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## Dance Party

Jessica Ellsworth and stepson Jayden Faucher cut loose during the Old Home Day Friday Night Concert at Londonderry High School. The concert was just one of the many activities going on during the five-day celebration.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Rockingham County Declared to be in Severe Drought by Feds

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While no water ban is yet in place, the Town of Londonderry is urging residents to be cautious and conservative in their water usage, even as the Federal government has

declared Rockingham County a disaster area because of severe drought.

Town Manager Kevin Smith issued an advisory on the town Web site this past week, asking residents to be careful in their water use, and referring them to state sources for more information.

In particular, he referred them to a Department of Environmental Services (DES) bulletin stating that Rockingham County is one of eight New Hampshire counties considered to be in "extreme drought."

The letter attributed

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## Town Councilor Reacts to Letter on Multifamily Housing

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A town official and a member of the School District administrative team engaged in a war of words recently on the subject of multifamily housing.

At the Aug. 15 Town Council meeting, Councilor Thomas Freda sharply criticized School District Business Administrator Peter Curro over a letter Curro wrote to the Planning Board on July 10. Freda's remarks were read into the record as he defended the Planning Board and chairman Art Rugg.

Curro's original letter, dated July 10 and written

as a private citizen, spoke of the "negative impact" of multifamily development. In earlier debates on residential versus commercial development, he stated that Londonderry officials had determined "we don't want to be in the boat Derry is in," referring to Derry's numerous apartments and residential developments and not enough business or industry to mitigate the tax impact.

Curro stated that multifamily development had a negative tax impact and put stress on the capacity of the public schools.

Curro's boss, Superintendent Nathan Greenberg, recently wrote to

the Planning Board asking that it not approve a zoning change for a proposed multifamily development, stating that approval of the change would put undue stress on the district he supervises.

Curro charged the Planning Board with being "reactionary" and noted, "The developers do not always have the best interests of the town at hand. They are in it for profit."

He contended that the Planning Board should be more proactive in bringing the kind of development Londonderry needs.

In particular, Curro

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## Londonderry Schools Start New Year on Aug. 29

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry schools will open Monday, Aug. 29, with a student population "in the neighborhood" of 4,360, according to Superintendent Nathan Greenberg.

In a phone interview Friday, Greenberg emphasized that this number is subject to change. "We still have people continuing to walk in," he said. "It changes every day."

The tentative number is flat from the number they ended the school year with last spring, and 506 over the projected enrollment for 2016-17, Greenberg said.

And they are younger. "Sixty-five percent of our new registrations are elementary students, and 29 percent of those are first-graders," Greenberg said, pointing to a pattern of younger families moving into town. On his own block, a house recently sold to a family with a kindergartener and 2-year-old, he said. He is also anticipating more students, particularly in the North School area, from new developments such as Lorden Commons.

But Greenberg cautioned that the numbers won't be firm until Oct. 1, the date the state Depart-

ment of Education uses for its benchmark.

Londonderry children will be exposed to a number of new programs, on all three levels of education, Greenberg said. He's excited about one initiative, I-Ready, overseen by Assistant Superintendent Scott Laliberte. I-Ready was piloted last year,

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# Old Home Day Parade and Common Bring Town Together



Whether you were just there for the parade or spent Saturday on the Town Common there was plenty to do during the annual Old Home Day celebration. The event is always a great way for residents to see what the town has to offer and share time with friends while enjoying food and fun.

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## School

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Greenberg said, and involves a computerized assessment program along with reading and math curriculum.

He'll continue to build on the foundation he has, including encouraging high school students to take part in the "dual enrollment" program. LHS students can enroll in more than 30 college courses in order to gain college credit, and two students are on track to receive both high school and associate degrees this spring, he said.

College itself has been a focus, with 94 percent of the 2016 graduating class enrolled in either two- or four-year programs. "Our

goal was 95 percent by 2020, and we are well on the way," Greenberg said.

Also at the high school, the staff has expanded the school's Futures Lab, in which students create digital portfolios for college and careers. "I am really pleased with that," Greenberg said.

The schools will continue to emphasize STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), with a Bosch grant allowing an after-school STEM program at South Elementary School. Greenberg said one of the physics teachers from the high school will team up with the elementary teachers to give children an extracurricular head start on STEM.

"We have a whole host of things coming up," Greenberg said, adding, "It's going to be a good year."

An orientation for students in grades 1, 6 and 9, to introduce them to their new schools, will be held Friday, Aug. 26.

Bus routes are posted online at [www.londonderry.org/departments/business\\_office/bus\\_routes](http://www.londonderry.org/departments/business_office/bus_routes).

Business Manager Peter Curro announced the following new services for parents of bus riders: an alert system and a GPS (global positioning system) software tracking system.

Curro wrote in a memo, "We believe these services will enhance both the service and communication of transport-

ing our students to and from school. Both systems are expected to be available shortly after the opening of school. The alert system will be used to inform parents/guardians when an issue is known regarding your students' bus route. When we are notified of an issue regarding a bus route, a text message will be sent to the address you provided to the School District. The text will provide a brief message informing you of the issue impacting the transportation of your student(s) and what alternate plans, if any, you may need to make given the text message.

Curro wrote, "The service is free to all parents

and relies on you providing us a current cell phone number or email address and the preferred method for receiving a message."

The GPS system will allow administrators to see how buses are progressing through their route, where buses are located at a certain points, and track the times of stops and routes. Parents, at their discretion, can purchase an application to download the GPS service and track the location of their student(s) bus.

For more information, call the district office at 432-6920.

The first day of school for Moose Hill Kinder-

garten is Monday, Aug. 29, with kindergarten students attending with their parents on an abbreviated schedule. Children will attend school without their parents on Aug. 30.

Children who will be 5 by Sept. 30 are eligible for kindergarten; to register, call the district office at 432-6920, ext. 1112 to set up an appointment.

Hours of operation are: Londonderry High School, 7:20 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Londonderry Middle School, 8:05 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.; and elementary schools, 8:50 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. Hours for Moose Hill are morning kindergarten, 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. and afternoon kindergarten, 12:30 to 3:05 p.m.

## Housing

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criticized the decision to allow an Uncle Bob's storage facility to open in the north end of town. He said that area would be better served by a pharmacy, grocery store or bank. The Planning Board, he said, should be focusing development on filling the voids.

He also asked for more town parks and centers of recreation, and lamented the loss of the "rural character" of the town.

But Freda countered, "Mr. Curro is entitled to his own opinion. He is not entitled to his own facts."

Freda's statement said that Curro had pointed to no study that showed multifamily housing had a

negative impact on taxes. "In two studies done by the Planning Board, multifamily housing was shown to have a positive impact," Freda said in his statement. He urged the School Board to produce its own studies, noting that last month the board had to go to the Planning Department for projected enrollment information.

Freda also reacted to Curro's complaint that the Planning Board was reactionary. "The Planning Board does indeed react to plans," Freda said. "But they can't pick land and order other people how to develop it."

The "Uncle Bob's" parcel sat undeveloped for 10 years, according to Freda. "Nobody wanted to put a bank, pharmacy or

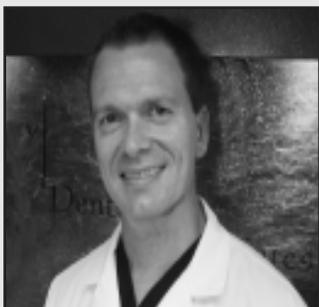
supermarket there," he said. "The one person who wanted to develop it risked their time, money and effort."

