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## Ready for the Feast

Eric Turcotte, of Turcotte Tree Service, donated his time to the Londonderry Historical Society on Friday and Saturday to cook up a 150 pound pig for those attending the Old Home Day celebration at the Morrison House to feast on.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Groups and Performers Enjoy Role in Old Home Day Parade

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Many different groups and organizations were among the marchers in the annual Old Home Day parade, which was held on Saturday, Aug. 17 along Mammoth Road and view

by hundreds.

The music was provided by four marching bands, the local from Londonderry High School, as well as neighbors Pinkerton Academy's and Alvirne and Bedford High School's marching bands. Other than these, there

were two bagpipe and drum bands. One was the New Hampshire Pipes and Drums and featured Londonderry Policeman, Captain Patrick Cheetham and the other was the NH Scot from Concord.

The band was invited  
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## Planning Board Works With School District on CIP Needs

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board met with School District representatives with a quorum of School Board members in attendance, to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

After a working session it was decided to continue the dialogue on the subject and proposed projects on Sep. 11, when a public hearing will be held. The Planning Board Chair, Arthur Rugg, said: "We'll do some of the dialogue next month and if

something changes, we'll go to another public hearing."

The Planning Board meeting followed a Capital Improvement Plan Committee meeting that was held on July 23. At that meeting, Peter Curro led the School District's presentation of two main projects suggested for 2022-2024 and focused on the functional capacity issues the district claims the schools are experiencing. The larger project deals with the need for a long-term solution for space and classes, for K to fifth grades and its estimated

cost is \$38 million. The second project suggests renovations at the elementary schools and the middle school for an estimated cost of \$15 million.

Curro was the one who answered most of the Planning Board's questions, as the members hoped to fully understand the School District's problem and requests.

Curro said that the number one criterion for a municipality in evaluating the necessity of projects is public safety, "I think we can all agree that the prime mission of any

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## Conservation Eyes Possible Land For Protection Potential

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the request of the NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT), the Conservation Commission is providing them with a list of possible properties in town that could be conserved if upcoming work on Route 128 impacts wetlands to a point that requires mitigation by NH DOT.

According to the letter from NH DOT, the work would be on "NH Route 128 beginning at the intersection of Stonehenge Road/Litchfield Road. The proposed pavement treatments include 1.25" high strength full width overlay and 2" high strength full width inlay." "Additional work may include guardrail replacement

and extension, drainage repairs, curb resetting/replacement and ADA upgrades at existing substandard crosswalk/side-walk end unit locations."

Private landowners own properties on the list, so there is no assurance that they would be willing to have their land purchased for conservation purposes. The reason to create this list is so that the town has a list of potential properties ready to react quickly if an opportunity presents itself. Without the list, NH DOT would make contributions to Stream Passage Improvement Program or Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund. Both hold pools of money that are allocated statewide in a competitive bidding

process. Having the list increases the odds that mitigation money is used within Londonderry.

To generate the list, the Conservation Commission started by reviewing the town's Open Space Taskforce report from 2011. In the report, created by the cross-functional task force, is a list of the undeveloped parcels, at the time, prioritized according to their natural re-

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# Historical Society, Lions, and Wildcats Benefit from Old Home Day

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over at the Historical Society's Morrison House Museum,

the volunteers were pig roasting from Friday until the next morning. On Saturday the 17, colonial artists spread around

the museum's grounds and presented their crafts. The pig roast was quickly sold out and the money will be used to repair part of the museum's roof and the front entry.

The Historical Society received \$5,000 from the Nutfield 300th Committee's budget for the Saturday event and Ann Champa, the event coordinator and curator for the Historical Society, made good use of the funds with a wide variety of historical reenactors on the museum grounds. Champa said during the event, "I had fun organizing it. We are thankful to the residents for providing funding for this. We had the First New Hampshire Regiment Militia on site and they had their encampment here and were shooting their cannons. We also had the Second Regiment of Mass-

achusetts coming and the New Hampshire Scots. They brought a large crew here, played for the visitors and gave a bagpipe and drum class. I was lucky enough to take the bagpipe class and I have to say that I tried... let's leave it at that. It was very interesting. I had the lung capacity, but the finger motion is where I was a little off. I think everybody had a great day. People are saying how much fun they had and that they wish we could do this more often."

Lso on the grounds, Eric Turcotte, of Turcotte Tree Service donated his time and service to roast a pig on Friday night, into Saturday. Hundreds of people enjoyed the pulled pork dinner that was prepared by Turcotte and volunteers.

On the other side of Mammoth Road, the Londonderry Lions were also cooking and selling at a high level and speed. Beth Ferreira, who became the first female to be selected as the Lions Club president in June shared, "I am enjoying my part very much. We are cooking hot

dogs, hamburgers and our famous sausages and we have about 20 people working here."

All the money from the Lions event will be used in town, for a variety of things such as scholarships, Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas baskets, "These are coming soon and in the fall, I believe it will be on Oct. 5, we are also having a yard sale here at the Lions Club."

At some point, the line to purchase food, drinks and snacks from the Londonderry Wildcats booth on Town Common, on Saturday after the parade, stretched for what looked to be almost the length of a football field. It was a fitting sight for their season that is about to begin.

"Old Home Day is our biggest event of the year", said Ryan Ouellette, the Londonderry Youth Football and Spirit (LYFS) President. "We have about 20 people working on this event and we have already sold more than 200 pounds of potatoes and are not done yet." The Wildcats had fundraising food booths

on Kidz Night last Thursday and during the Saturday celebration and were present at the Fisher Cats game in Manchester on Friday. They hosted a 32-town preseason jamboree at the Londonderry Middle School on Sunday: "It's a lot of work, all week, but we sell a lot of food and make a lot of people smile. We are very excited about the new season", said Ouellette. "We have six tackle football teams, which is the largest in the state and four flag teams, and our cheer teams are looking great."

One hundred percent of the proceeds go back to the kids and the program. The Wildcats were proud to say that their current registration fee has not changed since 1999. "We are buying equipment and our main concern is to try and keep the fees down", explained Ouellette. "Every year we have the longest line here on Old Home Day, no matter what we add. We always keep bringing in more and more staff for this."



Richard Wright, the Smith River Smithy, demonstrates how to shape metal at the Morrison House Museum on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul



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# Local Senior Communities Hold Informative Workshop

JOHN GOGLIA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Aug. 8, approximately 20 representatives from most of the 11 senior communities in Londonderry held their first ever meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to help each other to better understand how each of these communi-

ties is handling or has handled many issues common to all. It was agreed that living in these types of communities can be a big adjustment for many residents in understanding the state and local rules and regulations that apply to the different types of senior communities.

The attendees learned

that some of these senior developments are large, some are small and some are attached and some are separate units. Most involve homeowner associations (HOA's) but some are cooperatives and there are certain distinctions not common to all types of senior communities. It was agreed that a meeting of this type was

long overdue especially since there have been so many newer senior communities built in the last 3-5 years.

The representatives shared information about their experiences with the different management companies, landscapers, snowplowing contractors and maintenance contractors utilized by their com-

munity. There were discussions about capital reserves for clubhouse maintenance, septic, leach field and road maintenance and replacement.

There was fantastic participation and cooperation by everyone in attendance. Available resources were discussed and identified to help address some of the common issues. The

initial meeting was mainly for the purpose of determining if there was any interest in continuing to share information and resources. The opinion to do so was resoundingly unanimous. There will be another meeting scheduled for September to address whatever agenda items are put in place before that meeting.

## Planning

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municipality is to protect its citizens, the public. But it doesn't fit the School District. The mission of the School District isn't public safety. It is curriculum, education, college and career ready, whatever words that you want to use", he told the board members.

Curro explained that since the Londonderry Schools are public, they can't deny new kids from entering the system, so they have to make sure that there is enough space for everyone: "Moose Hill has two portables already and more class room space will be needed. The School Board will discuss what to do about that", he

said. According to Curro, the enrollment projections from the Planning Department have been fairly accurate traditionally and currently. The estimation given to the School District six months ago show that 100 kids are to be expected at the elementary schools in the next two years: "We have room for 100 kids in the three ele-

mentary school right now", he added.

One of the major questions that were raised by town officials regarding the School District's projects is how come there is need for more space if the total enrollment is down compared to two decades ago. Curro returned to the Functional Capacity issue and told the Planning Board that these days, the School Board wants classes to be 22-23 students (It used to be 27) and that the Special Education in-house programs occupy seven classrooms and music and arts have their own rooms now: "So the three elementary buildings can house 725 less kids than they used to. There's access capacity at the high school and a small one at the middle school, but the elementary schools are packed."

Even if the bond for a

new school passes in the upcoming March elections, it will take two years to build and open it: "We are having sleepless nights over this. We are running out of room", said Curro. "We have to be ready. We can't just say 'Oh, they are here, let's build a school'. We have to look at this carefully."

