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## Paddle Day

Julian and James Gundrum were two of the many residents that took advantage of the Londonderry Conservation Commission's Paddling event held at Scobie Pond on Saturday, Aug. 3. Folks could bring their kayak, or borrow one from members on hand at the boat landing. See more photos on page 9.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Morrison House Museum Hosts 300 Year Celebration

ANN CHIAMPA  
LONDONDERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Step back in time to the 1700s with us at the Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House Museum on Old Home Day as we celebrate the 300th Anniver-

sary of Nutfield.

On our grounds you'll be able to interact with so many colonial craftsmen and women of the 1700s, see period animals at work, listen to the music of NHSCOT bagpipers and take a Bagpipe TRY-IT class, enjoy pulled pork,

corn-on-the-cob, watermelon and a cool drink at our Pig Roast, and visit the Military encampment of the 1st New Hampshire Regiment which will offer cooking demonstrations, colonial games, children's musket drills and of

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## Old Home Day Committee's Record Keeping a Concern

IDAN VNITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 120th Londonderry Old Home Day Celebration is quickly approaching and will be held between Aug. 14 and Aug. 18.

This year, the event is also working in collaboration with the Nutfield 300th Committee, but a closer look into the Old Home Day Committee (OHDC) might raise a few questions about the way it operates.

There are two main issues: The financial records, including the income and expenditures made by the OHDC and a record of meeting minutes.

The committee stated it is a town authorized committee and both the finances and minutes of how this OHDC operates are of interest to public.

However, after a series of questions raised and asked of different people who are involved with the OHDC's work, the answers remained quite cloudy.

The Town of Londonderry gives tax payer money toward this event. The OHDC also solicits income by way of selling booths at the Town Common for the event and also donations from various organizations.

When asked about seeing the committee's financial records, Kathy Wagner, who is the longtime Chairwoman of the OHDC celebration and also serves as the Town Treasurer (she was paid \$2,500 by the town for her

position as Town Treasurer for the last Fiscal Year), said that all of records could be found at the Town Finance Department and that the department handles all of the money. She added that the Town Manager, Kevin Smith, has a final sign off on financial matters. When approached for this story, the town's Director of Finance and Administration, Justin Campo, said that the town only records, collects and disburses the money on behalf of the committee, but does not determine how the funds are spent.

Old Home Day has a separate account within the town, and Campo said it "acts almost as a pass through for Old Home Day." Each chairperson of the different committee groups submits expense receipts to the town and receives reimbursement, but the public has no real way to know exactly how this year's money is being spent, despite the fact that a portion of this money comes from the town.

Following a Right to Know request, the Londonderry Times received financial records from the past three years.

However, the records received did not give explicit details of where the income to the OHDC came from (booths, donations, etc.) or what the expenditures were for and who made them and to what entity or persons.

When we asked the town about the 2019 celebrations and the funding

that will go to that, they sent us to Wagner, who in turn sent back to the town.

Wagner did however say, that some of the events, such as Concerts on the Common, are part of Old Home Day celebration, but are not organized by the committee.

The Old Home Day website says that all the payments should be sent in checks to the Finance Chair, who is also Wagner.

According to the committee, all the donations are collected by the office of the Town Clerk, Sherry Farrell, who is also listed as the Accounts Manager on Wagner's Visit Londonderry web page according to that website. Sherry Farrell also writes a weekly column in the Derry News. Ms. Farrell is the wife of the Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, who is the Town Council Liaison of the Old Home Day Committee.

When looking on the Old Home Day website and in the town's annual report, published in March, there is no information about any financial records, except one line in the report that shows the beginning balance, total revenues, total expenditures and ending

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# Who Will Be Londonderry's Next Little Miss & Little Master?

Londonderry's youngest residents will once again have the chance to represent their town and participate in friendly competition with their peers. With the help of their parents and guardians, of course. ?

The Old Home Day committee continues to sponsor the annual Baby Contest, a tradition which has spanned over a decade.

The contest will be one of Saturday's first Old

Home Day events.

The Old Home Day Baby Contest offers little ones from ages newborn to toddler the opportunity to be introduced to the fun and tradition that is their town's celebration of history and reflection.