Freda, who served on the Planning Board for five years, said Curro was not "signing the checks or risking his own money" when he criticized the board.

In a phone interview last week, Freda said he thought he had to speak out because he knew members of the Planning Board would not respond. He knows the work those people do, he said.

Also in a phone interview last week, Curro said he would have to go back and look at his letter to the Planning Board. He did not respond further as of press time.

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# Editorial

## A New Year Begins

How can it be? Wasn't it just a few short weeks ago that school let out for the summer? But even with the intense heat, there's more than a glimpse of fall in the air already, and the first day of the new school year arrives next week.

Even as the old season starts to fade, the opening of the school year brings with it a sense of everything new once again. Empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger set, untouched crayons, all bearing an excitement about what lies ahead. And for those of us long past worrying about where we'll sit in the classroom and whether we'll remember the locker combination, we have our memories.

For parents, the start of school is sure to bring a sudden wave of nostalgia and the reality that the years are passing quickly. But school also brings an obligation for parents, just as it does for students.

What parents think of school is conveyed to their children. Parents who attend open houses, participate in Parent Teacher Association activities if their work schedules allow, meet the teachers and familiarize themselves with the school buildings, and prioritize homework are

going a long way toward creating a positive learning experience for their children. And we all know kids learn by example.

Just as it's a child's job to attend classes and pay attention, it's a parent's role to be involved with their child's education. A teacher can only do so much; how much value parents place on the learning process goes a long way toward making that learning possible.

We hear a lot about team building in schools, but the most important team to build at this time of year is the one involving parents, their children, and their teachers. Starting out right, with communication and mutual respect in the forefront, will go a long way toward making this school year a good one for each child.

And a reminder: Be extra cautious around schools and whenever children are walking to and from school. Pay attention to crosswalks, speed limit signs and blinking lights in school zones. Watch out for school buses.

There's nothing like the opening of school to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring. Enjoy!

# Letters

## Auditorium and Field Turf

To the editor:

I would like to state off the top that I am a fiscal conservative who believes in smaller government. That said, I fully support the addition of an auditorium to our high school. In fact, I do not think that adding an auditorium goes far enough.

I believe that we also need to completely revamp our high school athletic facilities by adding multi-use field turf to our fields.

I have seen varying numbers but let's say that the auditorium will cost approximately \$10M to build. Now let's add another \$5M to upgrade our fields for a grand total of \$15M for both projects.

I know what you are saying: "that does not sound fiscally conservative to me." Well it is, and I am about to explain why.

It is all rooted in basic supply and demand economics. Over the next several years, Londonderry is going to add hundreds of housing units and more than 3,600 residents (Londonderry Times, April 30, 2015) as part of the Woodmont Commons project. To quote our Town Manager, Kevin Smith, "In the long term, it keeps Londonderry current, which is very important right now when looking at retaining young people in this area and keeping older folks from moving out of town."

Now, the single greatest draw to any town for a young couple is the school system. Thankfully we have a very good school system but so do our main competitors (Windham and Bedford) for those young families. When Woodmont Commons is complete, it will increase the supply of homes in our town with-

out necessarily increasing the demand for homes.

I am sure that most will agree that the overall school facilities at our neighboring towns are a better draw for a young family. If you agree, then guess what happens? The value of every home in Londonderry goes down. High supply without the accompanying high demand means that your equity goes down, your resale value goes down, your ability to sell or refinance goes down, and your ability to do a reverse mortgage is mitigated.

The best and most effective way to increase demand is to aggressively invest in our school system.

Now, I fully understand the tax ramifications of my proposal, especially in these trying economic times, where wages have declined while taxes have increased. This is strictly a macroeconomic view of the situation and how, in the long run, the property tax impact will be dwarfed by the appraised (not assessed) value of your home as a result of the increased demand.

Tony Ramy  
Londonderry

## Rebuttal to Baldasaro

To the editor:

In defending his position in attacking the father of a deceased combat veteran, Mr. Baldasaro claims it is because Mr. Khan "has deep roots into Sharia law and the Clinton Foundation."

The first is like saying I have deep roots in Biblical law. Mr. Khan has said, "Sharia law as we have titled it, there is no such thing as Sharia law. These are laws of various Muslim countries, which are hodgepodge of Finnish

laws, French laws, Portuguese laws. In there, there is tremendous discrimination of genders which disqualifies them under the Constitution of United States, cannot be implemented, cannot be brought."

As for deep roots into the Clinton Foundation, Snopes.com found that this claim is "Completely lacking ...in any actual evidence whatsoever that Khizr Khan has, or has ever had, any 'deep legal and financial connections' to Hillary Clinton or the Saudi government."

Once again I exhort Mr. Baldasaro to check his facts before engaging in character assassination. He is free to disagree with the contention that Muslim-Americans love their county and have sacrificed family in defense of it.

Name calling does not get us to the policy issues we need to be discussing in this election. For example, there is a great disparity in the tax policies of the respective campaigns. The United States is on track to have a budget deficit of \$534 billion in the current fiscal year and a total of \$9.3 trillion over the coming decade.

Mr. Trump's plan has been revised recently but is essentially the same plan that he posted before. That plan would reduce revenues by over \$9 trillion over the next 10 years – a plan that would double the estimated deficit over the next decade.

Mrs. Clinton's plan would increase revenue by \$1.1 trillion over the same period, which she would use to fund priority initiatives such as reducing the cost of college education. There are more issues in just the relative approach to taxes that should be discussed.

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We should all be aware of the differences in approach that each candidate would employ if elected. Not just economic policy but defense, education, infrastructure and more. I think we would all benefit from an open exchange of ideas and options.

James Green  
Londonderry

## Thomas for State Rep

To the editor:  
As Chairman of the New Hampshire House Science, Technology and Energy Committee, and having first-hand knowledge of Doug Thomas on my committee, I endorse Doug for New Hampshire State Representative.

In our committee, he worked hard to review the various bills that were assigned to us. He provided good insight on the issues by the questions he asked during testimony. I appointed him to the security position and he was responsible to ensure action in the event of a situation. He also served to

review, collect and provide to the Chair the public's comments during public hearings. In addition, he initiated and organized committee "field trips" so that the members could get a first-hand look at related businesses and agencies.

He received several positive comments from both sides on the professionalism and organization of the trips. Doug followed his principles and was present for nearly every committee vote. He is a valued committee member and I support him at the Sept. 13 primary to continue his work in the future.

Bob Introne  
State Representative  
Chairman, House  
Science, Technology  
and Energy  
R-Londonderry

## Defends Baldasaro

To the editor:  
How is it that people can write a hit piece against a retired Marine and now sitting State Representative and the editor does nothing to fact check it? When I composed a letter concerning our town council the edi-

tor wished to insert some information representing the other side. So how it is that these attack pieces were published with no "inserts" from the editor?

That said, let's go back over some of the facts. Representative Baldasaro never attacked soldier Humayun Khan. He attacked the father, Khizr Kahn. Remember it was Khizr who had attacked Trump, starting the feud.