He did admit that the big question is "is it a bubble or is this the new norm?" regarding the changing numbers of kids at the elementary schools. "If it's a bubble, it will go back down in three years and temporary class rooms are the way to go. But we don't think so. We are pretty confident that a new elementary grade space is going to be needed somewhere along the way if you want to keep 22-23 kids in a class, if you want to keep music and art in a class-

room, if you don't want kids in the hallways, or taking gym and cafeteria space. That's why we are here. That's why the first two projects deal with Moose Hill and a new school."

We could expand Moose Hill for full day kindergarten, but we have to keep the elementary in the back of our head", he added. "You can focus on Moose Hill, it's our primary focus, but the elementary issue is still lingering and it would be best if we can solve both. Maybe it's a two-step, but you are going to have to look at the whole picture and come up with the best solution for the kids, the curriculum, the education and the taxpayers. I wouldn't be surprised if we'll be at full capacity when South School opens and we'll need to add classroom."



## Sweet Ride

The recently retired Londonderry Middle School Principal, Richard Zachilli, was this year's Old Home Day Parade Grand Marshal. He was driven in a powder blue convertible with this year's Londonderry Citizen of the Year, Katie Sullivan, an assistant Principal at the Londonderry High School.

Photo by Chris Paul



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# Editorial

## Three Gun Safety Bills Vetoed

On August 9 Gov. Sununu vetoed three bills - House Bill 109 which closes the gun show loophole and requires background checks for firearms sales or transfers; House Bill 514 which requires a three-day waiting period for purchase and delivery of a firearm; and House Bill 514 which prohibits carrying a firearm onto school property.

Sununu defended his veto, "New Hampshire is one of the safest states in the nation, and we have a long and proud tradition of responsible firearm ownership. Our laws are well-crafted and fit our culture of responsible gun ownership and individual freedom."

According to the USA today, N.H. had an average of 9.3 gun related deaths per 100,000 people in 2016 ranking 12th lowest in the nation. Suicides account for the highest amount of gun related deaths in N.H. MA. - which supports gun licensing for buying firearms and ammunition - has the lowest rate of gun death violence in the U.S. with 3.4 deaths per 100,000. New England States MA, CT, RI, and ME were ranked as less violent than N.H. and VT.

Just hours before the Sununu vetoes, President Trump said he supports "commonsense" and "meaningful" background checks, without being specific, though the President said he wanted to check with the National Rifle Association.

Senate President Donna Soucy,

D-Manchester, said, "Since there have been more mass shootings than days this year, our thoughts and prayers are empty gestures without the courage and conviction to act to prevent future tragedies. That's why it is so deeply disappointing that in the midst of a national crisis and in the wake of two mass shootings, Gov. Sununu is holding New Hampshire back from making progress on gun violence prevention."

Overall Americans are asking for something to be done about mass gun violence while protecting 2nd amendment rights. According to surveys from Politico/Morning Consult, 73 percent of voters - majorities of both Democrats and Republicans support stricter gun laws.

More than 91% of voters support background checks for all gun sales. 84% of voters want to prevent people convicted of violent misdemeanors from purchasing guns. 83%, support limiting gun purchases to those over 21 years of age. 80% think there should be a mandatory three-day waiting period before taking a gun home. And 72% support banning high-capacity magazines.

Do our leaders and politicians understand the vast majority of their constituents want them to take lawful actions with regard to gun deaths?

*By Mack Leathurby*

# Letters

## Historical Society Thanks You!

To the editor,  
What a day and what a turnout!

Our 300th Nutfield Anniversary/ Old Home Day Living History Events at the Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House Museum, was a huge hit.

From the First NH Regiment encampment, militia drills and canon firings, Capt. Bill Hitchcock's musket ball molding, and 17 colonial tradesmen and artisans of the period, including the ropemaker, cooper, tinsmith, hornsmith, surgeon, washerwoman, corn husk doll maker, weaver, basketmaker, blacksmith, gunsmith, milliner and flax processor, to the sheep herders with their border collies and adorable ducks - did you have a favorite?

How about the wonderful traditional Scottish tunes played by the Pipes and Drums of NHSCOT? Did you take their Bagpipe or Drum Try-It class?

Did you see (and hear) the hit-or-miss engine?

Did you get a chance to tour the c.1760 Morrison House Museum, the c.1840 R.P. Clark & Son Blacksmith shop and the c.1859 Parmenter Barn? We hope you viewed our new "Nellie Wallace, Family and Friend" display and met the two

Wallace cousins who donated the items in it, then also took the opportunity to talk with genealogist Heather Rojo about your family history while inside the Morrison House.

The front and back yards of our grounds were filled with activity! But we have to say that nobody was busier than Eric Turcotte, of Turcotte Tree Service, who on Friday afternoon was up on his lift, trimming off the low-hanging branches of the large tree on our front lawn to provide more flat space for the event. Then on Friday evening, Eric set to work on the Pig Roast-setting up his smoker/roaster and watching over the huge roasting pig all night, and when it was ready for the after-parade rush of hungry citizens on Saturday, prepared it for serving while our guests devoured it, along with the delicious corn-on-the cob, the refreshing watermelon and the cold drink, too!

We can't thank Eric enough for donating, preparing and roasting the pig, and doing the tree work, gratis...and of course, our friend Mike Cross of Moose Hill Orchards for donating all the super-sweet corn and providing two huge pots and burners to cook them in.

There are many others to thank for making this wonderful day of events

possible, and tops on that list would be Debra Paul for her suggestion at the town deliberative session to include the Londonderry Historical Society to the warrant article on the 300th Anniversary of Nutfield Celebration. She also organized the wonderful crew who helped with the pig roast, and along with her husband Chris Paul, co-owner of the Londonderry Times, bringing in the picnic tables, popping up the tents, with Shirley and Ray Breslin, running last minute errands, serving and so much more.

And finally, I'd like to thank Historical Society member Kay Webber. She was my stellar partner in organizing this wonderful event for the Society, working with me for the last two years, going to various events around the state and seeking out the right talent to bring to our 300th Nutfield Anniversary/2019 Old Home Day Celebration.

We hope you had a great time at our Living History event on Saturday, and from all of us at the Londonderry Historical Society, our heartfelt "Thanks!" to you, the wonderful residents of Londonderry for supporting our mission to preserve the History of this great town of Londonderry!

Ann Chiampa  
Curator  
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# Londonderry Orchard Christian Fellowship Attends A Week With WCNE

CAILEN BRADY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**W**ork Camp New England (WCNE) is an organization based in Litchfield, NH that began with as little as seventeen students in the year of 1989. Over the years, the organization has grown and expanded, while successfully touching the hearts, lives, and home repair needs for low income or otherwise disadvantaged families within the Northeast. In the span of sixteen years, WCNE has provided over 170,000 hours of service to more

than 600 families, with the help of volunteers from high school students and churches from all over New England.

Each year, WCNE hosts several opportunities for high school students and adults to devote a week (or more if desired) of their summer to service work. This year, Orchard Christian Fellowship (OCF) of Londonderry, N.H. brought ten adults and fourteen students to Claremont, NH to join WCNE for an unforgettable and totally life-changing week.

The OCF group, joined

slightly under 90 other adults and students to perform services for 16 residents in the town of Claremont from July 21 to July 27. Groups were formed, combining students and adults from other churches and bonding strangers with a common interest and passion to serve others. The workdays began on-site at 9 a.m. and ended at approximately 3:30 p.m. During those times, jobs included but were not limited to, decking, steps, and ramp construction, roofing repair, floor repair and replacement, and a

lot of exterior painting as well.

While not on-site, the camp provided a place to eat, sleep, and refresh at Stevens High School. It shall be noted that several fundraisers were held this year in order to pay for WCNE tuition. With that being noted, all of these children pay tuition to attend the camp and work for free for people they have never met. It's amazing to learn about the kindness of people we have within our community.

The opportunity to help others also offers the

chance for these kids to learn life skills. The OCF kids, as well as students from other various churches in the area, learn how to safely manage tools, teamwork, and the importance of planning and time management. But at the end of the day, Lloyd Wagoner, a member of the OCF community and fellow WCNE camper says "More importantly, they learn that when you give yourself to someone in need, you receive so much more in return"

The website for the WCNE states, "WCNE's

mission statement is: "Bringing students closer to Jesus. Serving families through free home repairs." It is apparent this organization is bettering our community, but it wouldn't be possible without the campers, who are the heart of WCNE. If the opportunity sounds enticing, visit [www.workcampne.com](http://www.workcampne.com) to learn how you can get involved for next year. More information about the wonderful organization itself is also available on the website, as well as photos and video from the weeks."

