9). This year's Old Home Day Grand Marshal is Pastor Ken Glasier of the Orchard Christian Fellowship.

**BOOTHS ON THE COMMON**  
**Londonderry Town Common**  
**11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Rain or Shine**

Local civic organizations and businesses pitch their tents on the Town Common to interact with the community and provide information.

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENCAMPMENT**  
**at the MORRISON HOUSE**  
**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Pillsbury Road**

The Londonderry Historical Society will host Captain Welsh's Company on its grounds for a Revolutionary War encampment. Events include parade muster at 10 a.m. and blacksmithing and spinning demonstrations throughout the day.

**LONDONDERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FARMERS MARKET**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**at MORRISON HOUSE**

The Historical Society will be hosting a farmers market on the grounds of the Morrison House as well as giving tours of the facility. This event is a fund raiser for the reconstruction of the Rev. Morrison House. This year a pig roast was added to the festivities.

**LONDONDERRY GRANGE**  
**11:30 a.m. to finish**  
**Grange Hall**

Londonderry Grange No. 44 will be selling "Mums for Meals" and conducting a food drive for the New Hampshire Food Bank. Local crafters will be inside the hall, selling handmade items. Scarecrow Kits will be sold as a community project. Buyers can dress the form, and in October, display them at the Town Common and Town Forest. The Grange will also host a Fire Safety Activity, and Boy Scout Troop 521 will have a "Fried-A-Palooza" to earn money for a trip to Wyoming next summer.

**TOUCH A TRUCK FUNDRAISER**  
**Noon to 2 p.m.**  
**Moose Hill Kindergarten**

Community-Wide Family Event where children will have the opportunity to see, touch, interact, and learn about lots of cool vehicles. The North School PTA

fundraiser will have a wide range of vehicles for the kids to explore including emergency vehicles, construction trucks, sanitation truck, crane, 6-wheeler plow, tow truck and the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. The Frosty Ice Cream Truck will also be there. Admission will be \$3/ticket, not to exceed \$10/family. Children under age 1 are free with paying adult.

**YMCA GAMES & ACTIVITIES**  
**Londonderry Town Common**  
**Noon to 3 p.m.**

Sack Race, Wheelbarrow Race, Pie Eating Contest, Water Games, Balloon Relay, Egg and Spoon Balance Race, Pinata Time, Water Balloon Toss Race, and Water Cup Relay Race.

**LONDONDERRY SINGS**  
**2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Bandstand on the Town Common**  
Local singers will show off their talents. Pre-Registration is required.

**WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS**  
**ANIMAL SHOW**  
**2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
**on the Town Common**

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**3: to 4 p.m.**

**Matthew Thornton Gym**

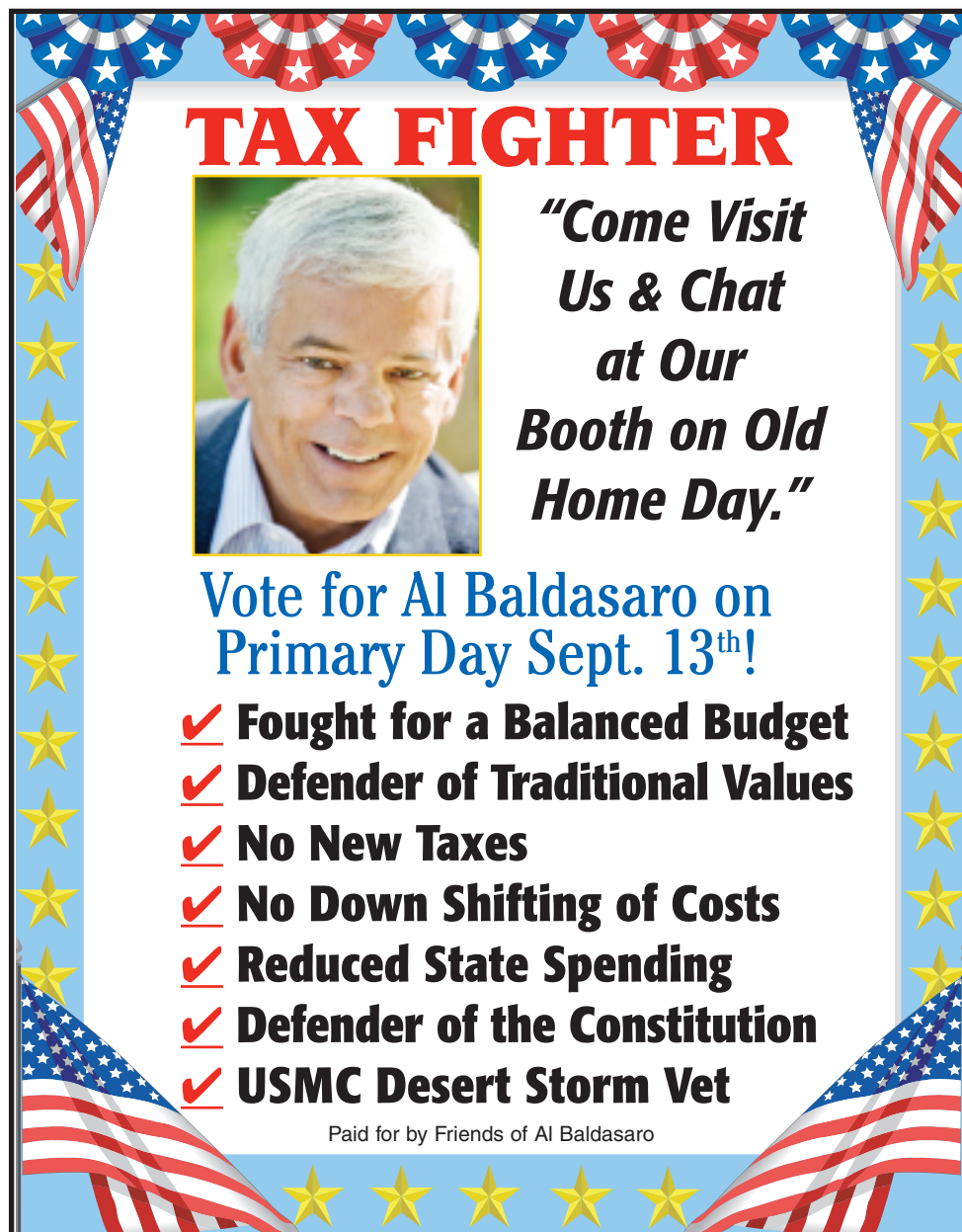
Win up to \$500 in prizes in this highly competitive contest. Sponsored by the Londonderry Old Home Day Committee.