So check your facts, people. What Representative Baldasaro said in his response letter is true. Khizr Kahn history is out there for people to see if one just bothers to research it. But most won't. They will just watch CNN and listen to their propaganda.

Next on Bengazi. Sorry, those who wish to disregard facts. Hillary knew it was not a protest, she knew that night. She emailed her daughter and Egyptian Prime Minister Kandil the next morning. She told them that it was not about a video. This is days before she told the grieving families the blatant lie that the attack was about an internet video. Now she claims

she never told them that and they are lying. For crying out loud, there is video of her saying it at the coffin ceremony!

She also had assets in the area that could have saved our men but she chose to go home that night. Fact! Go look it up (these are part of the recent leaked emails). Since we are on the email topic, people, wake up. Clinton had the private server to avoid FOIA requests. She says it was a "mistake". She did it on purpose and broke the law about confidential information! If you or I made this "mistake," we would be in jail now.

Look at the emails the FBI released to Congress. They are so confidential that most of the oversight committee (members of Congress) do not have clearance to look at them!

But heck, just vote for her anyway. American lives and laws mean nothing anymore, right. Yeah, much better to demonize and ridicule those who are honest but not politically correct. Sigh.

Eric Lynch  
Londonderry

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# OBITUARY

## Daniel R. Johnson



Daniel R. Johnson, 43, of Londonderry died suddenly on Aug. 18, 2016 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon.

Born in Attleboro, Mass., on May 18, 1973, he was raised in North Attleboro, Mass., where he graduated with the class of 1991.

He received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Northeastern University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Boston University.

He was employed by Fidelity Investments for over 13 years before moving to his most recent position as Director of Global Operations at Riverbed Technologies.

He volunteered many hours over his lifetime, most recently as the treasurer of the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus Council 6049 and as treasurer of the Londonderry Lancers Gridiron Club. He was a member of St. Jude Parish in Londonderry.

He played many sports growing up, and loved watching and coaching his boys and their friends on various teams. He was an avid reader and loved football and the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Debra A. (Pelland) Johnson; their three children, Hannah, Benjamin and Andrew, all of Londonderry; his parents, Larry and LaVonne Johnson of North Attleboro, Mass.; his brothers Robert Johnson and his wife, Gloria, of Gypsum, Colo., and Kent Johnson and wife, Julie, of North Attleboro, Mass.; and 25 nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were Aug. 23 at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. Burial was at Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Road, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Johnson College Fund, P.O. box 771, Londonderry, NH 03053. To send a condolence or for more information, visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



## Marie's Corner

Getting off on the right foot as school begins this fall.

Educators know that there are direct correlations between parental involvement and student academic success. As the new school year begins, please take advantage of the easy access technology has afforded us, and keep in touch with your student's school, teacher, and what is happening in the classroom.

### To know:

- Names, email addresses, and phone numbers of teachers.
- School office phone number and how to access the school webpage
- How to access teacher webpages
- Email address for Principal and Assistant Principal
- How to access the School District Web page
- Superintendent office contact information
- How to contact School Board Members

### Don't forget:

- If your child receives special services, make sure these services have not changed. With each budget cycle, budget items are revisited and changes may occur.
- Complete or update all personal contact information forms, and return these to school immediately. The school/teacher needs to be able to reach you!
- Attend Teacher/Parent Night (Open-House) in September.
- Keep the current school year calendar handy
- Attend PTA meetings - at least the first one of the school year.

Be talking to you soon,  
Marie

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# Zoning Board Denies Colonial Drive Subdivision Rehearing Request

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has voted 5-0 to deny a request for a rehearing of the Moreau Living Trust variance request.

The board had voted 4-0 in June to approve the variance request to allow a subdivision of an 8-acre lot with a right-of-way to Colonial Drive into two

single-family lots, each with 50-foot frontage.

Bob Feldman et al had requested a rehearing.

In June, when the board approved the variance request, it did not see any diminution of property values to the abutters from the proposed subdivision. The board also thought the subdivision would activate the conservation overlay restrictions, pro-

viding greater protections for the wetlands and for abutters. The board members said the proposed subdivision was a reasonable use of the property.

At that hearing, a half dozen abutters spoke in opposition to the plan, claiming diminution of their property values, loss of conservation land and wildlife, and objection to the 50-foot frontage when their properties were

required to have 150-foot frontage. Several said the plan was squeezing houses in behind their homes, and others were concerned about the impact on the wetlands and drainage.

At the July 20 ZBA meeting, Feldman filed a request for a rehearing. He provided the ZBA with 20 pages of information at that time, and the board opted to take time to review Feldman's material

before rendering a decision on a rehearing. Chairman Jim Smith said that because the 30-day appeal period would expire before the next ZBA meeting in August, it would be necessary to suspend the case to buy time for review, and the board voted 5-0 to do that.

On Wednesday night, Aug. 17, Smith asked the board members for their opinions and reasoning regarding the rehearing request after reviewing the material submitted.

Alternate member Suzanne Brunelle said that in

her review of the material she didn't see anything new or any information that was different from what was presented at the hearing. She added that she thinks some of the things stated were not accurate or legal.

The rest of the board agreed, saying they had seen nothing new in the material submitted that would change their original decision.

A motion was made to deny the request for a rehearing and the board voted 5-0 to deny the rehearing request.

## Drought

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the drought conditions to "a combination of a below-average snowpack in the spring, little precipitation to recharge the groundwater, an increase of evapotranspiration in the summer, and the inability of New Hampshire watersheds to store large volumes of water due to their geology." The conditions have led to a designation of the northern half of the state as being in abnormally dry conditions and the southern half in severe drought.

Mary Stampone, state climatologist, was quoted as saying that relief is not forecasted for the near future, and drought conditions will most likely continue into the fall.

More than 100 public water systems have im-

plemented outdoor water use restrictions in the seven counties, including Rockingham. Those under restrictions are asked to refrain from using water outdoors except for hand-watering of vegetable gardens until precipitation mitigates the drought conditions.

According to the press release, saving water for essential uses, such as drinking, cooking and cleaning of clothes and dishes and limiting non-essential uses such as watering of lawns is the most effective way to sustain water supplies until enough rain is received to replenish water sources.

Rockingham County is also one of eight New Hampshire counties declared a disaster area on Aug. 17. A press release from the U.S. Department of Agriculture stated,

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated eight counties in New Hampshire as primary natural disaster areas due to losses caused by freeze and unseasonably warm temperatures that occurred from Feb. 1, 2016, through April 30, 2016."

The designation qualified farmers and ranchers in the area for low-interest loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack stated in the press release, "Our hearts go out to those New Hampshire farmers and ranchers affected by

recent natural disasters. President Obama and I are committed to ensuring that agriculture remains a bright spot in our nation's economy by sustaining the successes of America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities through these difficult times. We're also telling New Hampshire producers that USDA stands with you and your communities when severe weather and natural disasters threaten to disrupt your livelihood.

Those wanting further information on water conservation may visit [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) and scroll through the "A-Z List" to the "Drought Management Program." For more information on the farm and ranch loans, visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

## OBITUARY

Brian N. Sullivan



Brian N. Sullivan, 45, of Pittsfield died unexpectedly Aug. 18, 2016 in Concord.