# Presidential Candidates, Governor in Old Home Day Parade

JOHN GOGLIA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**he Londonderry Old Home Day parade was held on Saturday (Aug. 16). The weather was relatively nice and many spectators found a spot along the two sides of Mammoth Road and watched with enthusiasm, as different groups marched and drove for over an hour through the 1.2-mile long route, from the Londonderry Middle School all the way to Mack's Apples.

The Governor of New Hampshire, Chris Sununu,

was present on stage in front of Town Common, next to Town Manager Kevin Smith. Sununu read a proclamation marking the 300th Anniversary of Nutfield celebration and the people who settled and built it. He added after reading the proclamation, "This is one of our favorite parades, no doubt about it. Rain or shine, everybody comes out and we had an awesome opportunity this year to highlight all across the state with the Nutfield 300th anniversary. 300 down, 300 to go, right?"

The governor then addressed the crowd and said: "Keep up the great work. You guys truly are an example of how to do it right. Local control, a community that believes in itself and guides its own destiny and you are doing it great. You are the economic center of the greatest country on earth and it's something to be proud of. Keep up the great work."

Many politicians, including the Democratic Party 2020 Presidential candidates Joe Biden, Tulsi Gabbard, Kamala

Harris, Beto O'Rourke, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren had their supporters marching and handing out bumper stickers and brochures. Two of the candidates, the Mayor of New York City Bill De Blasio and the former U.S. Congress Representative from Maryland, John Delaney, walked along the parade route and shook hands with the locals.

Delaney, who will be speaking this Thursday (Aug. 22, 7 p.m.) at the Stonyfield climate forum in Londonderry, has been putting a lot of effort into his New Hampshire campaign and said: "It's a wonderful parade, straight down the street, lots of people out. It's not too hot. It's perfect."



New Hampshire Governor, Chris Sununu addressed the crowd at the beginning of the parade. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Hart Victorious in Battle of the Chiefs on Old Home Day

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The "Battle of the Chiefs" had an unexpected winner, and then another surprise, during the contest that took place on Saturday, Aug. 17, shortly after noon, in the carnival area on Town Common, during the Old Home Day celebration.

The Londonderry Fire Chief, Darren O'Brien, was waiting near the High Striker, but the Chief of Police, Bill Hart, disappeared in the large crowd that was exploring the 65 booths on the common.

The event was almost cancelled, but at the last moment, Chief Hart was finally brought to the carnival area, and the match was on.

The crowd that gathered donated money into two buckets, one for Chief O'Brien's victory and the other for Chief Hart. The donations favored Chief O'Brien as the clear favorite.

But when the competition started Chief Hart's three swings surprised the spectators (and maybe even the chief him-

self) as he hit the bell and the "10" mark.

When Chief O'Brien's turn came, he had two straight hits, but the last one stopped at just shy of the bell, and the policeman celebrated the victory.

Hart said, "This is a great thing for the community and I'm really excited to be a part of it. It just speaks on the kind of togetherness both our departments have and really that this community has." Chief O'Brien added: "Like Bill said, it's great for the community and it was a lot of fun, so I'm glad we were able to participate."

But the real surprise of the event came from Town Council member Jim Butler. After the two chiefs finished their "battle," Butler took the hammer and started hitting, over and over again. He had about a dozen straight hits that went all the way to the bell at the top of the High Striker and later told the Londonderry Times: "The Town Council had to show up the two chiefs. No, I didn't come here



Chief of Police, William Hart has the winning blow to win Battle of the Chiefs. Photos by Chris Paul



Fire Chief, Darren O'Brien was inches shy of tying the match of the battle on Old Home Day.

over night and practice... it until the last minute. I wasn't even going to do But I couldn't let it go. I

can't let those youngsters beat us. I had fun. It's a good time for everybody."

## Conservation

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sources value. When the Task Force created the list, the factor with the greatest weight, by a wide margin, was how the property protected the quality and quantity of drinking water. Among the next most important criteria were providing connections between large open space areas throughout town; preserving local agricultural land and large, contiguous forest blocks; and supporting outdoor recreation in a natural setting. Also, of moderate importance were enabling plant and animal habitat and connections between habitat patches; providing at least 10 acres of open space within a ten-minute

walk for each Londonderry resident; and keeping natural views in their present form. Lower on the criteria were preservation of habitat for endangered species; maintaining historic structures in their appropriate context; and providing floodwater storage.

Commissioner Mike Speltz took the lead on the list for NH DOT by providing a list of the top 48 properties from the Open Space Task Force report. His data showed that 25% of the properties in the 2011 report have since been conserved. Another 15% of the properties are not technically conserved, but are unlikely to be developed. Most of these are owned by Ever-source and are used for

power line right of ways. On the other hand, almost 19% of the parcels have now been developed or are in the process of being developed. Looking at it from an acreage viewpoint, 32% of the area had been developed. The developments include Lorden Commons, Woodmont and Cross Farm.

Forty-two percent of the top 48 parcels remain un-conserved and undeveloped. The Commis-

sion discussed this list and also a couple other properties they felt were important in forming the list that went to NH DOT. Included in the list were Elwood Orchard properties, two lots on Page Road, a property on South Road near the Kendal Pond Conservation area, two adjacent lots on Grenier Field and Webster Roads and a part of the Mack orchards on Pillsbury Road.

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# Annual Londonderry Blues Festival, a Fun Way To Support Veterans

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

“I said (to myself), ‘Someone did it for me.’” Londonderry resident, Dennis Martin recounted. “It’s my turn to help other vets, to give back.” Around the time of the Gulf War, in which he served, Martin was homeless. He went one year without a roof over his head, until a few Vietnam veterans helped him to get back on his feet and find a place to stay. This

act of kindness resonated with Martin, and eventually would inspire him to hold the first annual Londonderry Blues Festival on the Londonderry Town Common. That year would benefit the Liberty House, an organization out of Manchester, NH offering transitional living to veterans in need.

This Saturday, Aug. 24, the Town Common will once again be the site for the Fifth Annual Londonderry Blues Festival, this

year benefiting the organization, Veterans Count. Veterans Count is the philanthropic arm of Military & Veteran Services, and one of the twelve core programs of Easterseals. The organization provides emergency financial assistance and services to service members, veterans and their families. The festival will feature three local Blues bands, who will be performing at the festival at no cost. Each band playing has at least one member who is a veteran.

First in the lineup, at 12 p.m. is the Deep Fry’d Blues Band. For over twenty years, this Seacoast band has been performing original material and classic blues rhythm. Jeffrey Allen Shaw & Co (JAS&CO) are scheduled to follow at 1:15 p.m. This group defies strives to make each of their performances unique by implementing their individual style and high-energy theatrics. Last but not least at 2:15 p.m. is Martin’s own band, Dr. Harp’s Blues Revue Band. This four-piece all-veteran ensemble brings music and fun to every performance. Martin (Dr. Harp) and his group have the ability to appeal to the adult crowd while still keeping family friendly. Martin’s band plays “A little bit of everything.”

“It’s a nice family event,” said Denise Petrin, Veterans Count Manchester Chapter Member. “Someplace for kids to

run around and for parents to listen to music.”

There is no cost to get into the Blues Festival, but there will be plenty of opportunities for festival-goers to help support their local veterans. Food and other vendors donate at least 15 percent of their earned proceeds to the charitable partner each year, and monies earned from raffles benefit the charity as well, said Martin.

“We do like to share that 90 cents from every dollar goes to helping veterans,” said Kathy Flynn, Director of Development for Veterans Count. In addition to attending the Blues Festival, Flynn stated that residents can further support Veterans Count by following their social media pages, so they can be updated on upcoming events and charitable opportunities. The company also offers supporters a chance to go online and set up a recurring donation.

Flynn mentioned that for just the cost of a cup of coffee over time, donors could help pay for a veteran’s electric bill, or even a hotel stay for a homeless veteran trying to get back on his or her feet. Military & Veterans Services, through Veterans Count, provides aid in a critical and timely fashion, ensuring not only the health and overall well-being of the veteran in need, but the protection of his or her dignity, as well.

“It’s a hand up, not a hand out,” said Flynn. In keeping with the Blues’s southern roots, there will be a food truck at the event serving barbecue. The smokey-sweet flavor of the food makes it the perfect festival fare to match the smokey, sweet sound of the music and atmosphere. Martin stated that this will be an alcohol-free event, and recommended that attendees bring their own chairs. The Blues Festival has had great turnout the past couple of years, and hopes to be a tradition in the years to come.

“I’m gonna keep doing this until I’m too old,” promised Martin. “Or until someone takes over.”