"I would like to remind the residents of Londonderry that this year is the 300th anniversary of Nutfield," said Kristen Ducharme, coordinator for the Old Home Day Baby Contest.

"Old Home Day week is filled with fun activities for all ages." Ducharme continued. "Why not get the youngest ones started with an introduction to the town...it's a great way to kick off Saturday of Old Home Day!"

All babies participating will be Londonderry residents born between August 1st 2018 and August 10th 2019.

Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Best Personality,

Best Dressed, Best Smile, and Little Miss and Little Master Londonderry.

The titles of Little Miss and Little Master are awarded to the babies with the top overall rating for girls and boys respectively within all of the aforementioned categories.

"They're a little too young to judge on talent." joked Ducharme.

As with years past, contestants will walk or be walked across the con-

test stage, with judges ranking each competitor in whichever category they see fit.

The judging panel for the Baby Contest is comprised of volunteer judges, with past years featuring Miss Londonderry and members of the Londonderry Senior Center as judges.

The items found in prize baskets awarded to winners vary each year. Baskets for this year's category winners include

"Little Lancer" onesies for the classes of 2036 and 2037, and sashes for Little Miss and Little Master Londonderry.

Of course, the aim of the contest is first and foremost to provide families with a fun way to participate in and enjoy Old Home Day. ?"We emphasize that this is a fun event. All in good fun." said Ducharme.

From wigglers to walkers, these babies will be sure to delight everyone in attendance. Though there can only be one winner of the Best Smile category, once the competition arrives, the judges and the crowd are sure to be all smiles.

The Baby Contest will be taking place in the Matthew Thornton Gymnasium at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 17.

For those with little ones, whether participating in the contest or not, there is a baby changing station available for families at the Methodist Church across from the common, where numerous activities will be taking place throughout the day.

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# FIRST Robotics Team Concludes Summer Middle School Program

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Robotics team hosted 22 Londonderry Middle School students for a six-week robotics program over the summer. This was the program's second year and it serves as an introduction to robotics for the next generation of

the high school's team.

The final session was held last Wednesday, July 31, with the students presenting to their families the work that they have done over the last month and a half and a mini-competition involving the different projects.

Many of the middle school students who participated in the summer

program expressed interest in joining the Londonderry Middle School FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League competition teams, this upcoming fall.

The summer program, which was based on FIRST Lego League (FLL), is part of the team's initiative to encourage more students to get involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

The program met once a week for two hours and introduced the middle school students with FIRST Robotics, using the LEGO MINDSTORMS platform. While simulating a mini FIRST Lego League competition season, the middle school students learned basic engineering principles, robot design, construction and programming and how to solve specific challenges. Consistent with FLL programs, the participants also learned research and presentation skills.

The PVC Pirates, Londonderry High School's Robotics team, enjoyed a successful year that concluded in April with the team's fifth straight participation in the FIRST Championship, held in Detroit, MI, where they finished 55th overall. Prior to that, the team qualified for the New England Championship in Worcester, MA where they ranked 14th. They also had a sixth place finish in Bedford and an 11th place finish in Durham, in two competitions held in March.

In the Durham competition (The District event), the Pirates won the most prestigious award in FIRST: the Chairman's



Londonderry High School Robotics team captain Jill Maguire explains competition scoring rules as middle school students prepare for a match during the final day of FIRST Step Into Robotics. Parents were invited to observe the mock competition. Courtesy photo

Award that honors teams of FIRST by transforming the culture to inspire today's youth to become science and technology leaders. Award that honors teams that are a model for other teams to emulate and best embody the mission and technology, and encourage more of the culture to inspire today's youth to become science and technology leaders.

## OBITUARY

### William E. Greenwood



William E. Greenwood, 71, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Monday Aug. 5, 2019 surrounded by loving family at Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH. He was born April 18, 1948 in Nashua, NH and was a son of the late Ernest and Charlotte (Turcotte) Greenwood. Mr. Greenwood was raised and educated in Nashua and has been a resident of Londonderry for the past 37 years.