**APPLESTOCK**  
**7 to 10:30 p.m.**  
**on the Town Common**


A contemporary music concert geared to the younger generation, featuring local bands. Sponsored by the Londonderry High School Student Council. Rain location is the LHS Cafeteria.

**Sunday – August 21**  
**Christian Prayer Service and Picnic**  
**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**on the Town Common**

A community Christian prayer service, with music, Scripture reading, prayer and reflection starts at 11 a.m., followed by a free picnic lunch from 12:15 to 2 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the St. Jude Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Londonderry Old Home Day Committee and the Londonderry Clergy Association, churches participating are Londonderry United Methodist Church, Orchard Christian Fellowship, Church of the King, Zion Christian Fellowship, Londonderry Christian Church, Londonderry Presbyterian & Journey Church of the Nazarene.



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# The Origins of Old Home Day

The tradition of Old Home Day began in 1899, at the initiative of then Governor Frank Rollins, to help restore closeness, unity, and prosperity back to the state of New Hampshire.

At the end of the 19th century, New Hampshire had lost thousands of its inhabitants to the Civil War, the new frontier in the west, and the fast-paced lifestyle of the big cities. Once abandoned, the previously bustling and inviting communities and farms turned into ghost towns. The cozy homes they left behind fell into disrepair, green fields and pastures soon filled with weeds and brush, and the deep forests thick with trees were being cut down to help keep big business going. Times were difficult and depressing for the remaining residents, who remembered how beautiful and industrious their state once was.

New Hampshire Governor Frank Rollins knew the

success of his state was in jeopardy and that life in New Hampshire could not continue this way. He took it upon himself to make a change and devised a plan to reinvigorate the state and its failing economy. He decided to host a massive reunion in all cities and towns throughout the state.

It was to be a grand festival, celebrating all the wonderful things about New Hampshire and its citizens, both past and present. The governor wanted this celebration to encourage former residents to keep ties with their old communities, and he also hoped that those who left New Hampshire and found success elsewhere would want to stay connected to their roots by purchasing summer homes and other properties.

Governor Rollins wasted no time in drafting local towns to find current addresses of former Granite Staters across the country to send

them invitations to attend the very first Old Home Day celebration. The response was overwhelming. There was so much interest that an Old Home Week committee was formed at the State House.

Old Home Week's inaugural night was Saturday, Aug. 26, 1899. There were outdoor gatherings, complete with bonfires, from the mountains to the beaches. On Sunday, attendees sang hymns and former residents gave special services. Concord featured the biggest celebration that year, but other communities expanded their own celebrations after the first year, to include patriotic parades, outdoor concerts, baseball games, and contests, along with speeches and folklore expressing love for New Hampshire and the country.