The Blues Festival will begin at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24 and will continue until 4 p.m. Parking for the Blues Festival will be available at the Londonderry Presbyterian

Church, Orchard Christian Church, the Londonderry Methodist Church, and the Lions Club. Members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will be standing by to assist with parking and to ensure that Mammoth Road and Pillsbury Road stay clear.

Martin mentioned that he was still seeking vendors and volunteers for the fifth annual Blues Festival. Anyone interested in lending their services to help local veterans can contact Martin at Drharp83@hotmail.com

Service members, veterans, and their families can contact Easterseals Military & Veterans Services for supports and resources by calling (603) 315-4354, or emailing mvs-intake@eastersealsnh.org. For more information about Veterans Count and upcoming events, visit vetscount.org/nh.

## OBITUARY

### Jim T. Maguire



Jim T. Maguire, 61, of Londonderry, NH passed away Aug. 14 suddenly of natural causes.

Jim was born on Feb. 7, 1958 in Lowell, Mass. He graduated from Central Catholic High School, then continued his degree of criminal justice at North Eastern University. Jim was married to Erica (Martin) Maguire on Sept. 14, 1997

Jim is survived by his wife, Erica Maguire, daughter Grace Maguire, sister Kate Maguire, brother in law Eric Hill; two nieces Dora and Emma Wolfe, nephew Alexander Hill and in-laws Dick, Betty, Chris, and Sara Martin. Also, cherished dog Dunkin.

Jim worked as a retail store manager for East-coast Emergency Outfitters.

Jim enjoyed instructing gun safety, quality time with his family, his never-ending patriotism and cooking omelets no matter the time of day.

Jim is predeceased by his father James, and mother Jennie Maguire.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 5 - 7:30 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The funeral service followed at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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## Baby Faces Judged

The Old Home Day Baby Contest was once again an extremely hard contest to judge. Four judges were given the task of voting for their favorite in five categories with over 30 contestants this year. Family members did their best to muster smiles from their little ones and after an hour of competition the winners were: Miss Londonderry - Keira Belle Nims; Master Londonderry - Evan Deptula; Best Dressed - Everleigh Stone Leonardi; Best Smile - Sophie Hunnewell; and Best Personality - Jameson Freda.

Photos by Chris Paul

# Local Coach and Family Recover From Fire that Destroyed New House

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Just a few weeks the Londonderry Times reported the story of the Londonderry Wildcats cheer team and their preparations for a long season of supporting the football team the coach featured in the story suffered a huge loss.

That story featured Corriena Dumais, who has

been coaching the Wildcats for the past five years and will be leading the D12 team this season. A couple of days after the story had been published, Corriena, her husband Richard and their four-month-old baby moved from Londonderry to their new house in Goffstown, and on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at about 4 a.m., Richard heard the smoke

detector and woke up.

"He went to see what was going on and the whole porch was already on fire", recalls Corriena in a phone conversation with the Londonderry Times. "We had to make a decision - fight or flight. I ran and took the baby from our room and my phone and we called 911. My husband grabbed the car seat and we called our two dogs, but they didn't come."

They ran down their driveway and a neighbor, who also saw the smoke and called the police and fire departments, came with blankets and some clothes: "We went to his house and waited there for the police to come. Everything happened fast, so fast. From the

moment my husband heard the alarm it took about 10 minutes until the entire house was in flames and it took the firefighters about 15 minutes to arrive. They were great and did their best."

The firefighters worked for several hours until they managed to get control over the fire and prevent it from spreading into the forest behind the house, "but the two story house was completely gone", says Dumais. The two dogs did not survive the fire and after they were found in the house by the firefighters, Corriena's father took them and buried them in his backyard.

"After everything was over, we went to my parents' house and started

calling everyone", she said. "There are a lot of people who already helped and donated and it's overwhelming, because we moved to Goffstown just two weeks before everything happened. And of course, we received so much help from Londonderry, especially from the Wildcats. They collected everything we needed and they made sure I have enough time off from coaching, so I could stand on my feet again."

Corriena returned to the Wildcats practices this Tuesday and Richard also went back to work: "We need some normality", she explains. The family will receive some sort of temporary place "and we'll rebuild our house",

Corriena promises, "We love it there."

She also has a message from this sad experience: "Make sure that your smoke detectors work and that there aren't any problems with them in the house, because a fire can start from everything. And if you hear something, even in the middle of the night, go check it. 15 seconds more and everything could have been different for us. Also make sure that your family has an escape plan."

The Wildcats are still collecting donations for the Dumais family and there will also be a fundraiser on Sep. 28, between 1 and 4 p.m., at the Village Trestle in Goffstown.

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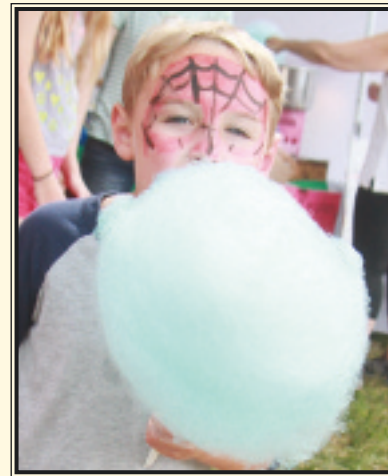
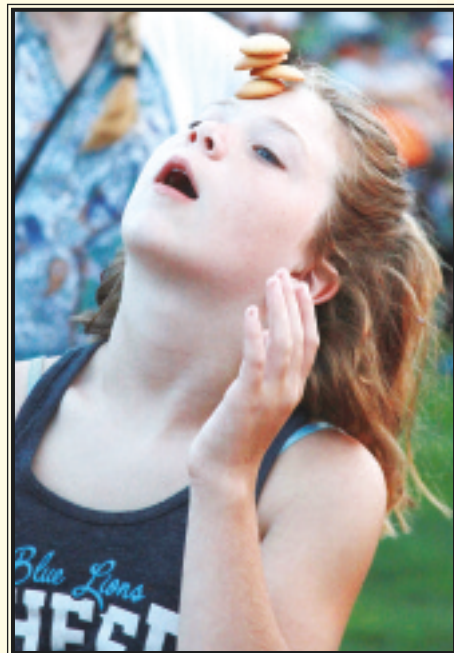
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# Old Home Celebration Sees Hundreds at a Number of Events



Images taken during the events that took place at the 120th Old Home Day. On Wednesday there was a concert featuring a Beach Boy's cover band, Thursday had Kidznight, Friday another concert and fireworks, Saturday lots of activities on the common and at the Morrison House Museum.

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## Parade

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to the parade for the first time this year and has a strong connection to the area, since Londonderry, originally named Nutfield, was settled by Scots-Irish people 300 years ago. Drum Major Rich Spaulding said before the parade: "This is our first time on the Old Home Day

parade. We have 22 people registered in our band and some of them are in Scotland right now, competing in the World Championships."

After the parade, the N.H. Scots continued to the Historical Society's Morrison House Museum, where they gave lessons, "Hopefully we can get people interested in becoming pipers and

drummers and join our band," said Spaulding. The band is currently preparing for the New Hampshire Highland Games, which will be held on Sep. 20-22 in Concord.

Another group marching was the Pack 521 scouts. Peter Richard said before the parade that this is a cubscouts pack, for kids from kindergarten to fifth

grade: "We are in the north side of Londonderry, but we take kids from all around the town."

The young scouts were pulling along the parade route the pack's chuckwagon, which was built by previous members, years back: "When school starts, we start getting our meeting together and we'll be recruiting as fast as we

can", added Richard. "We are looking forward for a fun year and we are always looking for more scouts. It's inclusive now, both boys and girls, so it's almost like 'family-scouts' at this point and it's really convenient this way." The scouts will have a recruitment event on Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m., at North School.

Gina Hutchinson, who has been coaching and leading the Red Star Twirlers for over four decades, was excited about the parade. Her group has been participating in the parade since its inception, almost 30 years ago and Hutchinson said: "It's a perfect event for the end of the summer.

We have a lot of Londonderry students. It's hard to get my kids in, because everybody is on vacation just before school, but Londonderry does a great job with Old Home Day."

There were about 15 twirlers marching and performing with the Red Star team, including three-year-olds, who made their debut. "We have girls all the way to 19-years-old", said Hutchinson. "We will be doing Derryfest in September, we have a big competition in Florida in February and we are heading to Venice, Italy, next summer. We have a lot of performances and we are very busy. It's good."

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Londonderry Outscores Derry in Old Home Day Softball Game

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In what was a nice twist to the annual Old Home Day softball game, which usually pits the Londonderry Police and Fire Departments against each other, this year they joined forces on Friday, Aug. 16, and played their counterparts from the Derry Police and Fire Departments. The special game was part of the 120th Old Home Day celebration and mainly, because of the 300th Anniversary Nutfield celebration which has been uniting the area's towns for the last few months.