Mr. Greenwood spent his entire working life as a builder and contractor, having built many homes and businesses across the country. He had been employed by Hirsch Construction of Danvers, MA for 20 years prior to his retirement. He enjoyed fishing and the beach, helping others and was known to always have a project going on. Bill loved to attend his grandchildren's sporting events and teaching them all to fish. He will forever be remembered for his great sense of humor and love of being a father and grandfather.

Members of the family include his loving wife of 37 years, Marsha (Atwood) Greenwood of Londonderry, his four daughters and their husbands, Holly (James) Gargano, Colleen Fredrickson, Shauna (Russell) Massahos and Barbara (Sean) Berthiaume, seven grandchildren, Cameron Gargano, Avery Bonanno, Parker and Ireland Fredrickson, Griffin Massahos, Carter and Ahnna Berthiaume, three brothers and their wives, Mark (Louise) Greenwood, Wayne (Joanne) Greenwood and Steven (Linjay) Greenwood, two sisters and their husbands, LuAnn (Kenneth) Moore and Janice (Richard) Reed, a brother-in-law, Frank Weibel and his wife Arlene and his beloved dog "Crosby". He was predeceased by two sisters, Marilyn Greenwood and Charlene Weibel.

After cremation, calling hours will be Saturday Aug. 10, from 1 - 3 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. A Memorial Prayer service will follow at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Community Hospice House 210 Naticook Road, Merrimack, NH 03054. To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

## LHS to Host a New Student Orientation

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2019-2020 school year is quickly approaching and will begin later this month. On Thursday, Aug. 22, Londonderry High School will continue its new tradition with the second year of the "New Student Orientation".

The idea was introduced last year as the senior project of Hailey Robbins, who joined Londonderry High School as a freshman in ninth grade and wanted to give back to all the new students. Robbins created the orientation event, which

takes place right before the new school year begins and serves as a great opportunity for new students to Londonderry to get to know the school. It is open to any ninth to 12th grade students who are brand new to the town.

This year, the event will be hosted by Abby Ellis, as her Senior Project and by Katie Sullivan, the school's Assistant Principal. At 10 a.m. there will be a "Welcome to Lancer Nation" introduction by both Ellis and Sullivan, followed by tour guide advice, getting involved, Mr. Parent and an Ice

Breaker.

At 10:30 the students will have the chance to meet their House Office and receive and introduction from the assistant principals, guidance counselors and administrative assistants. At 11:00 there will be a 45 minute session of "Get to know LHS" with a school tour led by tour guides and a scavenger hunt. The event will conclude with a 15-minute question, comments and closing remarks session, between 11:45 and 12:00.

For more details, parents and students can contact Katie Sullivan at [ksullivan@londonderry.org](mailto:ksullivan@londonderry.org).

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# Editorial

## What is Favoritism, Cronyism, and Nepotism?

Though it goes against ethics, it would seem that people continue being appointed to positions of power, not because of their qualifications, but because of their connections.

With forces such as favoritism, cronyism, and nepotism at work, sometimes it's not who you are, but who you know that gets you through.

Before we get into it, let's define these words that are similar yet different:

Favoritism is defined as the practice of giving unfair preferential treatment to one person or group at the expense of another.

Cronyism is the appointment of friends and associates to positions of authority, without proper regard to their qualifications.

Nepotism is the practice among those with power or influence of favoring relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs.

The difference between nepotism and cronyism is that nepotism more often than not refers to family whereas cronyism refers to an associate or good friend. Favoritism is the broadest of these terms and refers to being part of a group.

Both nepotism and cronyism are often seen at work when political parties recruit candidates for public office.

One may ask, "What do these words have to do with ethics?"

The definition of ethical is: pertaining to or dealing with morals or the principles of morality; pertaining to right and wrong in conduct.

Favoritism, cronyism, and nepotism are simply unethical, because of the unfair advantage given to someone who

is in an inner circle. All candidates are not treated equally, which puts the best interests of the public at risk.

And when people are given certain titles because of their connections rather than because of their work and experience, the service that person renders to the public may be compromised.

Of course, elected officials will not show their favoritism openly, as this would show the connection and the public would view that as unfair. This is why practice of transparency in government hiring, contracting and all processes is necessary.