Old Home Week did so well at revitalizing the state and its residents that the rest of New England quickly followed suit. Just two years

after the first Old Home Day was celebrated, Vermont and Maine decided to take up the tradition for themselves. By 1906, Massachusetts and Connecticut were celebrating Old Home Day and soon after, the idea spread throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and even into four provinces in Canada.

Now, over 100 years later, New Hampshire is still observing Old Home Day. While many cities and towns have continued the tradition, hard times or lack of participation have prevented it from taking place annually in many communities across the state.

Only 10 communities have made sure Old Home Day is celebrated every year, and Londonderry is one of them. Citizens of Londonderry should take pride in knowing that, more than a century later, their hard work and dedication to this historic New



Members of the Historical Society will be available to explain antiques on display at the Morrison House Museum.

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# Pastor Ken Glasier Named Parade Grand Marshal

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Old Home Day Committee has named Pastor Ken Glasier of Orchard Christian Fellowship as Grand Marshal of the Londonderry Old Home Day Parade.

"I was completely surprised. I'm grateful for the recognition," Glasier said

of the honor.

The position was created to honor a standout public servant in Londonderry, someone who has made a substantial contribution to the community through volunteerism.

Glasier, who has been pastor of the local church for eight years, has frequently and quietly offered his services to the commu-

nity.

"What we have experienced recently is as we don't offer as many welfare services through the Town, these things behind the scenes are 'miraculously happening,'" said Town Council Chairman John Farrell, noting in addition to helping families who are in need access services, Glasier is the Town's "go-

to behind-the-scenes volunteer."

Police Sgt. Glenn Aprile said Glasier has served on the Department's response team as a counselor to families in time of crisis.

"We go to some horrific scenes," Aprile said. "Pastor Ken spends time with the family. He has been a tremendous asset to us."

Roger Fillio said Glasier has "been invaluable" to the Londonderry Historical Society, and Old Home Day Chairman Kathy Wagner said Glasier has served on the Old Home Day Committee and is "a fixture of Old Home Day."

In addition to Glasier's assistance with Old Home Day, Orchard Christian Fellowship has been a Platinum Sponsor of Old Home Day for years, according to Farrell.

As Grand Marshal, Glasier will lead the Old



Pastor Ken Glasier of Orchard Christian Fellowship will be honored as this year's Grand Marshal of the Londonderry Old Home Day Parade.

## Churches Continue Old Home Day Service, Picnic, Concert



The Town Common stays busy through Sunday with the annual community service, picnic and concert. Courtesy photo

Several churches that are members of the Londonderry Clergy Association will carry on tradition Sunday, Aug. 21 with their annual community service at the Town Common.

"Historically, Old Home Day was centered around a church service and picnic," Lisa Powers, director of administration of Orchard Christian Fellowship, said.

The morning will begin at 11 a.m. with a communi-

ty service presented by pastors from local churches. This year's participating churches include: Orchard Christian Fellowship, Londonderry United Methodist Church, Londonderry Christian Church, Zion Christian Fellowship, Church of the King, Londonderry Presbyterian Church and Journey Church of the Nazarene in Derry.

Following the service, the Londonderry Old Home Day committee and

the Clergy Association will host a free picnic and a concert until about 2 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted throughout the day, and will be given to the St. Jude Food Pantry.

In case of inclement weather, all festivities will be moved to Orchard Christian Fellowship on Pillsbury Road.

Home Day parade. This year's celebration is scheduled for Aug. 17-21.

When asked what he thinks the significance of Old Home Day is to Londonderry, Glasier said the event "brings the commu-

nity together around all the things we love," including fun, food and family time.

"It's a chance to celebrate the long history behind us. We have a great future ahead, as well," he said.

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# Kidz Night, Movie Mania! Bring Young People to Town Common

The Town Common will transform into a kids' carnival on Thursday, Aug. 18 for Old Home Day's annual Kidz Night.

From 5:30 to 8 p.m., a variety of performances and activities will be targeted to families with children ages 12 and under.

The Londonderry drum

line will drum up some excitement again this year, followed by the national anthem, and then performances by the Red Star Twirlers, New Hampshire Academie of Dance, the House of the Samurai, and Judy Pancoast, a 2011 Grammy Award Nominee for Best Children's Album

for her CD *Weird Things Are Everywhere*.

According to Kidz Night chair Tim Siekmann, kids will be helping to emcee the night's events. In the past, the honor has been given to the Junior Miss Londonderry girls to help give them public speaking experience, and of course,

add to the theme of the evening, "Kidz Night...for kids, by kids." While the shows take place on stage, there will be plenty to do around the Common.

A few attractions include face painting, Fun Bounce, a Roaming Raceway and Railroad, and more. Weather permitting, there will also be hot air balloon rides at Matthew Thornton Elementary School until 7 p.m. Wildlife Encounters will be returning with some animal friends, and there will be visits from a few other special characters as well.