The contest, which started out as seven-inning game, ended up as a nine inning competition after both sides wanted to stay on the Softball Varsity field at the Londonderry High School.

The game lasted approximately 75 minutes and ended with the local Londonderry team winning 10-8.

Derry took an early lead with a first inning run, but Londonderry answered with three runs in the second. The first home run of the evening belonged to officer Christopher Olson of the Londonderry Police Department and with two outs in the fourth inning, officer Matt Morin had a clutch two-run single to give Londonderry a promising 6-1 lead.

The home team added to its lead with a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fifth inning and Olson, the game's MVP who also had a few nice catches as the team's left outfielder, hit for his second home run of the game. Standing right behind the fence, a

young fan caught that home run, providing one of the top highlights of the game.

Derry was down 8-1 after five innings, but enjoyed a tremendous comeback. Detective Kevin Ruppel and officer Adam Petkus went back-to-back with a couple of solo home runs to start the sixth inning and officer Kevin Davis added a two-run shot to make it just 8-5 after six innings. Derry did not stop there and in the top of the eighth tied the game with another two-run home run, this one by officer Timothy Underhill, followed by an officer Sam Troy homer.

With the game tied at eight in the bottom of the eighth inning, firefighter Zach O'Brien stepped up for Londonderry. He hit a triple, sliding bravely



Londonderry Police Sergeant Chris Olson sent two homeruns over the fence in the winning effort against Derry during Old Home Day.



Pitching for the Derry side was Police Sergeant Shawn O'Donaghue, shown firing a bunt to first base. Photos by Chris Paul

(and painfully according to him) towards third base and then had another slide, home, after officer Olson's sac fly.

The winning pitcher

for Londonderry was officer Dan Perry. Derry's pitcher was Sgt. Shawn O'Donaghue.

"I think it was terrific, it was great", said Lon-

donderry Chief of Police Bill Hart after the game. "Especially in support of the 300th anniversary of our communities, to bring

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# Runners Enjoy 5K, Brews and Concert at Boot Scootin' Boogie Race



Above, runners set out from the Londonderry Athletic Field Association complex to run the Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K. At right, the winners of the race were Andrew Erickson, a 24, from Lebanon and Katherine Estep, 23, of Nashua. Photos by Chris Paul

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K race was held on Saturday night, Aug. 17 in Londonderry, as one of the final events of the town's Old Home Day celebration. The race, which has been run in Londonderry in the month of July since 2015, took the place of the long-standing Lungren 5K this year, and was followed by a Brewfest and a country music concert, started and ended at the

Londonderry Athletic Fields Association (Lafa). The Lundgren 5K race had been held on Saturday mornings for nearly four decades during the annual Old Home Day celebration. In this year's race, the first person to cross the finish line was Andrew Erickson, a 24-year-old runner from Lebanon. It only took Erickson 16:27.3 minutes to complete the course, running less than 3:18 minutes-per-kilometer. Right behind Erickson came was the fastest Nut-

field area runner of the evening, Jacob Wormald, 24-year-old from Derry, who finished second with a time of 16:41.8 minutes. The third place spot went to 32-year-old Alex Hall of East Thetford, VT, with a time of 17:11.2. The female winner was Katherine Estep, 23-years-old of Nashua, who finished 14th overall with a time of 19:00.8. The next women was 36-years-old Mary Klene of Manchester, who came in 17th overall with a time of 19:15.6. Third among the



ladies was Lauren Long (Lunenburg, Mass.), who at just 12-years-old, was the 23rd overall finisher thanks to a time of 19:36.8. Other than Wormald, the second fastest Derry runner was 54-year-old Richard Disalvo. He finished 18th overall and ran a time of 19:24.2. 60-year-old Marty Kennedy (86th overall) was Derry's third best runner with 23:00.4 and in the women category, it was Rebecca Noe (44-years-old) who completed the run after 23:55.5 minutes and was 110th overall and Carolyn Morgenstern, 56-years-old, who crossed the finish line right after Noe and had a time of 23:57.8.

The fastest Londonderry male runner was 18-year-old Christian Smith, who placed 10th overall with 18:11.4 minutes. He was one spot ahead of Jake Donnelly (19-years-old, 18:23.1 minutes) and three ahead of Tyler Kraft (15-years-old, 18:51.7 minutes). 26-years-old Meredith Ambrose, who finished 54th overall, was Londonderry's best female runner at 21:27.4, and 15-year-old Adriana Nadeau ran 23:16.5 and was 93rd overall and was followed by 14-years-old Emily Smith, who finished after 23:21.6 minutes. The 86-years-old Bob Welts of Amherst crossed the finish line after 46:31.9

minutes, placing him 1,104th out of 1,123 runners who completed the course and making him the oldest finishing participant of the race. 79-year-old Grace Williams from Nottingham was the oldest lady and she finished 1,218, after 58:07.2 minutes. Also finishing were 6-year-olds Caeden Hart of Derry (46:44.6 minutes, 1,109th overall) and Matthew Mulvaney of Manchester (39:40.9 minutes, 915th overall) and 7-years-old Mason Bacotti of Londonderry (29:08.5, 369th overall). Among the youngest girls who ran was Keira Hart, 8-years-old of Derry, who finished 940th with a time of 40:22.2.

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# Former LHS Football Players Gearing Up for College Season

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

College football season will be kicking off on the first week of September and many former Londonderry High School players will try to help their respective teams achieve winning seasons.

Defensive lineman Zac Garside is playing for Plymouth State, where he is studying business.

He played 10 games as a freshman and sophomore and will enter his

third year with the team. He has 23 tackles, 22 assists and five sacks so far. The Panthers had a nice 6-4 season in 2018, with Garside enjoying a team-leading 2.5 sacks. They hope to build on that success as they kick off their season at Castleton on Sep. 7.

Going into his junior year at Saint Vincent College in Pennsylvania, offensive lineman Christopher Komst is hoping for a better season, after the Bearcats went just 1-9 in

2018. Their sole victory was 35-13 in the homecoming game against Thiel College and they begin the new season at home versus Ithaca College on Sep. 7.

Komst, a 213-pound lineman who is majoring in History, played in 12 college games so far after competing for the Lancers for four years in both football and track & field and representing New Hampshire in the 2017 All Star Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl.

Ben Johnson, who is attending Husson University and majoring in Criminal Justice, did not see game action as a freshman, but will hope to have a bigger part this year, with the Eagles season starting on Sep. 14 at UMass Dartmouth. The team is coming off an 8-3 season and a first round loss in the NCAA Championship.

Another sophomore who is looking to leave his impact on his team is Alex Boucher, who had one

short appearance last season for the Western New England Golden Bears, in a 49-14 victory at Nichols. The Springfield, MA team will play rivals Springfield in their season opener on Sep. 7 and will try to avenge last year blow-out loss, 42-21 against the same team, in the same situation. After that loss, WNE did very well, ending the season with an 8-3 record and a first round NCAA Championship appearance.

Eric Fairweather, who

found himself unexpectedly under center as a freshman, and has been there ever since with the Saint Anselm College football squad will be the Hawks quarterback again this year as a senior. The St. As team is coming off a miserable 2018 season where they won only one game is hoping to bounce back under the guidance of Fairweather. The team will start their season at home on Sept. 6 against California University of Pennsylvania.

# Former LHS Field Hockey Player Aiming for Conference Title

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Last year, the University of New England's Women Field Hockey team faced Endicott College's (Beverly, Mass.) team, their conference rivals, three times. It ended with three close losses, 4-2 at home, and twice, 1-0 on the road. The first two losses were the Nor'easter's ladies only conference losses out of 12 conference games in the 2018 season. But it was the third one, in the Commonwealth

Coast Conference's finals, that probably hurt the most.

Heading into the new season, the team from Maine, with its two Londonderry High School graduates, has a clear goal: Get back in the finals, preferably against Endicott again and this time, win it. The Nor'easter's preseason kicked off on Wednesday and the real thing begins on Saturday, Aug. 21, with a home game against Keene State.

The two Londonderry

High School alumni are senior Hannah Cohen, who plays on the team's defense and had 36 appearances in the previous two years (22 as a starter) and sophomore midfielder

Maeve McPhail, who started twice as a freshman. McPhail, who is majoring in Nursing, was a First Team All-State as a senior for the Lady Lancers in 2017 and a Second Team All-State as a junior. She still remembers last year's finals.

"They scored in the

final minutes of the game and unfortunately, we lost", she says in a phone conversation with the Londonderry Times. "It was a real battle, a back and forth game and I really hope we can get there again this year because despite the loss, it was my most memorable game in college so far. Everyone was fired up and we were excited to be part of it, to be there. It was my first year in college field hockey and I was already in the finals. We didn't win, but it was a great experience and really fun."