The appearance of any of these words lends its self to corruption in government and its service, as well as a lack of faith in the people in charge.

Some people will differ in their feelings about the appointment of friends and family in high-level positions, but public officials should be aware that such choices could be considered unfair. Others may restrict the hiring of relatives or friends in more general conflict-of-interest rules.

In general, elected appointed public officials should be aware of the dilemmas involving favoritism, cronyism, and nepotism when it comes to hiring, contracting and all other practices related to government.

Council members, legislators, and public servants should make every effort to ensure that they are working towards the greater good, not what is good for them.

At the least, they may choose to recuse themselves from votes and state the reason why, where social relationships may exert undue influence.

# Letters

## Sign Thank You

To the editor,

We wish to thank KC Signs in Londonderry for donating their services to the town.

The Welcome to Londonderry sign in the

north end was getting damaged by snow and ice from snowplows during winter months.

Rob Casey and his crew did a superb job excavating the sign and moving it 1/4 mile north to a sunny location with more space in the field in

front of T-Quip Sales & Rentals, near the corner of Rockingham and Mammoth Roads.

Thank you!

Paul Margolin  
Londonderry's Solid Waste and Environment Committee

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## "Quarry Rocks" at Hickory Woods Community Event



"The Three Old Guys" performed an outdoor concert at the home of Anne and George Slaney on Quarry Road. The free event was for family & friends of the Slaney's and all the residents of Hickory Woods. Courtesy photo

JOHN J. GOGLIA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On a picture perfect Saturday afternoon on July 27, 2019 the "Three Old Guys" from Manchester entertained approximately 60 people with their music and songs from the 50's to the present. The outdoor concert at the home of Anne & George Slaney on Quarry Road was free to family & friends of the Slaney's and all the residents of Hickory Woods (Over 55 Community), in Londonderry.

This event came about when Anne attended a Cick Cancer Foundation fundraiser and had the

winning bid in a silent auction for the services of the "Three Old Guys". Anne then got together with several residents of Hickory Woods, namely her sister Ellen Medeiros and Joyce Newman and Cheryl Gordon (also sisters), to form a committee to organize the event.

Russell D'Agostino-Duda of Derry, who is the founder of the Cick Cancer Foundation has raised over \$70,000 in support of Dana Farber and the Jimmy Fund. Almost 6 years ago Russell decided that he did not want a traditional 50th birthday party. He instead decided to have a

family and friends fundraiser for cancer because he had lost several family and friends to cancer and also knew several cancer survivors. Eventually, about 150 people showed up for his "50th birthday party" and his foundation was born.

Along the way the foundation picked up support from local businesses and The Three Old Guys have donated their services each year as a silent auction item.

The band was able to get some of the attendees on their feet and singing along for a non-stop two-hour performance.

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# Eversource Gives Up On Northern Pass After Supreme Court Decision

BY GARRY RAYNO  
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Eversource has decided Northern Pass “has no path forward” after the New Hampshire Supreme Court unanimously decided to uphold the Site Evaluation Committee’s decision denying the \$1.6 billion project.

The company filed a document with the Securities and Exchange Commission recently notifying investors it would not go forward with the project.

“After evaluating all potential options following last week’s decision

by the New Hampshire Supreme Court on Northern Pass, it is clear there is no path forward for the project,” said media relations manager William Hinkle. “Consequently, we submitted a filing late Thursday with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission reflecting our conclusion that Northern Pass has unfortunately been brought to an end.”

The 8-K form says the company is taking a charge of \$240 million after applying reimbursement agreements and tax benefits of \$115 million.

The charge is approximately 64 cents a share, the company said in the statement.

The project was first proposed in 2011 and was denied by the SEC in 2018 saying project officials failed to prove the high-voltage, 192-mile transmission line would not unduly impact the orderly development of the region, one of four criteria needed to approve a major utility project.

The state Supreme Court’s decision came two months after oral arguments and essentially

ended the proposed transmission line to ferry Hydro-Quebec power to southern New England.

At the time, the decision disappointed Eversource whose spokesman restated the region’s need for renewable energy, but was cheered by those who fought the project for nearly a decade claiming it would permanently scar the state’s majestic landscape.