He was born in Malden, Mass., on June 18, 1971, the son of Brian Sullivan and Grace (Vetromile) Cunliffe.

He served his country for 24 years as a member of the U.S Air Force.

He is survived by his son, Brian S. Sullivan; three daughters, Mikayla L. Sullivan, Alyssa L. Sullivan and Ava M. Sullivan; his brother, Joshua M. Sullivan; his sister, Shannon K. Sullivan; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial, with military honors, will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcrest Road, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, make memorial contributions to the "For Benefit of Brian's Kids" page at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) or send checks, payable to "Brian's Kids," to Peabody Funeral Home. To send a condolence or for more information, visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# New Staff Joins Londonderry School District This Year

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There will be some new faces as the Londonderry schools open their doors Monday, and they won't all be toting backpacks.

Suzie Swenson, Human Resources Director for the Londonderry School District, and Superintendent Nathan Greenberg have released the list of certified teachers who will join the Londonderry team this fall. It has been a busy summer, Swenson said, citing several retirements last spring that made it necessary to fill positions.

The following new hires have been made:

- Administration, Steve Secor, assistant principal, high school; Shawn Flynn, curriculum coordinator, high school, as previously reported by the London-

derry Times;

- Londonderry High School, Jillian Hannon and Julie Hinse, Special Education; Sally Olson, foreign language; Hannah Willis, math;

- Londonderry Middle School, Jessica Bisson and Alison Falcone, Special Education; Courtney Cheetham and Kaitlin Shaughnessy, math; Samantha Dargie, English; Darci Drylie, science; and Rachel Yakey, reading;

- Matthew Thornton Elementary School, Karen DeMeo, Special Curriculum; Ashley Enger, reading; and Molly Kralich, Amanda Nault and Hannah Norton, classroom teachers;

- North Elementary School, Jennifer Hoyt and Brianna Roberts, classroom teachers;

- South Elementary School, Jessica Gallant,

Kelsey Hardy, Natasha Lupiani and Suzanne Smith, Special Education; Melanie Lantagne, classroom teacher;

- Moose Hill Kindergarten, Kerri McCutcheon, classroom teacher; Kelsey Tsonas, Special Education;

- All elementary schools, Victoria Ficker, physical education;

- District-wide, Amy Bahan and Stephanie Messina, psychologists; Christa Jeck and Josie Letendre, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages); Kerin Murray, Special Education; and

- Allied Health, Alexandra Demos and Maria Hoffman, speech-language pathologists and Heidi Dubuque, occupational therapist.

New teacher workshops were held Aug. 23, with workshops for all faculty on Aug. 24, 25 and 26.



## Scholarship Winners

The Londonderry Women's Club awarded three 2016 high school graduates with \$1,000 each in scholarships. The scholarships were presented by Marissa Twomey, far left, and Sylvia Roberts, far right, to Erik Mikutel and Holly Grodt, who will both be attending the University of New Hampshire. The third recipient, Cody Eklund, not pictured, will attend the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health.

*Courtesy photo*

## Election Letters

The Londonderry Times will not be accepting Letters to the Editor pertaining to the Sept. 13 election after its Sept. 1 edition, other than to correct any inaccuracies in previous letters. It is the paper's policy that running election letters that week would not give residents time to correct inaccuracies. Letters deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29.

## Letters

Continued from page 5

### Thomas for State Rep.

To the editor:

Primary Election Day is just around the corner on Sept. 13. There are many candidates running for various state and federal positions and I hope we have a great turnout.

I am running for reelection to a second term as one of Londonderry's

State Representatives and I ask for your support. As a member of the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee, I've strived to reduce electricity bills and constantly look for ways to reduce subsidies and hidden taxes in a bid to reduce rate-payers' costs. I continue to support local control of schools and parental rights, lower business taxes, and Second Amendment rights.

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that put the state in jeopardy of having a state income or sales tax.

I've enjoyed representing Londonderry and was pleased to assist or facilitate several constituents in various issues. Please stop and say hello as you go to the polls on Sept. 13. Don't forget to visit my website at [www.doughomasnh.com](http://www.doughomasnh.com) for more information.

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# Bygone Eras Brought to Life at Morrison House on Old Home Day



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# Band Camp 'Starts the Fire' With Music by Billy Joel



The Londonderry High School Band & Colorguard held its annual Band Camp last week with this year's group consisting of 265 students. The theme for this year's halftime show is "The Music of Billy Joel," with music and drill written by LHS staff Serge Beaulieu. Drum Majors for this year are Nick Ramy, Anna Kembal-Cook, and Julia Turk. The Colorguard Captains are Kendra Chisholm and Maiah Morani. They will debut the show at the first home football game on Friday, September 9, when the Lancers take on Manchester Central.  
*Photos by Chris Paul*

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Gallstones range in size from as small as a grain of sand to as large as a golf ball. Some people develop just one gallstone, while others develop many gallstones at the same time. Gallstones are common in the United States. People who experience symptoms from their gallstones usually require gallbladder removal surgery. Gallstones that don't cause any signs and symptoms typically don't need treatment. Gallstones may cause no signs or symptoms. If a gallstone lodges in a duct and causes a blockage, signs and symptoms may result, such as sudden and rapidly intensifying pain in the upper right portion of your abdomen; sudden and rapidly intensifying pain in the center of your abdomen, just below your breastbone; back pain between your shoulder blades and/or pain in your right shoulder. Gallstone pain may last several minutes to a few hours.

It's not clear what causes gallstones to form. Doctors think gallstones may result when your bile contains too much cholesterol; your bile contains too much bilirubin or your gallbladder doesn't empty correctly. The most common type of gallstones, called cholesterol gallstones, often appears yellow in color. These gallstones are composed mainly of undissolved cholesterol, although they can also have other components. Pigment gallstones are dark brown or black stones form when your bile contains too much bilirubin.

Factors that may increase your risk of gallstones include being female; being age 60 or older; being an American Indian; being a Mexican-American; being overweight or obese; being pregnant; eating a high-fat diet; eating a high-cholesterol diet; eating a low-fiber diet; having a family history of gallstones;

having diabetes; losing weight very quickly; taking cholesterol-lowering medications or taking medications that contain estrogen, such as hormone therapy drugs.

Make an appointment with your doctor if you have any signs or symptoms that worry you. Seek immediate care if you develop signs and symptoms of a serious gallstone complication, such as abdominal pain so intense that you can't sit still or find a comfortable position; yellowing of your skin and the whites of your eyes or a high fever with chills.