McPhail was on the Varsity team in Londonderry as a freshman and did it again for her col-

lege last year: "I was one of the youngest players on the team and my time in Londonderry taught me how to deal with this and how to play the game faster, quickly, because I had to play with older players."

She admits that the first week of college was "an adjustment" and that she missed her home and family, but "the team was really great to me. From my first day, I had 20 new friends. Everyone is helping with classes and with my field hockey skills. If I wanted to work more, I always found someone who helped me. I had a few weird weeks, but it was over quickly."

About her teammate

Cohen said McPhail: "She is someone I look up to. She is always texting me about going to work out and get ready for the pre-season. Throughout the summer, she kept sending me messages to see how I feel and that I am getting ready. She is always positive and she was like that in high school too. We have a great relationship."

McPhail says that a successful personal season for her will see her "becoming a better leader on the field and getting more confident with my skills. I want the new freshmen to know that I can guide them, like I was guided last year."

## Softball

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these communities together, in sort of a traditional way, I think it's just wonderful. We always have that friendly rivalry with the Fire Department, but this was a great opportunity to bring Derry and Londonderry much closer together."

Officer Olson added, "It was a fantastic game. It was good to see the two communities coming

together. The police and fire, we are not really rivals, we are on the same team, so it was good being on the same team as these guys today. It was fun, it's always good being able to play softball, kids came here and loved it and it's always a pleasure being able to play for my PD. I coach baseball year-round and play recreational softball. They made a great comeback and it took a full effort from our team. I'm glad we were able to pull

that win off for our town on Old Home Day."

From the Derry side, Sgt. O'Donaghue commented on his team's performance, "I'm glad it was close. It was much nicer if Derry won, but we had a good time. It was fun. We had a good comeback, couple of home runs from our big hitters. It was a beautiful day. I think this idea was great. We work a lot with Londonderry, so it was good to get out and see them off duty as well."



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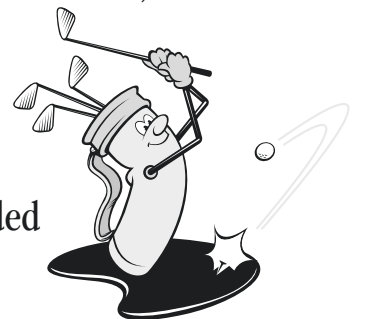
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# LHS Varsity Football Team, Coach Lauzon, Working Hard in Tryouts

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It is that time of the year again where you can already feel the Friday Night Lights coming: High School Football season is about to begin and the Londonderry High School team, that finished first in the South last season, is already well into its training camp and will play its first scrimmage this Saturday (Aug. 24) against Manchester Central.

The Lancers, under Head Coach Jimmy Lauzon, began their trainings

last Friday and will do 10 days of double sessions before moving to one practice every day, until their season opener at home against Concord on Friday night, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. The school will carry three teams this season, Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshmen, so no cuts will be made and each of the 109 kids that are trying out will have a spot on one of the teams.

There are 26 seniors this year and the Varsity and JV teams will have a total of 75 players and will

be training together throughout the season. Prior to the tryouts, Londonderry participated in a short offseason camp, held at the high school, with Pinkerton Academy, Trinity and Pelham. The freshmen and sophomores came in for three days and then the juniors and seniors had their own three days: "It was really great, lots of fun", says Lauzon. "We had some rainy nights, so we had to stop sometimes, but the kids were really into it."

Lauzon believes that

the biggest challenge his team has this preseason, before the Concord game, is "fighting against the clock." The Lancers had 27 seniors graduating "and we want to get everyone going in the same direction and system now. We don't have too many days and there are also state restrictions as to what we are allowed to do. But everybody is in the same boat with this. We do have a system that we have been running for the past two years, so that helps."

The kids usually spend their entire day, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the facility, training outdoors and indoors and in the weight room. "It will be hard to replace some of the seniors who left, because not only that they were good, they were also big guys. We had really good defensive and offensive lines. We also lost two of our inside linebackers who were starts as juniors and seniors, so they had 20 games each."

Another graduate was Quarterback Evan Cormi-

er. He will be replaced by senior Jake McEachern, and Lauzon is excited, "We really love Jake. He didn't play a lot of Varsity last year, so other teams might be hesitant about him, but I spent so much time with him during the off-season and he is ready for this. He was behind Evan last year and saw his preparation for every game. Their personality and even skill set is different, but the work ethic is the same. And he is a great, great kid."

## Two LHS Players Participate in Baseball Showcase Tournament

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two Londonderry High School players played last week in the 14th Lynn Invitational at Fraser Field, Lynn, MA, one of the largest and most important baseball showcase tournaments in the area, which is always attended by scouts from the biggest colleges and universities and some Major League Baseball teams.

209 baseball players from all over New England received the invitation to be part of this year's tournament and among them were Sean Cavanaugh and

Chris Tutt, who play for the Lancers. Londonderry High School has won both the Varsity and Junior Varsity State Championships in the 2019 spring season.

Cavanaugh, who had the game winning RBI single in the state finals against Bedford, played six innings on first base on Thursday, Aug. 15, for the "Navy" team and went 0-for-1 on a deep fly out, while also drawing a walk. Tutt, also playing for "Navy", was 0-for-1 in the Thursday noon game against the "Red" team and drew two walks. He played four innings as the

second baseman.

The next day, the teams met again and Cavanaugh pitched two innings. He surrendered two runs and gave a walk, while also striking out two batters and allowing two hits. Cavanaugh also played four more innings on first and went 0-for-2. Tutt played another four innings on second and managed to get a single, finishing his part with 1-for-3 on the plate.

After the tournament, Tutt said, "The experience was very eye opening. The kids on my team and the kids on the other team were very talented.

A lot of these kids are going to go D1 and it was cool to see what their tal-

ent is like and how I compared to them." Cavanaugh added: "I had a

great time, it was a great experience."

## Wildcats 2019 Football Schedule

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With six tackle teams, the Londonderry Wildcats football program will be the largest in the state this season. Earlier this week, and after three weeks of training camps, the recreational youth program released its 2019 schedule for the tackle and flag teams, which all hope to win the state and then the regional title.

The season begins this Sunday, Aug. 25, and over the first four weeks, the majority of the games will

be held on Sundays in Londonderry, on the high school's Varsity Field and the Track Field.

The Tackle 13U team, which last year became the first to represent New Hampshire in the Pro Football Hall of Fame World Youth Championship, will be kicking off its season against Nashua Pal at 9 a.m. on the Varsity Field. Prior to this game, at 8 a.m., the three Flag teams will be playing and after the 13U, the Tackle 12U (11 a.m.) and Tackle 11U (1 p.m.) will both be playing Manches-

ter East.

On the Track Field, the Tackle 8U team will start the day with a 9 a.m. game against Nashua Pal. The Tackle 9U team will follow (11 a.m.) against the same rivals and at 1 p.m., the Tackle 10U team will play Manchester East.

The regular season for the tackle teams will be eight games long and end on Sunday, Oct. 20. The day before, the flag teams Super Bowls will be held. The Wildcats hosted a 32-town preseason jamboree last Sunday.

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# Local Author Robert Napolitano Publishes 'The Twins'

MARTHA SMITH  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**he Twins, a new book written by Robert Napolitano, a longtime Londonderry resident, is available now for purchase at Amazon.

Napolitano, who is now retired said, "I have always had ideas about plots and writing a book, but I did not have the time while I was working." Now that he has more time he is writing books and having a lot of fun in the process.

The Twins is the first book that Napolitano has written and self-published. The exciting fictional thriller is filled with government conspiracy theories. Readers will find it extremely topical to what is happening and has happened in our world in recent history.

Napolitano said, "Conspiracy theorists will find that this book is a lot of fun."

Napolitano, who is

known to many around town as "Nappy" is originally from Everett, Mass., but he has lived in Londonderry since 1971.

For many years he published several papers, including a shopper and another on Sports and Entertainment. He also was the owner of the first movie rental store in town called the "Movie House" that was located in North Londonderry. Napolitano worked for the school district in town for 15 years as a custodian and also coached baseball, basketball and football for over 30 years. He was on the Board of LAFA for years.

This book is the result of many long years of work. He was thinking about the subject matter for The Twins for almost six years. It took another three years of writing and perfecting his prose before he had the finished product. Napolitano said, "There are some book stores in NH that feature

NH writers during the summer. This summer both Gibson's Bookstore in Concord, NH and Toadstools Bookstore in Milford, NH are featuring his book. On August 8th he was invited to and did a reading from his book at Gibson's Bookstore in Concord.