“We are deeply disappointed that the New Hampshire Supreme Court reached this decision, but we are grateful for their consideration and deliberation in this case,” Eversource said in a statement earlier this month. “We will closely review the Supreme Court’s decision and evaluate all potential options for moving forward.”

But Thursday, the company filed the paperwork with federal regulators bringing the entire project to a close.

“We remain grateful to our energy partner, Hydro-Québec, for their long-standing commitment to supplying New England with clean, reliable hydropower. We also wish to thank project supporters, including New Hampshire’s business community, our union partner the IBEW and many others, with whom we worked closely over the years to bring this project’s benefits to our customers,” Hinkle said. “The need for new sources of abundant, low-

cost renewable energy in New England remains urgent, and we will continue working toward new, innovative solutions that lower costs for our customers, improve reliability and advance clean energy.”

After the court’s decision, one of the projects biggest supporters, Gov. Chris Sununu, said it was time to move on and focus on other clean energy projects that would lower electric rates.

The SEC voted 7-0 Feb. 1, 2018 to deny Eversource’s application saying the company and its experts failed to provide sufficient and credible evidence for the committee to make an informed decision on the project’s impact on property values, local businesses, tourism and changes in land use.

The committee reaffirmed its decision on the same 7-0 vote in May 2018 after Eversource asked the SEC to reconsider. After that decision, Northern Pass filed its appeal to the Supreme Court.

In filing its appeal, Eversource claimed the SEC statutes and rules on orderly development are vague and open-ended allowing arbitrary decisions and the SEC failed to clarify or offer guidance on the standards.

It also said the SEC

should have continued to deliberate the case instead of stopping once it found the project failed one of the four criteria, and because it stopped deliberations, regulators failed to consider key components which would have addressed the issues raised in the SEC’s ruling. The appeal also said the committee failed to follow statutes and its own rules.

But the state Supreme Court sided with the Site Evaluation Committee.

The project was opposed by environmentalists and conservationists, small business owners, residents along the route, local municipal and planning officials and all but two of the host communities.

The project had the support of large businesses and business organizations, unions and economic development officials.

Northern Pass was originally selected to provide Massachusetts with 1,200 megawatts of Hydro-Quebec energy under that state’s clean power act, but when the SEC denied the project, Massachusetts officials turned to a proposed transmission line through Maine, which is now before that state’s utility and environmental regulators.

## Couple Arrested for Violating Restraining Order, Try to Fight Officer

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Manchester male and a Londonderry female were arrested by the Londonderry Police on Thursday (Aug. 1) after an officer pulled over their motor vehicle.

At 4:19 p.m. Londonderry Police Officer Matthew Morin stopped a vehicle on Perimeter Road at the Triangle Plaza for a checkup.

The officer was able to quickly identify the driver, 22-year-old Samantha Emerson of Londonderry, as the protected side on a Restraining Order. However, he did not know if the passenger who was sitting next to Emerson was the same person that had

the Restraining Order issued against him.

According to the Londonderry Police Department, the passenger lied to the officer when he was asked about his identity and the officer allowed the vehicle to leave, but less than a minute after that, he received evidence that the passenger was indeed Jacob Bourque, 22, of Manchester and that he was not allowed to be near Emerson.

The Londonderry Police officer stopped the vehicle for a second time, presented the passenger with the evidence showing that he is violating a Restraining Order and attempted to arrest him.

At that point, Bourque fought with the officer and was able to flee by foot a short distance, before the officer stopped and arrested him. Upon returning to the vehicle and trying to arrest Emerson as well, she also fought the officer according to the report.

Officers from Manchester and Londonderry then arrived at the scene and assisted with the arrests of the two.

Emerson was charged with Stalking, Domestic Violence and Obstruction of Government Administration. Bourque was charged with Hindering Apprehension/Prosecution and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

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# Londonderry Seniors Will Help Kick Off 120th Old Home Day

MELISSA RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's golden-ager residents will be among the first to enjoy a taste (literally, and figuratively) of Old Home Day fun at the 120th Londonderry Old Home Day celebration.