The Lions Club and the Wildcats will be selling food, such as hamburgers and hot dogs.

Most of the events at Kidz Night will be free, but there will be a small fee for the bounce houses and train rides. One bounce session will be \$1, six sessions for \$5, and the train rides are \$3.

Following Kidz Night,



*You never know what will be roaming the Town Common on Kidz Night.*

the Old Home Day committee will host its sixth annual Movie Mania! night. This portion of the night is geared for middle school-aged kids.

This year's movie is "Inside Out." It will be shown on a blow-up screen in front of the stage on the Common at 8:45 p.m.

In the event of rain, activities will move indoors to the Londonderry High School gymnasium.

During both Kidz Night and Movie Mania!, Siekmann expects 800 to 1,200 kids to come and have a night full of fun without having to spend all of their allowance.

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# Firemen Aiming to Extinguish Police Softball Streak

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's always fun and positive to have a good-natured rivalry rolling between town departments, and that has long been the case with the fire and police departments of Londonderry and their annual fundraising softball game during Londonderry Old Home Day.

But members of the town's fire department are keenly aware that, despite yeoman efforts each and every August, they haven't done a whole bunch of winning in the annual softball battles with the cops in recent years.

The police department won its ninth game in the last 10 years and its fourth in a row last August by tallying a 16-7 thumping of the firemen at the regular site of their annual games, the Matthew Thornton



Players and family members pose after last year's Police vs. Firefighters softball game. Photos by Chris Paul

School softball field.

The 2016 game is slated to be played on Friday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. back on that very same diamond, with members of the Londonderry Lions Club cooking up burgers and hot dogs for purchase so local folks can bring the family, grab some dinner, and settle in on lounge chairs or bleachers to enjoy the action.

Proceeds from the annual contest will benefit the Lions Club's beautiful Camp Pride in New Durham, which provides camp experiences for children and adults with mild to profound special needs.

During last August's fourth consecutive victory, the cops busted open a tight game by utilizing two home runs from detective

Chris Olson to win by the lopsided 16-7 tally.

The fire department squad last tasted victory back in 2011, but it did so with an exclamation point by walloping the police crew by a pretty stunning 23-6 tally. That win ended a five-year winning streak held by the cops.

However, the police department crew jumped

right back into the proverbial driver's seat with a rather tight 11-7 win in 2012, followed by an offensive thriller of a 27-20 police win in 2013 and an 18-7 thumping of the fire department contingent during August of 2014.

Every contest contains good-natured trash-talking, all kinds of offense, the occasional highlight-reel

defensive play, and laughter among the participants and their supporters alike. And with an exceptional cause like Camp Pride being the beneficiary of the funds raised on the evenings of the games, everybody actually walks - or in some cases limps - away from the Matthew Thornton diamond a real winner.

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# Annual Baby Contest Takes Place Saturday Morning



2016 Miss Londonderry Alainna Belanger, center, and Miss Manchester 2016 Mariah Larocque presented last year's Little Master Londonderry Abel Thistle with his sash with his mom, Colleen. Photos by Chris Paul



Little Miss Londonderry, Molli Bicchieri, held by her dad, Mike, is poses with family members and 2016 Miss Londonderry Alainna Belanger, and Miss Manchester 2016 Mariah Larocque

While the deadline has passed to sign up for the annual Old Home Day Baby Contest, stop by the Matthew Thornton Elementary School gym on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 9 a.m. to watch the winners. Five winners will be chosen: Little Master, Little Miss, Best Dressed, Best Personality and Best Smile. To be eligible, a baby must have been born between Aug. 1, 2015 and Aug. 15, 2016. All contestants must be from Londonderry. Contestants must be pre-registered. No same day registration. Last year there were a

record 27 contestants for the long standing contest, with the crown of Little Miss Londonderry going to Molli Bicchieri and the Little Master sash was presented to Abel Thistle. Best Personality was Paisliegh Decarolis, Best Smile was Alana Ciarametaro and Best Dressed was Breanne Eggers. The five winners were presented their prizes by last year's Miss Londonderry Alainna Belanger and Miss Manchester Mariah Larocque

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# Saturday's Parade Will Roll Down Mammoth Road

The Old Home Day parade is a staple of Londonderry's community celebration; with this year's 117th annual festivities, the tradition continues.

Kicking off at 10:30 a.m., the parade will begin at Londonderry Middle School and follow Mammoth Road, ending at Mack's Apples. It is estimated to last a little over an hour.

Approximately 10,000 spectators are expected to line up to watch a variety of local and state organizations, businesses and politicians complete the 1.2-mile route.