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# Kidz Nite Means Fun For Everyone



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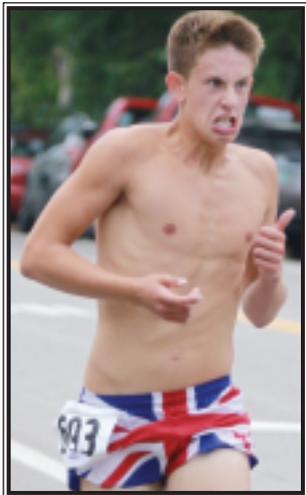


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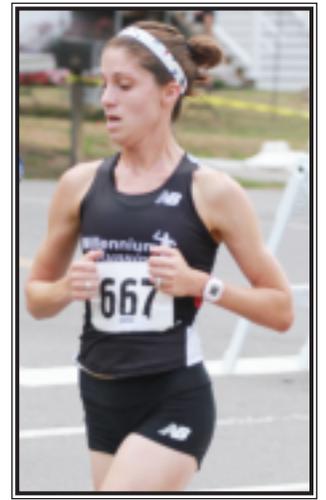
## Former Lancer Schrank Wins the 37th Old Home Day Race



Noah Schrank



Over 200 runners head out from the starting line in front of the grange on Mammoth Road early Saturday morning during the annual Londonderry Old Home Day/Lundgren 5K Road Race. Photos by Chris Paul



Jennifer Mortimer

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After finishing second in the 2015 Londonderry Old Home Day/Lundgren 5K Road Race last summer, recent Londonderry High School graduate Noah Schrank moved up one spot and bagged the race title at the 2016 event in near-perfect running conditions Saturday, Aug. 20.

Former Londonderry High cross-country and track and field stalwart Schrank - who will be off to the University of Rhode Island this fall - even bested his finishing time from

16 minutes and 54.4 seconds in 2015 to 16:38.8 in winning this year's race. He also repeated as the event's 17-19 male division winner in the process.

The 2016 race had three more finishers this time around than last summer, with 212 racers crossing the finish line to cheers from a substantial and spirited early-morning crowd.

Other former and current Londonderry High athletes also busted their way across the finish line among the top five placers, including Chris Zaino in second (17:00.3), Cam

Dickson in third (17:19.4), and Declan Hotter in fifth (17:55.4). Raymond resident and 40-49 men's division champ Alberto Barrid finished fourth overall in 17:53.2.

As former Old Home Days race director Larry Martin predicted, former collegiate running star Jennifer Mortimer - spouse of ex-Londonderry High multi-sport star John Mortimer - was the women's winner of the race, ending up ninth overall in 18:25.3. Current LHS running standout Kalin Gregoire placed second (20:02.9) and 19th

overall, and former Londonderry High running stalwart Alissa Rogers placed third among the ladies and 21st overall in 20:03.9. Bedford resident Mortimer was also the 30-39-year-old ladies' division champ, Gregoire won the 13-16-year-old girls' division, and Rogers was tops among the 20-29-year-old females.

"This is the event that really starts Old Home Days, and I have a lot of people who come up to me and say this is the only race they run all year," said a proud Larry Martin. "It's something people

look forward to."

Current race director Matt Smith, overseeing his second Old Home Day Race, was also extremely pleased with the way the 2016 event went.

"It's all been great. The volunteers have been wonderful, the runners, everything has been wonderful," said the soft-spoken Londonderry High cross-country and track coach.

Other age group winners included a slew of Londonderry residents: Grace McDonough (12-and-under girls, 22:35.8); Elizabeth Stubbs (17-19 girls, 23:50.5);

Andrew Young (12-and-under boys, 21:49.3); Declan Hotter (13-16 males); Josh Leahy (20-29 males, 19:24.1); Matt Raylinsky (30-39 males, 19:59); Paul Leahy (50-59 males, 20:59.2), and Jim Prucha (70-79 men's class, 31:16.6).

The Old Home Day records established by Dave Dunham way back in 1991 (14:44) and Maribel Sanchez in 2000 (17:35) went unthreatened again this time around.

As is always the case, the Londonderry Track Scholarship Fund benefits from funds raised at the annual race.

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# Local Teen Booter Contributes to Bay State, National Title Teams

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's rare to find an athlete who can claim to have been on both a state championship team and a national championship squad by the age of 14.

But Londonderry teenager Olivia Stowell is just such an athlete.

The incoming Londonderry High School freshman was the only New Hampshire resident to play on the FC Boston U-14 girls' soccer squad that won the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) Massachusetts State Cup in June and then drove on to a national title with still more overwhelming success at the U.S. Soccer Nationals in Aurora, Colo., during late July.

Stowell and her teammates went undefeated in their "super-group" placement division at the national tournament and ended up collecting the crown. And Stowell played a significant role in all of the FC Boston success.

"Olivia is an ambitious soccer player who strives

to be excellent every time she steps on the soccer pitch," said team coach Mo Keita. "She's a true team player and selfless in many ways in her game. Olivia travels from Londonderry to the (Massachusetts) South Shore for practices and games, and her commitment level is far beyond any other player I've encountered. She is one of the most versatile players at her age in New England. She is dangerous with or without the ball, and every opponent she goes against always respects her ability."

Stowell has been able to train at U.S. Soccer National Training centers on a monthly basis since the age of 11, and she's part of a small, exclusive regional pool of players.

"Liv makes the sacrifice of a longer commute to training because ECNL is not offered in New Hampshire, and only a few sanctioned girls' soccer clubs have this league and the closest is in Massachusetts," said Stowell's proud mom, Kristy Stow-



Londonderry teen Olivia Stowell poses proudly with FC Boston U-14 soccer coach Mo Keita and an impressive trophy after their squad won a national title in Colorado this summer. Courtesy photo

ell. "She travels to Boston three times a week to practice and train with Mo Keita. She has so much drive, and she's hard-working in soccer and academics."

The local girl and her

the first of those two FC Boston goals.

Then it was on to the nationals in Colorado from July 22-25, with 156 teams in attendance. The FC Boston crew ended up being one of just two teams that didn't have a loss in the entire tournament.

In the qualifying round at the nationals - which was played in hot weather at an altitude of 6,000 feet - the Bostonians bagged a 5-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Riverhounds' Development Academy team, then a 2-0 whitewashing of the New Jersey Wildcats-Averbuch team, and then a 3-0 blanking of the Samba Woodbury Soccer Club of Minnesota.

But after battling heat and humidity, the FC Boston crew's title matchup with the STA contingent from New Jersey on July 25 was played in near-perfect, 70-degree conditions on a nice grass pitch. And the New Englanders strode away with a memorable 4-3 victory.

The FC Boston side

scored first three minutes into the game, but the Jersey side then responded with two relatively quick goals and changed the momentum. And the first half ended with FC Boston trailing 2-1.

But it was a determined FC Boston side that took the field for the second half, and it scored three goals in the first nine minutes to snare a 4-2 lead.

The New Englanders then possessed the ball and wore out most of the remaining time on the game clock, keeping much of the play in the STA end. Liv Stowell was a member of the FC Boston attack crew that pressured the beleaguered STA defenders relentlessly.

The New Jersey crew lowered its deficit to a single goal at 4-3 late in the contest after being awarded a penalty kick, but FC Boston had little trouble closing out the game after that. And then it was on to a joyful celebration.



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# Lady Lancer Spikers are Looking at a Rebuild During 2016 Campaign

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Following a roller-coaster-ride of a 2015 season in which it went 9-10 overall with a first-round exit from the state tournament, the Londonderry High girls' volleyball squad lost a tremendous amount of talent to graduation.

Hence, coach Dave Starin and his youthful 2016 Lady Lancers will need to take a very measured, one-step-at-a-time approach to their campaign this fall as they look to become a competitive entity in tough Division I.

Starin only has four returning players from a 2015 Londonderry High contingent that went an

impressive 7-2 in its first nine matches, and then a disappointing 2-7 in its last nine to wind up 9-9 overall and the number 11 seed going into the Division I tournament. The locals were then bested by the sixth-ranked Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals of Nashua in round one of that tourney.