The town's seniors are invited to the 14th annual Senior Night: an evening of good food, good music, and good times.

Senior Night is a free event, and provides Londonderry elders with a chance to enjoy themselves and be social.

"There's a lot of seniors that don't get to go anywhere," said Cathy Blash, Director of Senior Affairs in Londonderry. "It's important for them to socialize and not be cooped up. This is a nice evening out and they don't have to spend any money. And it's local, so they don't have to travel far to come to it."

Good, old fashioned cook-out food is on the menu for this year's Senior Night, featuring a spread of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad,

chips and beverages planned, with the possibility of a few new menu items.

Dinner will be served under the Lion's Pavilion, offering an atmosphere with a calming, hometown feeling.

This year, the tables at the Pavilion will be seeing some updates to make the night even more special for the town's seniors.

"This year (we) got red and white picnic check pads for the benches, with red and white plastic vinyl to cover each table," said Blash, further mentioning that there will also be centerpieces and vases with flowers on the tables.

Prior to dinner, there will be a fun, friendly game of Bingo being held for all seniors in attendance, with the chance to win fun prizes. Bingo starts at 4 p.m.

Following the meal, the annual concert will take place across the street at the town common. This year, there has been a change in that concert. The Old Home Day and Concert on the Common Series have teamed

up to bring a new band for the Wednesday night concert. The band 'All Summer Long' will replace the longstanding 'Windham Swing Band' for concert-goers to enjoy the sounds of the 'Beach Boys' on the Town Common.

Tickets are required ahead of time, as the event has seen a lively turnout in recent years. Those interested in attending are encouraged to contact the Londonderry Senior Center to see if tickets are still available.

Londonderry residents and members of the Londonderry Senior Center (regardless of residence) are welcome to attend Senior Night.

Bingo will start at 4:00 p.m. at the Lions Pavilion, followed by dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

In the event of rain, Bingo and dinner will be moved to the high school cafeteria.

The day after Senior Night, Thursday, August 15, the Senior Group will be holding an Ice Cream Social at the Londonderry Senior Center from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The price to attend is \$5 for all you can eat ice cream sundaes.

Senior Night is made possible by the Old Home Day Committee and with the help of generous donations of sponsors. The Londonderry Senior Center can be reached by calling (603) 432-8554.

Calendars and newsletters containing upcoming Senior Center



Londonderry Lions Club members will be manning the grill again this year.

activities are available online and at the Leech Library, with events including a Scam Awareness breakfast, Oktoberfest, and the ever-popular Thanksgiving-style Firefighter Luncheon. More information is available on the Senior Center page at [visitlondonderry.com](http://visitlondonderry.com).

For families whose young ones are down in the dumps due to back-to-school season fast approaching, Londonderry's Old Home Days has a night just for them that will help to lift spirits all around.

The 120th Old Home Day celebration will be holding the 18th annual "Kidz" Night on Thursday, Aug. 16, offering entertainment and activities for families with children ages 10 and under.

Activities will include colorful expression through face painting,

imaginative balloon twisting with Bektash Clowns, bouncing good fun in the Fun Bounce bounce houses, riveting and relaxing rides with the Roaming Raceway and Railroad, safety tips and information from A Londonderry Emergency Response Team (ALERT), Local Elementary Schools will have games set up for children and more. Children will get to take a look at Military Vehicles and meet with a variety of costumed characters, and parents will have the opportunity to meet with various Parent Teacher Associations and local

children's businesses.

Kidz Night will be held at the Londonderry Town Common from 5 to 8 p.m. Should rain be in the forecast, the event will be moved to the Londonderry High School Gymnasium.

For more information on Kidz Night, send inquiries to [ohd@londonderry.org](mailto:ohd@londonderry.org).

Although summer break may officially be winding down, the summer fun has yet to fizzle out. As always, the 120th Old Home Days promise to be full of wholesome hometown entertainment for Londonderry citizens of all ages.

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## Old Home Day Committee

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balance of Old Home Day for the Fiscal Year that ended in Jun. 30, 2018.