Both the Londonderry

High School and Alvirne High School marching bands will make appearances. This year's parade Grand Marshal is Pastor Ken Glasier of Orchard Christian Fellowship.

Christine Patton, the parade chair on the Old Home Day committee, said there will be returning guests in this year's parade.

The Southern New Hampshire Indian Pathfinders will be returning to the parade this year. The Pathfinders is an organization that strives to foster strong relationships between fathers and daughters.

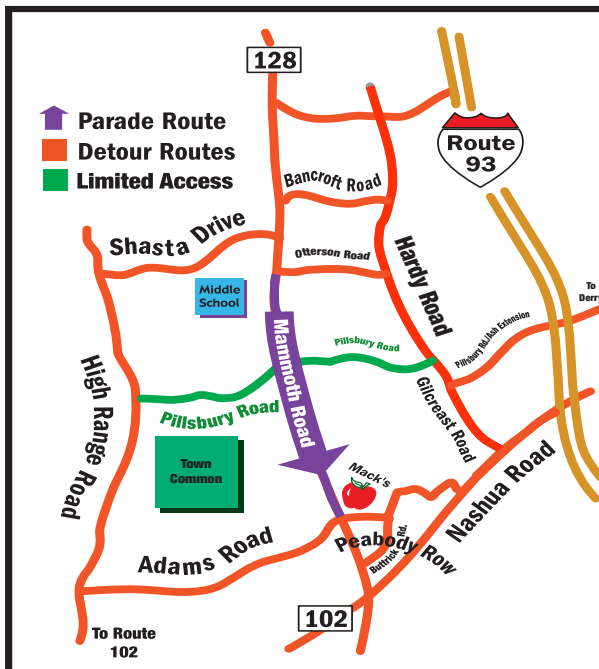
In previous years, a cannon demonstration would be held several times during the route. The demonstrations will not be part of the parade this year; however, Captain Welsh and his company will be at the Morrison House for the annual encampment where



The Lancer Marching Band and Color Guard will begin their year of parades with Old Home Day.

there will be cannon salutes, among other fun and educational colonial period activities. The parade will take place rain or shine.

## PARADE ROUTE



Youngsters had the chance to get involved in last year's parade.



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# Tradition Continues at 37th Annual Old Home Day Race

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For more than 30 years, former Londonderry High School cross-country and track and field coach Larry Martin worked diligently to make the Londonderry Old Home Day/Lundgren 5K Road Race a special part of the town's annual festivities. And he certainly succeeded.

Martin has now stepped aside from the sizable job of directing the Londonderry Old Home Day races, handing the reins to his former Londonderry High athlete and present LHS boys' track and cross-country coach Matt Smith. And Smith has inherited an event which has earned both its impressive status and the excitement that swirls around it.

The 37th annual Londonderry Old Home Day/Lundgren 5K Road Race

will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 8 a.m. regardless of whether it's bright and sunny or damp and soggy.

The annual event is one of the oldest races in New Hampshire, and its course takes participants through some of the most historic streets and beautiful country found in the town.

The course begins and ends on Mammoth Road in front of the town's Grange Hall. After receiving the starting signal, the 5K event proceeds south to Peabody Row, onto Buttrick Road, and loops back to the Grange Hall and the finish line. The annual event is USA Track and Field certified.

The 2015 Old Home Day race drew 209 participants, with Westford, Mass. resident Chris Mahoney winning it in 16 minutes and 40 seconds, and Pinkerton Academy teacher and coach Amy Bernard prov-



*The Londonderry Old Home Day Lundgren 5K Road Race will be run for the 37th time on Saturday, Aug. 20, kicking off a day of community activities. Photo by Chris Paul*

ing to be the female winner for the fourth consecutive year with her time of 19:13, 11th overall out of the large pack of runners.

Folks interested in running in this year's race - whose proceeds go as usual to the Londonderry Track Club Scholarship Fund - can register in several different ways. They can access the registration form at oldhomedays.com and drop the completed forms off at Embroidery Creations in

the Londonderry Professional Park or mail it to the Londonderry Track Club at P.O. Box 1036, Londonderry, 03053.

The pre-registration fee for non-Londonderry residents is \$20 and \$15 for town residents. Runners can also register the night before the race, Friday, Aug. 19, in the Londonderry High gymnasium from 5 to 7 p.m. at the above rates. Race-day registration will be held from 6:45 a.m. to just before race

time at the LHS gym at a cost of \$20 for everyone.

Specially-designed shirts will be presented to the first 250 race registrants. Many merchandise prizes will be raffled off at the conclusion of the race and all runners are eligible to win.

As is the case each year, plaques will be awarded to all male and female winners and runners-up in each of the following age groups: 12-and-under, 13-16, 17-19,

20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70-and-over.