Those returnees include starters junior middle hitter Josie Collins and sophomore outside-hitter Maddie Sanborn - who has extremely deep roots at Londonderry High - along with their fellow returnees senior outside-hitter Emily Vrettos and junior setter Ashley Andrews.

Sanborn is the grand-

daughter of Larry Martin, who was one of the founders of the boys' track and field and cross-country programs as well as a math teacher at LHS; the daughter of current Londonderry High track and field assistant coach and math teacher Amy Sanborn, and the daughter of former LHS track and field coach Joe Sanborn.

The Lady Lancer volleyball contingent's big crew of promising newcomers includes senior defensive specialist Morgan Grant, juniors Meghan Brown (a middle-hitter), Caitin Leach (right side), Carina Pento (OH), and Jenna Peterson (setter), sophomores Gillian

Lynch (right side) and Alyssa Pento (libero), and freshman Anna Haas (setter).

When asked to look at his squad's keys to a successful 2016 campaign, Starin stated, "Being such a young team, we are working on the fundamentals every day. We are placing an emphasis on our serve-serve, service, and reading our opponents. Strides will be made throughout the course of the season, and we will see where our hard work takes us."

The girls' volleyball program will go without a freshman team for the first time in a number of years this fall. That decision was made after try-



Josie Collins is one of just two returning starters to the LHS girls' varsity volleyball squad this autumn.

Photo by Chris Paul

outs had been completed. And when he takes a look at which teams he thinks will provide the highest levels of competition this fall, Starin lands on the defending state champions from Hollis-Brookline and the same BG Lady Cardinals who ended the 2015 LHS squad's season.

# New Lancer Golf Coach Grant Aiming to Maximize Players' Skills

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Former Londonderry High School varsity golf coach Scott Simard was known for being able to motivate his athletes and help them get the most out of their skills during his years as that program's leader. And his 2016 replacement - former LHS junior varsity golf mentor Dan Grant - also has every reason to believe he can do the same things for and with this fall's Lancer contingent.

Grant - who has also coached sub-varsity football squads in his years at

Londonderry High - inherits a Lancer varsity crew that finished its 2015 season just under the .500 mark at 9-11 with a ninth-place finish at the state championship team competition at the end of that campaign.

Along with his years of experience working with athletes in multiple sports, Grant has already made it pretty plain that he'll use his notably dry sense of humor to help keep his golfers loose as they take on a sport which can obviously have its high-stress moments.

Returning starters to the Lancer fold this fall

include seniors Nick McCann, who Grant calls his squad's "Greens Specialist," and Jack Cowette, who the coach refers to as the contingent's "Grizzled Veteran."

Also among the the returning LHS starters are sophomore standouts Brian Boyle, Anthony Cavallaro, and Tom Marcantonio, who Grant refers to as "Young Gun I, Young Gun II, and Young Gun III" respectively.

Also returning to the Lancers' varsity fold is junior Kyle MacEachern, who has drawn the nickname "The Silent Assassin" from the new varsity

leader.

Grant's group's promising newcomers include senior Tommy Dutra ("The Late Bloomer"), junior Ryan Montibello ("Carl Spackler Reincarnated," referring to the legendary "Caddyshack" character

played by Bill Murray), and freshman Sam Seibert (The Rookie").

When asked what his squad's keys to a successful season will be, Grant said, "Their belief in their ability as individuals, their ability to overcome

mistakes, and their confidence."

In taking a look at Division I and the competition his charges will face, Grant expects the Bedford High Bulldogs to potentially have the strongest crew this fall.

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# Cops Burn Firemen by a 43-6 Count in Annual Softball Game

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Police Department team had very little trouble extending its winning streak in the annual Londonderry Old Home Day softball series against the town's fire department squad when those rival teams met in their 2016 contest on the Matthew Thornton School field last Friday night, Aug. 19.

The police crew hammered out an astounding 49 hits and enjoyed a pair of 12-run innings in pumeling the fire department squad by a 43-6 score. That huge success pushed the cops to their fifth consecutive win in the annual series and their 10th victory in the last 11 meetings.

The police contingent plated at least three runs



Detective Chris Olson smacked several hits on the night well into the outfield to help add some of the police team's many runs. Photos by Chris Paul



Fire Department pitcher Bruce Hallowell makes a grab as second baseman Peter DeVoe backs him up during last week's annual Old Home Day contest.

in each of the six innings in which it batted, tallying

a dozen runs in both the second and sixth frames. The firemen scored once in the first inning, three times in the third, and

once each in the sixth and seventh innings in notching their six runs. The losing side finished up with a total of 13 hits.

The victorious police team consisted of Chuck Nickerson, Mark Morrison, Chris Olson, Dan Perry, Justin Hallock, Nick Pinardi, Junior Garcia, Keith Lee, Jim Freda, Tom Olsen, and Randy Duguay.

The fire department crew was made up of Peter DeVoe, Jeremy Mague, Steve Cotton, Zach O'Brien, Riley Northrup, Chris Scho-

field, Brian Schofield, Mike Roberson, and Bruce Hallowell.

Tom Olsen proved to be an absolute RBI machine for the winning side, pounding a pair of three-run home runs and then a two-run blast and a run-scoring single before having to leave to play in another softball contest elsewhere.

The beefy batsman bashed his first three-run blast in the top of the first inning, and drove in no less than five of his team's 12 markers in the top of the second with another three-run jack and a two-run homer in that frame alone.

In the fire department's biggest frame - that three-run bottom half of the third - Mague's two-run double was the big smack.

The contest drew good crowds of spirited supporters for both teams, and the squads were later generously treated to pizza and drinks by the Londonderry Lions Club once their hard and hot work on the diamond had been completed as a thank you for all those two departments do for the community.

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# Londonderry High Graduates Excel in Collegiate Athletics

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Since opening in the late 1970s, Londonderry High School has been able to take great pride in the fact that many LHS Lancers have gone on to fine collegiate athletic careers in New England and beyond.

And this past spring was no different where that's concerned, with ex-Lancer and Lady Lancer athletic standouts making major contributions in as many spring sports as there are in the collegiate world.

Cases in point are former LHS softball stars Jess Reynolds and Melissa Sprague and Londonderry High grad Jack Perry, who has gone on to excel in rowing at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts after not even getting to compete in that high school club sport in his years at LHS. The Londonderry High rowing club didn't get started until after Perry collected his diploma from LHS nearly a handful of years ago.

Reynolds concluded her softball career at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass., this past spring with an exceptional senior season.

The versatile senior played multiple defensive positions, and played them well, in helping her Lesley Lynx to a strong 2016 campaign in which

they went 22-17 overall and made it all the way to the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) Championship game, that they lost to Newbury College.

The Lesley contingent posted a 13-5 record in the NECC and went 11-2 on its home diamond.

Former Lady Lancer standout Reynolds led her Lynx crew in hitting with a .467 batting average, finished third in home runs (3) and stolen bases (8), and fourth on the team in runs batted in (27) and runs scored (32).

She also amassed a very solid fielding percentage of .915 playing multiple defensive positions.

The psychology major was one of six Lynx players named to NECC All-Conference teams following that stellar senior season for coach Jen Benway's crew.