That information was in the town's annual report under the "Report Special Revenue Accounts" (Page C-58), which led to another question. As mentioned earlier in this story, the Old Home Day committee members emphasize that it is a "committee of the town", but in the same annual report, while Old Home Day could only be found in one line under the "Report Special Revenue Accounts" (Next to the Senior Affairs Program, Sewer, Police Outside Details, Police Airport Division and others), 16 different boards, committees and commissions published their annual report (Not their financial report, but a summary of their activity).

It is also worth mentioning that unlike other boards and committees in town, Old Home Day does not tend to post any open positions on the committee. So is it really a committee? And if not, what is it?

When you go to the town's website and click on the "Boards and Commissions" section, there is an option to enter each board or commission's page. On each of these WebPages, the Meeting Minutes can easily be found and in many of them, there is also an option to see the Meeting Agendas. However, the Old Home Day committee's page has a link to click on that says: "Click here to visit the Old Home Day webpage (Disclaimer: You are leaving the Town of Londonderry's secure website. The website you have selected is an exter-

nal one located on another server. We have no responsibility for an external website)."

In other words, in order to explore the Old Home Day committee's plans and events, there is a need to leave the town's website. A search which was made for this story could not locate any Meeting Minutes or Meeting Agendas for the Old Home Day committee, either in the town's website or the Old Home Day website. It was also not found under the "Minutes & Agendas" section on the town's website.

When asked, Wagner clarified that Old Home Day is a town-authorized committee. Several weeks later, Attorney Michael J. Malaguti, who presented himself as Assistant Town Solicitor for the Town of Londonderry, responded to an email that was originally sent to Wagner and Bob Ciarletta, another member of the Old Home Day committee. Malaguti, in his response, said the Old Home Day "is not a traditional or formal Town committee. Its members are volunteers."

In a second email, a few days later, he attached the Town Council Agenda from May 7, 2001 and Resolution #2001-05 from that meeting. At the meeting, the resolution was read and the Administrative Services Director Troy Brown stated that two years earlier, the Chamber of Commerce informed the town that they would no longer be handling Old Home Day in Londonderry. Brown said that a group of volunteers stepped in to take over managing of Old Home Day and those volunteers

wanted to be officially recognized, so that they will be included under the Town's insurance umbrella. Town Council Chairman Mark Oswald then led the Council's vote, which was 5-0-0 in favor of recognizing Old Home Day Committee as a Town Committee.

Resolution #2001-05 states that part of the Duties/Responsibilities of Old Home Day Committee, like every other Town Committee, are to "Hold meetings, in accordance with RSA Chapter 91-A, on an as needed basis" and also "Maintain a permanent project file that includes but is not limited to: A) Committee minutes, B) Promotional material, C) Correspondence, D) Other Materials as deemed necessary", as well as "Provide periodic reports to the Town Council and media."

Malaguti added in his email that "the documents demonstrate that, however the OHDC evolved into a volunteer committee that did not function as a public body to which the Right-to-Know law applies, that was not the intent when the OHDC was created." He explained that when the Resolution passed in 2001, it said that a town employee, the Administrative Services Director, was appointed to act as an ex-officio member. "Plainly, during the succeeding eighteen years, the Town ceased having an employee or other person appointed to the OHDC and the OHDC stopped functioning as a public body", wrote Malaguti.

Having become aware now of Resolution 2001-05, the Town, said Malaguti, has decided to conduct a training session with the OHDC in

advance of its September 2019 meeting, following this year's Old Home Day celebrations. At that meeting, the OHDC will be provided with copies of Resolution 2001-05 and guidance on how to proceed in accordance with RSA 91-A.

Malaguti said that "the Town cooperates and works with the OHDC because the OHDC provides a service that benefits the citizens of the Town, the OHDC does not perform a governmental function and the Town does not control it."

This just raises more questions and concerns. Who made that decision? At what cost or time of town employees? Is there a limit to the funding? The town sends taxpayers money to the committee and while writing this story, a former town employee raised a complaint about town employees spending too much time on Old Home Day operations instead on their actual job.

In response to the Right to Know law request the Londonderry Times also received a document that was presented as "The Minutes" but looked like meeting agendas. There was no information about who was present at each meeting, who voted for or against different topics, where each meeting took place, who asked questions about the distribution of the committee's budget or personnel and more.