The existing course records for the race have stood up for many years, with then-Londonderry resident Dave Dunham having established the top overall finishing time of 14 minutes and 44 seconds back in 1991, and Maribel Sanchez having set the top female time of 17:35 back in the first race of the new century in 2000.



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# Town Common Hosts Over 70 Booths on Old Home Day

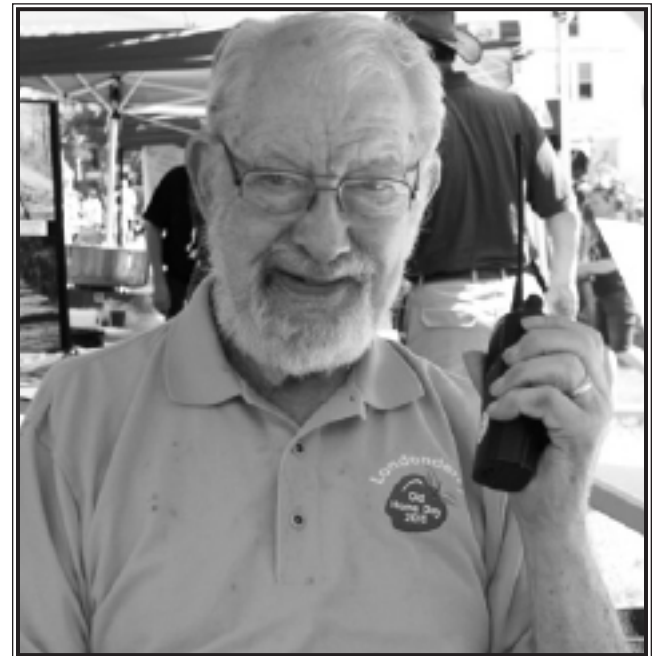
Regardless of the weather forecast, the Town Common will be home to about 70 12-foot by 12-foot booths from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, in celebration of Old Home Day. Organizers note that booth rentals sell out every year. Old Home Day is a chance for the community to come together and celebrate where they came from. Local businesses and non-profits use this time as an opportunity to share with residents their causes and products and services. Non-profit organizations rent booths as a chance to raise money by selling food and drinks and sponsoring games.

For profit booths will typically have something to offer, such as candy, balloons, or small tokens for children of families who visit them.

There will also be two political booths, one for the Republican Party and one for the Democrats. Promotional political signs are permitted only in the area of the given party's booth.

The layout of the booths on the Town Common will follow the pattern of the last couple years.

As Mammoth Road will be temporarily closed on Saturday morning during the road race, Clark encourages organizations to set up their booths in advance. It is recommended that booths be set up the Friday before the big event to prevent congestion in the morning so that everything goes off without a hitch.



*Reed Clark has been coordinating the booths and the set-up for Saturday's Old Home Day for more than 25 years. He'll be on hand at the Old Home Day booth in front of the bandstand to answer questions all day. Photo by Chris Paul*

canopy for protection against extreme weather conditions. Organizations are also encouraged to set up a

## Old Home Day Parking

Motor vehicle parking is always at a premium around the Town Common on Old Home Day. Londonderry police, in cooperation with the Old Home Day Committee, are designating specific parking areas with easily visible signage.

The LPD asks motorists who choose to park along Mammoth and Pillsbury Roads to ensure their vehicles are adequately off the roadway. Drivers and their passengers are cautioned to practice safety when exiting and entering their roadside-parked vehicles. Motorists are encouraged to use defensive driving practices. Pedestrian traffic is heavy during key programs, such as the Lundgren Chiropractic 5K race and the parade. Visitors to Old Home Day are encouraged to carpool to the event and park in designated parking areas:

- Moose Hill School off Pillsbury Road, from the Common to the Morrison House Museum.
- Matthew Thornton School on Mammoth Road.
- Nelson Field Park off Mammoth Road, on Sargent Road next to the Central Fire Station.
- Londonderry Middle School off Mammoth Road.



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# Captain Welsh's Company Brings Revolutionary Era to Life



Children will have the opportunity to see what life was like in Londonderry's past with demonstrations such as this corn husk doll-making event.

Captain Welsh's Company will offer Londonderry residents a glimpse of the past at the Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House grounds during Old Home Day.

On Friday, Aug. 19, about 10 members of the company will come to town in colonial dress and set up revolutionary era style tents as well as cooking facilities over an open fire. On Saturday, Aug. 20, the group will hold demonstrations and reenact 18th century life.

The goal of the group is to live as, and to demonstrate to people what the United States was like before the Civil War. Captain Welsh, leader of Welsh's Company, aims to keep our country's heritage alive through these fun and educational activities.

Welsh's company is

based on an American revolutionary militia unit from Southern New Hampshire.