"Jess started her softball career at the Londonderry Athletic Field Association when she was 7, and she played all through school, including four years on the varsity team at LHS," said Reynolds' mom, Kim. "I'm so proud of my daughter, and it's a true testament to the great beginnings LAFA can bring to local athletes."

And softball wasn't the only sport in which Reynolds excelled at Lesley during the 2015-16 school year.

"In addition to her monster year for our softball team, she helped lead our volleyball team to the conference championship match and the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament," said Lesley University sports information director Brian Muldoon.

Reynolds also starred in volleyball for coach Peter Willis during her years at Londonderry High.

Lancer softball coach Wayne MacDougall also has reasons to take pride in looking at the collegiate successes of his Lady Lancers like Reynolds and Melissa Sprague, who enjoyed an excellent freshman season for the University of New England women's softball team in Biddeford, Maine, this past spring.

After being named a First-Team All-State selection and the New Hampshire Division I Pitcher of the Year during her senior high school season of 2015, Sprague didn't miss a beat upon moving on to the collegiate level.

The medical-biology major won Commonwealth Coast Conference Rookie of the Week honors during the 2016 campaign en route to a successful freshman season.

Sprague pitched in 21 of her talented Nor-Easterns' 40 games, collecting a 2-2 record with a superb 1.47 earned run average and five saves in 52 1/3



Former LHS softball standout Jess Reynolds finished her college career at Lesley University in great fashion last spring. Photo courtesy Lesley University

innings worth of work. The talented hurler struck out 54 batters and walking just 11. She drew six starts and held opposing hitters to a tiny batting average of .218.

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The former Lady Lancer helped coach Dan Letellier's talented team to an excellent 25-15 overall record with a 13-5 conference record and a 10-4 mark on its home diamond.

And Jack Perry was one of 15 WPI rowers who collected post-season honors following the 2016 spring campaign.

Junior Perry was a first-time recipient of a National Invitational Rowing Championships (NIRC) All-Academic Award along with eight of his fellow WPI rowers.

For a student/athlete to be named to the NIRC All-Academic Team, they must have completed one full year at their institution, maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.35, and be recognized as a varsity letter-winner on their university's specific squad.

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**Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [calendar@nutpub.net](mailto:calendar@nutpub.net).

## Fall Bulb Sale

The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library are holding their Fall Bulb Sale, now through Friday, Sept. 23. New this year are color-themed gardens and 60 days of tulips. Purple alliums are also for sale, along with many other flowers. Come to the library to view all the selections in the catalogue. Orders can be placed at the library's main desk.

## Coffee Shop Chat

Rabbi Peter Levy of Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Reverend Ray Bonin of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, both in Derry, will host an open discussion Thursday, Aug. 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Coffeeberries in the Apple Tree Mall, 4 Orchard View Drive, Londonderry. Additional discussions are planned for Sept. 8 and 22 at the same time and place. There is no agenda or proselytizing, only an opportunity to gain an understanding of a variety of viewpoints by talking and listening to each other. For information, call 432-0004 or email [rabbi@etzhayim.org](mailto:rabbi@etzhayim.org).

## Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to correct the checklist and register new voters. Voters should bring proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate or passport, a photo ID, and proof of residency. Affidavits are available for missing documents. This is the last day to register to vote before the State Primary on Sept. 13. No party affiliation changes will be accepted before the Primary. Registrations will be accepted on Election Day with proper documents, but lines could be long.

## Chamber Nominations

The Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Com-

merce seeks nominations for its annual Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year awards. The Citizen award recognizes a resident who has contributed to the betterment of the community through volunteer service and civic leadership; the Business award recognizes a business or organization demonstrating outstanding leadership and contributions to growth of the business community and dedication to community service. Nominations close Tuesday, Sept. 6 at [gldchamber.org/awards](http://gldchamber.org/awards). Nominees or nominators need not be Chamber members. The awards will be presented Oct. 6.

## Senior Center Construction

The Senior Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 through Friday, Sept. 9. Seniors will relocate to the Lions Hall starting Sept. 12 for the duration of the construction project at the Senior Center, and will use the Lions Hall Mondays through Thursdays in September and October. The facility will also be closed Sept. 29 and Oct. 10 and 11.

## Girls Lax Boosters

The Londonderry Quick Sticks Girls Lacrosse Booster Club will be holding its annual Board of Directors election at its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at Londonderry High School. All members all welcome.

## Search for Town's Oldest Citizen

The town of Londonderry is searching for town's oldest citizen to be presented The Boston Post Cane. The Boston Post Cane tradition started in 1909 when the Boston Post newspaper delivered the cane to 700 towns in New England for them to be presented to the oldest citizens. Candidates must be the oldest known citizen in town documented

by birth certificate, passport or voter registration; a resident of Londonderry for at least 25 years; and a U.S. Citizen, Naturalized or registered voter. For more info contact: Kay Webber, Londonderry Historical Society, 24 Peabody Row, Londonderry. Call 432-2886. Deadline is Sept. 30.

## Free Meals

The Community Meals Program offers free meals for all area residents, as follows: Friday, Aug. 26, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry; and Sunday, Aug. 28, lunch, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Sunshine Soup Kitchen, Crystal Avenue in Derry, serves dinner at 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

## Road Paving

Continuing into the fall, the Town of Londonderry will begin paving the following roads: Boyd, Harvey near #22, Harvey from the Reserve Center to Pettengill, Industrial Drive from Pettengill to Commerce Way, and portions of Kendall Pond Road, King Arthur Drive, McAllister Drive, Merlin Place, Pettengill from Planeview Drive to Industrial Drive, Stokes, West from Wiley Hill Road to Quarry Drive, and White Plains Avenue. For questions, call the Department of Public Works at 432-1100, ext. 193.

## Women's Club Scholarship

The Londonderry Women's Club is accepting applications for an adult female scholarship in the amount of \$500. The requirements are: must be a female at least 25 years of age and a current resident of Londonderry; and must be currently enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution and have completed a minimum of half of



## Winning Smiles

There were 15 girls and 18 boys vying for the cutest babies in town during the annual Old Home Day Baby Contest. The title of Little Miss Londonderry went to Rilynn Michaud and the Little Master sash went to Luca Young. The winners are pictured with their moms, Sara Boehm, right, and Christyna Young along with Miss Londonderry, Kaley Missert and Miss Manchester, Kaitlyn Soucy.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

the time or credits toward the named graduate degree, certificate or licensing program. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 30, and are available at the Leach Library and online at [www.londonderrywomenclub.org](http://www.londonderrywomenclub.org).

## Blues Concert for Vets

Local musician Dennis Martin, a veteran, is once again bringing a Blues Festival to the Londonderry Town Common. His second annual event is Aug. 27 from noon to 4 p.m. His band, Dr. Harps Blues Revue, as well as the Rock Rimmon Blues Band and the Rick Shea Band, will perform. No admission will be charged, but attendees are asked to contribute to Veterans Count. Vendors, ice cream and a barbecue are planned. Bring chairs or a blanket for seating.

## Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets Friday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 Hampstead Road, Derry. The program will be "Gardening is Murder!" with Neal Sanders, the author of 10 mysteries, several using garden club settings. He offers a husband's humorous point of view on gardening and will discuss horticulture advice on gardening with humor. The luncheon will be provided by the committee. Members are asked to bring items for the food pantry. This meeting is also

the 81st anniversary celebration of the club.