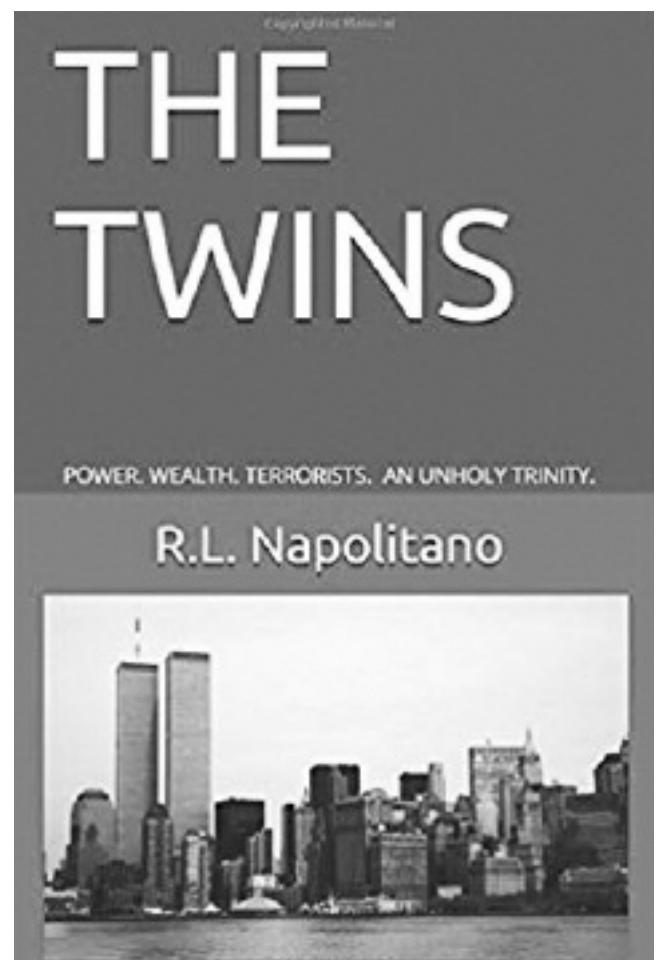
Since starting his new career as a serious writer, Napolitano, has joined some local writers groups. One meets in Derry and is called "Write Free or Die", where he learned of the New Hampshire Writers Project, a group that told him about the New Hampshire bookstores that feature books by local granite state writers during the summer. He says he finds the group useful as they share and critique their writings. He also mentioned that he has already started on a new book that will be set in Scotland and New Hampshire.

Napolitano said, "His

book, The Twins, has been well received by those who have read it and several people have purchased multiple copies to be given as gifts. Bob signed those copies for them." Hopefully more people will purchase the book and share it with their neighbors. It is wonderful to have local published writers living here in our town.

The book, The Twins, is available through Amazon – kindle edition is \$4.99 and the paperback book sells on Amazon for \$13.95, it is also available at the Londonderry Leach Library, Gibson's Bookstore in Concord, NH and Toadstools in Milford, NH.

Summer is great time for reading, so if you are in the mood for a fast paced thriller about government conspiracy and intrigue, then you should pick up a copy of The Twins, by R.L. Napolitano. Enjoy!



*Local writer, and a longtime Londonderry resident, Robert Napolitano, has written a book which is available at Amazon.com.*

## Child Passenger Safety Program Still Keeping Klds Safe

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**T**hanks to our friends at The Londonderry Times we are proud to bring you a series of monthly articles on Child Passenger Safety. These articles will cover car seat safety and various aspects of car seats including selection, their use and installation and when you need to switch to another car seat, including when a car seat (or booster seat) is no longer needed. We will also cover subjects regarding

the law vs. "best practice", safest location in a vehicle and where you can go to get your car seat installation inspected. Today's article will detail our program, its history, contact information and how to get a car seat installation inspected.

Our program, one of over 40 just in the state, was started in May 2001 as a cooperative effort of Londonderry Police Department, Londonderry Fire Rescue and our wonderful volunteers. We accepted a donation of

\$500 from the Londonderry Rotary Club and a donation of 15 car seats from Interstate Electrical Services Corp. In Bedford, and the rest, as they say is history.

In our first public event, The Londonderry Early Education Program's LEEPfest at the Middle School that same month, we checked over 100 car seats. From that event through March 2019 we have inspected 2,624 seats with 90% of those needing some type of correction. We continue the cooperative effort started

back in 2001 and have added many new volunteers from local communities who help at various times throughout the year.

All of the technicians helping us at check events have completed a 4 day national certification class and maintain their certification through Continuing Education Units, inspecting seats and being approved by an instructor to recertify, every two years. All technicians self-teach themselves throughout the year researching new products, using various written and online media resources.

All of our inspections are done through appointments and are offered free

of charge (donations are always appreciated). Our usual monthly schedule (subject to change depending on weather, etc.), is the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon and the last, or fourth, Wednesday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Inspections are held at Londonderry Fire Rescue South Fire Station, aka Station 2, 17 Young Road in Londonderry. Our next inspection date for August is: Wednesday Aug. 28.

To contact our program, for any questions you may have regarding your child's safety while riding in a motor vehicle, or to make an appointment to have your car seat(s) checked, you may

leave us a voicemail on our information line: 603-432-1104 ext. 4623 or via e-mail @ cps@londonderry-nh.org. We are working on a website through the Town of Londonderry website, a Facebook page and being able to make appointments via an online service for your convenience, all to come together in the next few months. To find another inspection station across the country, or for information on other child safety articles, please visit the Safe Kids USA website: <https://www.safekids.org/> We hope you enjoy these articles, learn something new about child passenger safety and provide a safer ride for your little ones.



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## Child Find Program

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 - five years, 11 months (5.11) Of Age, who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. Child Find will be held at the Londonderry early education program (L.E.E.P.) Moose Hill School - 150 Pillsbury Rd., on Oct. 3, Dec. 5, Feb. 6, and April 2. We encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, Ext. 7223, between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No Child Will Be Seen Without An Appointment. For children birth to 2.5 years old, please contact Beth Warner at The Moore Center 603-206-2732 or Lynne Thomas at Easter Seals 603.666.5982 Ext. 34. Both providers are connected with family centered early supports & services.

## Apple Country Craft Fair

Join St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Londonderry for our annual Apple Country Craft Fair Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Sunday, Sept. 8, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. More than 70 Crafters from all over New England will be exhibiting their handmade creations. Drinks, freshly baked goods, hot & cold sandwiches, and more will be available for purchase from our bistro. There will also be a raffle of unique items donated by the crafters. Rain or Shine. We hope to see you there! For more information visit: <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/ministry/craft-fair>

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Students should bring their own backpacks and they will be blessed for the school year that is beginning at this time Sunday,

Aug. 25, at 10 a.m. in our Sunday Service at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church. Note: we also bless briefcases or handbags of people who need to be blessed. The Londonderry Presbyterian Church is located at 126 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry, call for more information 425-6194.

## Supporting Women's Education

The Londonderry Women's Club is now accepting applications for an Adult Female Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. The requirements are: must be a female at least 23 years of age and a current resident of Londonderry; must be currently enrolled at an accredited post secondary institution and must have completed a minimum of half of the time or credits toward the named degree, certificate or licensing program. The deadline for submitting applications is Sept. 30. Applications are available at the Leach Library and online at [www.londonderrywomensclub.org](http://www.londonderrywomensclub.org).

## Golf Outing

Post 27 will be hosting a 4 person scramble golf outing at Hidden Valley Campground in Derry on Aug. 24. Tee off is at 8 a.m. and come into the Post at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry to sign up. Cost is \$65 per player. There will be a cookout afterwards at the Post.

## VA Bingo

Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m., on Aug. 26. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing prize money

## A Bissel Yiddish

Learn some Yiddish on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. Our instructors will be native Yiddish speaker

Shirley Lelchuk (former Yiddish teacher at Temple Beth Abraham - Nashua, NH) and Dr. Alan Green (Raymond Street Klezmer Band member, mohel, and retired OB/GYN). Please BYOB ("Bring your own Brunch"). BYOB may be dairy, vegetarian, vegan or fish (but no shellfish); no meat (including poultry and pork). It's fun, it's hip, it's interesting. Please RSVP to [d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org](mailto:d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org), or reply to our Event Page on Etz's Facebook page, so we have a head count.

## Rotary Car Show

The Londonderry Rotary Club with the North-Eastern chapter of the Pontiac Car Club will hold its Classic Car Show for its 24th year. It will be held at Londonderry Square, 55 Nashua Rd., Rte 102 on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. for registration to 2 p.m. for the Awards Presentation. Rain date will be Sunday Aug. 25. The groups are also still looking for vehicle entries. Registration fee for an exhibitor/entrant is \$10 per vehicle in advance or \$15 per vehicle at the Day of Show. Public viewing entry is \$3 for adults and \$7 for family. Children under 12 years are admitted free. The day will include a DJ, photographer, food vendors, and a 50/50 raffle. For more information contact event chairperson, Bill Basler at 603-432-1166 or email [scoop442@aol.com](mailto:scoop442@aol.com).

## Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament

Held on the Aug. 22 - 25 weekend, at the Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Courts, Sargent Road, Londonderry. The tournament will hold Men's, Women's and mixed Doubles tournaments. This Tournament is to benefit Ocular Melanoma Foundation, Granite State Kids Non-Profit Tennis Organization, Skip Burbine Memorial Scholarship Fund and other Local Charities. Players who wish to

register can make check to "Skip Burbine Foundation" with the desired entry and the names being registered for the Tournament, and mail it to 2 McEnroe Drive, Londonderry, NH 03053. For questions and details, the organizers ask the public to connect Patrice at 603-247-8510 or email [caps4@comcast.net](mailto:caps4@comcast.net).

## Adult Summer Reading Program

The tenth annual Adult Summer Reading Program will continue until Saturday, Aug. 31. It is not too late to join us for reading and prizes that are out of this world! This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories" which encompasses outer space, space travel, moons, planets, astronauts, and more. Adult patrons may register at any time at the Reference Desk. Registrants will receive an information sheet about the program and a tic-tac-toe game to be completed by the end of August for a chance to win a prize. For every book read after registering for the program, participants will be awarded one raffle ticket. These tickets can be completed and returned for entry into weekly raffle drawings. Raffle drawings will include either a prize bag with an assortment of items, many featuring this year's theme, or a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

## Library Hours

August hours for the Leach Library are: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## 18th Annual Auction

The Upper Room holds its 18th Annual Auction on Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m., at the Tupelo Music Hall, Derry. Don't miss our highly anticipated cruise-themed charity event of the year! Bid on dozens of silent and live auction items, including gift baskets, travel packages and fun experiences. Dinner is included. Tickets are on sale now at [TupeloMusicHall.com](http://TupeloMusicHall.com)

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Registration for all the ETZ Hayim Synagogue Youth Education programs will be held on Tues, Sept. 3 from 6 - 8 p.m., The classes for the 2019-2020 school year: One Sunday per month, beginning Sun, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. - noon: Sunday Camp - (Ages 4-6) - Jewish music, crafts, games; Each Tues, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. - Continued learning for students ages 7 to 16: Aleph and Bet (7, 8) - Beginner Hebrew, holidays, Gimel and Dalet (9-11) - Reading Hebrew, prayers, Torah and ethics, B'nai Mitzvah (12,13) - Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation, and Confirmation (13+) - Advanced Jewish education. Also, please join us for our first Family focused Shabbat to be held on Friday, Sept. 6 with a craft project at 6 p.m. and service at 7:15 p.m. For more information, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

## Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Dinner at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry on Aug 23 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. For more information call 434-0628. Lunch at St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry on Aug 25 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. For more information call 432-3333. The Sonshine Soup Kitchen is serving free hot meals 5 days a week.

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## Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday

from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

## IPS

The Upper Room offers Teen Information for Parenting Success for young parents ages 13-23, Wednesdays 5 - 7 p.m. A weekly support program for young parents to talk, listen, learn and be accepted. Childcare available. To register, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 12.

## Car Seat Check Event

The Londonderry Child Passenger Safety Program conducts inspection events to check your child's car seat installation. Trained technicians check for recall, proper installation and discuss with the caregiver how to improve the installation and therefore the child's safety. We conduct these inspection twice a month, the second Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon and the last (sometimes fourth) Wednesday night from 6 - 8 p.m. Appointments are required. Inspections are conducted at the Londonderry Fire Rescue South Fire Station 17 Young Road. For more information, or to make an appointment to have your seat(s) checked, please call 603-432-1104 ext. 4623 or via e-mail: [cps@londonderrynh.org](mailto:cps@londonderrynh.org).

## Journey of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 - 7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and chaos of addiction; through education, encouraging support and compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journey-of-hopeh@gmail.com

## Transitions Young Adult Strategies

A new group where young adults can talk about things that are challenging meets every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome. Call 437-8477 to register ext. 24 for more information/options for dates and times.

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### Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. all seniors over 55 are wel-

come, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee per card. If you want more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

### Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

### UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.

### Walking Together

A support group for

widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

### Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

### Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in New Hampshire meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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# Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - Aug. 12**  
**4:56 a.m.** Medical Emergency transported to hospital from Manchester Boston Regional Airport.  
**7:23 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Bartley Hill Road.  
**8:06 a.m.** Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on Mohawk Drive  
**9:50 a.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Oakridge Drive  
**12:53 p.m.** Medical Emergency on Pleasant Drive.  
**2:59 p.m.** Trespassing reported on Hazelnut Lane.  
**7:41 p.m.** Six officers perform a Welfare Check on Jewel Court.

**Tuesday - Aug. 13**  
**11:10 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Rockingham Road at RMX

Truck Stop  
**12:56 p.m.** Services rendered for drug offenses on Pettengill Road at UPS.  
**4:49 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Boulder Drive.  
**Wednesday - Aug. 14**  
**12:21 a.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on West Road Soccer Fields.  
**8:43 a.m.** Medical Emergency reported at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.  
**2:49 p.m.** Sudden Death investigated by six officers on Prairie Lane.  
**3:54 p.m.** Drone Incursion investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.  
**4:14 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Boulder Drive.  
**8:06 p.m.** Criminal mis-

chief investigated on Hovey Road.  
**Thursday - Aug. 15**  
**9:13 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Constitution Drive. Starjuline Marie Francis-Content, 29, of Londonderry charged Theft by Unauthorized Taking (two prior convictions); and Theft By Unauthorized Taking \$0-\$1000.  
**9:39 a.m.** Auto fire on Perkins Road, vehicle towed.  
**6:13 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Boulder Drive.  
**10:42 p.m.** Missing Person investigated four officers on Winding Pond Road.  
**Friday - Aug. 16**  
**1:07 a.m.** Vin Verification by three officers leads to arrest on Fairway Road. John Vandal, 55, of Lon-

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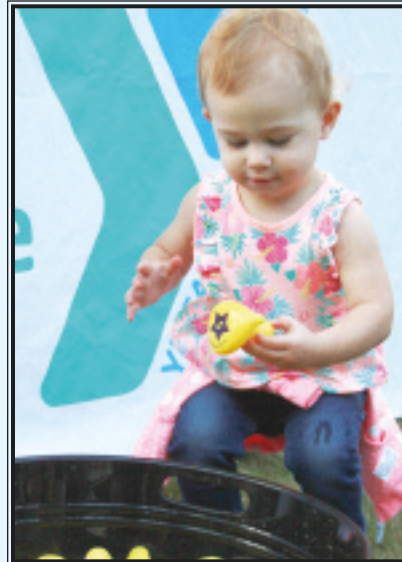
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## Police Log

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donderry charged with Criminal Trespass.

**2:56 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Fairway Road.

**5:06 p.m.** Auto Fire on Nashua Road.

**7:59 p.m.** Eight officers respond to an attempted suicide on Jewel Court.

**Saturday - Aug. 17**

**1:29 a.m.** Three officers respond to disturbance on Vista Ridge Drive.

**5:02 a.m.** Assault victim transported to hospital from Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

**3:10 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Woodhenge Circle.

**3:29 p.m.** Neighborhood Disputes investigated on King Henry Drive.

**6:41 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident results in arrest made on Adams Road at Cross Road. Four officers assist in charging Luke Mizoras, 47, of Hudson

with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor.

**8:46 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to Arrests made on Mammoth Road at Nashua Road. Five officers charge Robert Munroe, 47, of Hudson with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor; Protective Custody - Alcohol.

Robin Russell, 60, of Manchester charged with Stalking - Notice of Order.

**9:16 p.m.** Overdose transported to hospital from Hall Road.

**10:06 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Bockes Road.

**Sunday - Aug. 18**

**12:05 p.m.** Report of suspicious activity results in transport to hospital from Rockingham Road.

**2:43 p.m.** Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Pine Street.

**11:45 p.m.** Arrest made for a report of Sex Offenses at Burger King on Nashua Road. A homeless

man, Mark Douglas Campbell, 43, charged with Indecent Exposure/Lewdness.

**1:28 p.m.** Services rendered for Trespassing on Commons Drive.

**7:15 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident Investigated by five officers on High Range Road at Litchfield Road.

**8:07 p.m.** Motor vehicle Stop leads to Arrest on Orchard View Drive at Shaws. Five officers charge Raymond Lachance, 37, of Londonderry with: Tail Lamp and Reflectors on motor vehicle infraction; Unregistered Vehicle; Driving after Revoke/suspension (DUI); Resisting Arrest/Detention; Disobeying an Officer; and Reckless Conduct.

**9:25 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Pinyon Place.

**11:23 p.m.** Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on Pine Street.

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