Saturday morning, Revolutionary era demonstrations will take place at the Morrison House museum grounds on Pillsbury Road until about 4 p.m.

"We'll be making musket bullets, firing muskets,

cannons, and holding fire-making and cooking demonstrations," Welsh said.

There is no set schedule for specific demonstrations, but cannons are typically fired every hour on the hour and muskets are fired at every half hour.

In addition, there will

be building tours, demonstrations of blacksmithing, spinning and weaving, cornhusk doll making, children's Colonial games, music, a May Pole, farmers' market and artisan craft fair. The Historical Society will offer a barbecue with chicken, ribs and pork.



Last year's event featured characters reading children's books on the grounds of the Historical Society. Photos by Chris Paul



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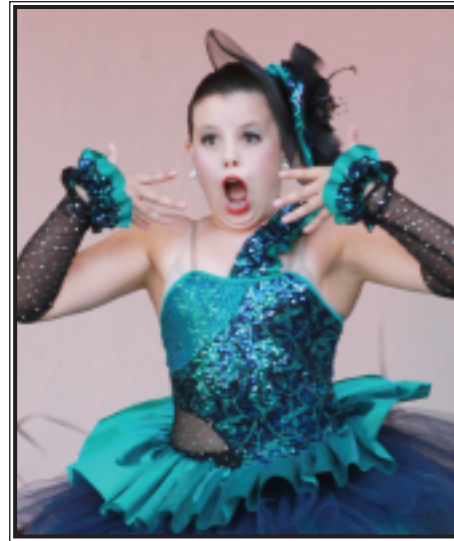
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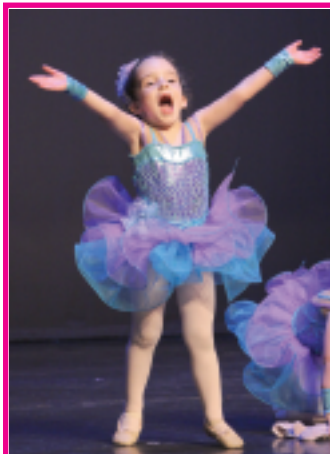


## Kidz Night Makes for Great Memories



There will be more than enough things for children to occupy themselves with on Thursday, with activities taking place on the Town Common for Kidz Night, from clowns making endless balloon characters to fire-wielding baton twirlers. There's something for everyone at Kidz Night.

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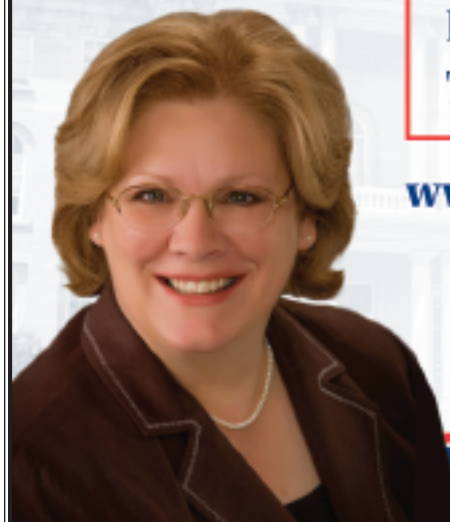
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# Old Home Day Centers Around Town Common Saturday

The 117th Londonderry Old Home Day celebration at the Town Common on Saturday, Aug. 20 has all the elements of a fun-filled, family-focused event. The Common will be home to over 70 booths offering food, games, prizes, information and

raffles from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For those heading out to the festivities early Saturday, Orchard Christian Fellowship hosts a free continental breakfast before the road race, which begins at 8 a.m. rain or shine. A baby changing

station will be provided across Mammoth Road from the Town Common at the Londonderry Methodist Church, and the church grounds will host activities throughout the day.

The annual baby contest will be taking place at

9 a.m. in the Matthew Thornton Elementary School gym. Prizes will be awarded for Best Personality, Best Dressed, Best Smile, Little Miss and Little Master. Pre-registration is required; there is no registration on the day of the contest.

The annual Old Home Day parade will kick off at 10:30 a.m. at Londonderry Middle School. Local organizations, businesses, high school bands, politicians and more will march the 1.2-mile route from the middle school to Mack's Apples. The parade is expected to last about an hour.

After the parade, the Hudson American Legion Band will perform on the bandstand at the Common. Dan Lekas of Flashback Entertainment will be featured with favorites and requests, and karaoke will also be available. Across from the Common on Mammoth Road, the Londonderry Lions Club will offer food and fun at the Lions Hall and surrounding grounds. The 603 Brewery will return this year to provide a beer tent giving out free samples to those age 21 and over.