## Holiday Closing

The Leach Library will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day.

## Reptiles & Amphibians

"Scales and Skins: Reptiles & Amphibians of New Hampshire" will be presented by MacLane Audubon at the Leach Library on Monday, Sept. 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. to compare the similarities and differences between reptiles and amphibians. Live animals and props will demonstrate characteristics of these cold-blooded creatures. Live animal visitors may include a corn snake, box turtle and frog. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

## Model Railroading

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association continues its Derry Fun Night programs the second Friday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Seacoast Division members will offer their expertise in model railroading to explain how to get into the hobby. The series theme is "So, you want to..." The Sept. 9 meeting will cover "So...What did you do trackside this summer?" Bring photos and stories about the hobby. One

presentation will be of a train trip on the Cass Scenic Railroad in West Virginia. For details, visit: [seacoastnmra.org/calendar](http://seacoastnmra.org/calendar).

## Synagogue Open House

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road in Derry will host an open house for new and prospective members on Sunday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. It will feature a tour, questions and answers, bagels, and coffee. Visitors may speak with Rabbi Peter Levy, the education director, and other members of the community. For more information, visit: [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org) or call 432-0004.

## Family Workshop

The Granite YMCA and The Upper Room partner to present a free, four-part workshop for parents, grandparents and teens to promote family communication. The program kicks off Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6:15 p.m. at Londonderry Middle School, 313 Mammoth Road. The series is designed to promote safe and open communication in families and practice of communication skills. Topics include distracted driving, depression, understanding one's digital footprint, and making choices about drugs and alcohol. Other session dates are Dec. 1, and Jan. 19 and March 23, 2017, all from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Londonderry Middle School. Advance registration is requested at 437-8477.

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# Londonderry's Little Drummer Boy

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In a plot on the north side of Pleasant View Cemetery is the grave of James M. Lurvey. The upright stone is inscribed with the names of James and his wife, Sarah, along with three other family members. Nearby is a flat military marker proclaiming that James served as a musician in Company A of the 40th Massachusetts Infantry.

His dates of birth and death - 1847 and 1950 - indicate that he lived an unusually long life. But these few gravestone facts tell us little of James's story.

James Marion Lurvey was born on Dec. 2, 1847 in Palmyra, Maine. The family moved to Lowell, Mass., when James was 10. When the Civil War began, 14-year-old James enlisted and became a drummer for the 40th.

Although his unit was transferred to Virginia in 1863, a series of events led James to be stationed with the Medical Corps in Gettysburg, Penn. Too small to carry wounded soldiers, he was assigned to a surgical team, where he was responsible for disposing of amputated limbs. James admitted that the job caused him to "grow up and leave boyhood forever."

After the war, James relocated to New Hampshire. He lived in various locations within the state, including Londonderry, until eventually settling in the Goffs Falls section of Manchester. James became postmaster of that village and this is where he one day landed in trouble.

In late 1902 James caught wind of an upcoming delivery involving a significant amount of cash. Asking his landlady in Providence, R.I., where he was residing temporarily, to cover for him, he vanished for two days, during which time a Boston & Maine station



James L. Lurvey Courtesy photo

agent in Manchester was robbed of a package containing payroll money for a local mill.

James was arrested for the crime because he'd foolishly left at the scene the mask he'd used, a handkerchief stamped with his personal laundry mark. The jury found him guilty but recommended leniency due to his military record. James was nevertheless sentenced to six to 10 years in the state prison, but was pardoned in 1907.

James's claim to fame, however, was not simply that he'd served in the Civil War, lived and raised a family in our neck of the woods, or even that he'd committed a crime. He lived to be 102 years old, making him one of the last Civil War veterans still alive by the mid-twentieth century - one of only three in New England, the only one remaining in New Hampshire, and in fact, the last living link to the Battle of Gettysburg.

After Life Magazine featured a pictorial about these living veterans in 1949, newspaper reporters near and far wanted to interview Lurvey, not only to hear about his war

experiences but also to learn his secret for long life. James attributed the latter to good family genes and a daily dose of what he called "Oh be joyful" - an ounce of brandy in his morning coffee.

James Lurvey was over 100 years old when he went to live at the Veterans Hospital in Bedford, Mass. His centennial birthday had been noted by President Truman, who'd sent him a congratulatory letter. Although physically frail, he never lost his mental faculties and continued the practice of spiking his coffee, though in later years had to substitute whiskey because, as he said, brandy had become too expensive.

To learn more about local history, visit our website at [www.londonderry-history.org](http://www.londonderry-history.org) or attend a meeting, held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. at the Leach Library. If you value Londonderry's history, consider becoming a member. A family membership is \$25 a year and will help us to fulfill our mission of preserving the town's past. We look forward to meeting you!

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# Senior Night Kicks Off Old Home Day



Londonderry seniors were treated to hamburgers and hot dogs on Wednesday night, Aug. 17 by the Lions Club members and served by Old Home Day Committee members, town staff and the St. Jude Maidens of St. Joan of Arc. Before the meal seniors had a chance to win gift baskets during Bingo, and after the meal a Windham Swing Band concert was held on the Town Common.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

# Eversource Warns Its Customers About New Scams

Eversource business and residential customers across the Granite State continue to report receiving unsolicited phone calls and home visits from individuals selling “discounted power” and claiming to be “representatives” or “partners” of Eversource. In light of this, the company is warning customers that these individuals are not affiliated with Eversource and are most likely scammers or third-party suppliers using deceptive marketing tactics.

“If you’re receiving phone calls from someone saying they’re a ‘representative’ of Eversource and offering to sell you discounted power, this is not us,” said Penni Con-

ner, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at Eversource. “Though electricity customers in New Hampshire do have the option of choosing a competitive energy supplier, and most competitive suppliers do follow the rules, we urge customers to do their due diligence and check the validity of any company or offer being made.”

Eversource rarely makes unsolicited phone calls and would never solicit door-to-door on behalf of a competitive supplier. All Eversource employees carry company-issued identification, and any electrical contractors working with the company carry documentation explaining the

nature and location of their work. Customers can always call Eversource to verify this information.

Customers considering a switch to a competitive supplier are urged to evaluate the length and terms of a contract with a supplier, cancellation fees or other related information before providing financial or account information. A list of regis-

tered energy suppliers is available on the Public Utility Commission’s website.

Customers are advised:

- Never to provide a copy of their utility bill or account information to any unsolicited person on the phone, at the door, or online.

- To verify they are speaking with an Eversource representative by asking for basic informa-

tion about their account like the name on the account, the account address, and the exact balance due.

- To close the door or hang up the phone if they don’t feel comfortable.

The company urges anyone who has doubts

about the legitimacy of a call, visit or offer to call Eversource’s toll-free customer service line at 1-800-662-7764. Eversource.com provides more information on how to protect personal information and avoid becoming a victim of utility scams.



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## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

NEW PLANS

Application acceptance and Public Hearing for formal review of a site plan to construct a 6,000 square foot office and warehouse facility and associated site improvements, 4 Enterprise Drive, Map 15, Lot 62-1, Zoned C-II, JBAJ Investment Properties, LLC (Owner) and M Gendron and Son Construction (Applicant)

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