Free bingo for all ages will be a permanent addition to the Old Home Day celebration following its success last year. Bingo is located at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School gym.



*Wildlife Encounters will have a wide variety of animals on hand for children to see as the Old Home Day celebration winds down on Saturday afternoon.*



*The YMCA will be running a variety of games in front of the bandstand again this year. A crowd favorite is the pie eating contest. Photos by Chris Paul*

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# Grange Offers Host of Activities Saturday

Londonderry Grange #44 celebrates the 117th Old Home Day with a variety of activities on the Grange grounds.

The Grange will be selling "Mums for Meals" and conducting a food drive for the New Hampshire Food Bank. Local crafters will be inside the

hall, selling handmade items.

The Grange will also host a fire safety activity, and Boy Scout Troop 521 will have a "Fried-A-Palooza" to earn money for a trip to Wyoming next summer. Bottled water will also be available for sale.

In addition, Scarecrow

Kits will be sold as a community project. Buyers can dress the form, and in October, display their creation at the Town Common and Town Forest. Look for a scarecrow in front of the Grange Hall as a reminder.

Scarecrow kits are being built by Grange members with the help of

Boy Scout Troop 521. The kits contain all the parts necessary to build the scarecrow frame; all that is needed are clothing and stuffing. Most of the wood in the kits is "reclaimed."

Having the scarecrows on the Town Common and in the Town Forest in October will give London-

derry residents a chance to walk around the Common and use the recently improved trails in the forest. Residents will be encouraged to take a short walk to participate in a "People's Choice Award" for the most impressive scarecrow, with ballots and a ballot box at the band-

stand. The winner will be chosen on Halloween.

Grange members hope that this will start an annual event that will add to "community pride" in Londonderry.

All these events will be offered from 9 a.m. until late in the afternoon on Saturday, Aug. 20.

## Londonderry Sings, Applestock Bring Music to Town Common

Londonderry residents will have the chance to showcase their talent at the annual Londonderry Sings competition on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 2:30 p.m. at the Town Common bandstand.

Londonderry sings sees contestants from all walks of life. Anyone from the ages of 13 and 110 can get up on stage and sing.

Although the contest is open to anyone, there is a limit of 12 participants. Pre-registration is required, and all contestants must perform family-friendly songs.

Three members of the community with a musical background will serve as the judges. Prizes will be awarded to first, second

and third place participants.

Judges will rate contestants on a scale of 1-5 on categories such as Stage Presence, Singing Ability and Song Selection.

First place will receive a \$100 debit card. Second place will take home \$75 in prizes, and third place will get \$50 in prizes. But

no matter who places, the chance to get up and show the town what they've got is a win in itself for all participants.

Later in the evening, the Londonderry High School student council

will sponsor its seventh annual Applestock from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on the Common. The music festival will feature current and former Londonderry High School students.

Pizza and soda will be

sold during the event, with proceeds going to the student council.

In the event of rain, the festival will move inside to the high school cafeteria.



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# Family Concert, Fireworks Featured Friday Night

Continuing the Old Home Day festivities, a family concert followed by fireworks will take place on the front lawn of Londonderry High School on Friday, Aug. 19.

The concert will be from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m., and will feature the band "the Voice." The group's repertoire includes songs by Katy Perry, Pink Floyd, the Who and Stevie Wonder.

Band members include Donna Salviati, Andy Verdi, Brad Atwood, John Toli, Randy Labnon, Pam Tardiff and Dan Poudrette. Salviati, who is a music teacher at Londonderry Middle School, married Andy Verdi in October 2013.

The group was formed in 1992, and since then,

they have performed all around the state.

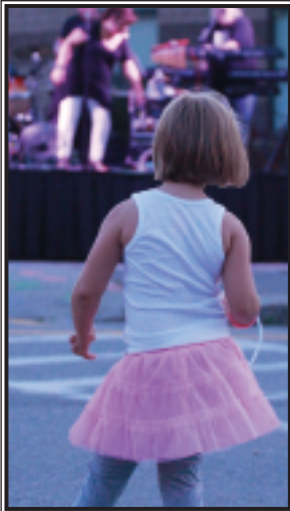
All proceeds from the food sold at the concert benefit the Londonderry Friends of Music.

In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the high school cafeteria.

Following the concert, the annual fireworks display will begin around 8:45 p.m., presented by Atlas Fireworks.

Brian Johnson, the Londonderry Fire Department's Division Chief of Fire Prevention, said last year's show was bigger than in the past. This year's show will follow the same pattern.

"It should last about 20 or 30 minutes," Johnson said. "We're anticipating a really good display this year."



*Young fans have plenty of room for dancing during the Friday Night concert.*

Attendees should park at the high school or at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, Johnson said.

There is no rain date for the fireworks show.

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