When Wagner was asked about the minutes of the May 16 Old Home Day committee minutes, she answered, in an email on June 4, that all of the minutes are sent by email to members of the com-

mittee and are available for public review. She added that Ciarletta will have the minutes. On June 10, Ciarletta answered that the last meeting (The one from May 16) was at the cable studio so there were no minutes, since it was on TV. When asked if in order to know what happened in the meeting, one must watch the video, he answered yes.

The Municipal Records Law at RSA 33-A:5-a says that the minutes which will form the "permanent record" of meeting of the body will be the version that ultimately ends up as the written word on paper. The New Hampshire Municipal Association's website indicates that "minutes must be made available for public inspection within five business days after the meeting." On Jun. 24, over a month after the meeting and following the two inquires that were made by this newspaper for the story, the May 16 Meeting Minutes were sent to this reporter via email. There are no online archives of these minutes.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association's website also says that "All 'public bodies' are required to have open meetings, and thus must take minutes of their meetings. Public bodies include all committees, boards, subcommittees, agencies, etc." According to Malaguti, "given its informal and non-traditional status, the OHDC does not keep official minutes like is expected of a committee that is controlled by the Town...". He also clarified that the committee is "not a 'public body'. But the "non-

traditional status" plus the town's official aid creates what some can see as a problematic situation that could lead to a conflict of interests.

As a reporter, I was present on June 20, at an Old Home Day Committee meeting and was asked twice during the meeting not to report on subjects that were discussed and leave them "off the record", something that cannot be done in a public session and is only allowed by law in a non-public session and after the body has voted to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session.

When approached regarding this story, Margaret Byrnes, Executive Director at the NH Municipal Association, requested to see the questions to "have a general sense of what you're looking for", as she wrote in an email. Three questions were sent to Ms. Byrnes: What is the main difference between a town committee and a special fund? Should a committee like Londonderry's Old Home Day produce meeting minutes? Can the committee save money from the previous Fiscal Year and use it (as is happening this year with the planned Old Home Day fireworks show) or must this money go back to the town, if it is not used during the year it was intended for?

Ms. Byrnes did not respond to these questions despite two more follow-up emails.

Unfortunately, this story winds up leaving more questions than answers on the subject of how this town committee functions, and keeps track of it finances.

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## 300 Year

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The Historical Society is located at 140 Pillsbury Road.

List of the traditional craftspeople on site from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Rope Maker:** Bill Wasson, a retired naval officer and captain of sailing and commercial vessels, is an accomplished rope maker and rigger who will interpret the craft and demonstrate his talents with a 50' long rope-making rig he created, while engaging help from his willing audience.

**Cooper:** Ron Raiselis, Strawberry Bank's resident Master Cooper is considered to be one of the finest craft interpreters in the country, with work in major museums and private collections. He is one of the few coopers (wooden barrel makers) active in the United States. He'll demonstrate his skills for our visitors and you'll see why his barrels are also in high demand among the brewers of today!

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Raiselis, a devotee of needlework and women's wear of the 18th century, is an accomplished needlewoman and well-known director of a museum in Maine. She brings her extensive knowledge of textiles and many wonderful examples of the millinery arts to engage you.

**Tinsmith:** Larry Leonard, a fine colonial craftsman, will demonstrate tinsmithing for our guest and might even ask you to help him, offering you a hammer if you're so inclined to try! He'll also present a wide variety of tinware used in the 18th and 19th century New England homes. Do you have any tinware in your home? Cookie cutters or a lantern, perhaps?

**Planer and Joyner:** Join Daniel LaCroix at his workbench and watch this consummate woodworker give a hands-on demonstration of plane making and period joinery while explaining his tools and techniques. His work is prized by re-enactors and also museums for their collections and the architectural woodwork he incorporates into their buildings.

**Surgeon:** Need an aching tooth or a musket ball removed? Colonial surgeon Greg Morin might offer aid and will describe in detail his extensive display of medical instruments as well as the treat-

ment methods used on his patients during the late 18th century. His explanations are intricately researched and his engaging portrayal of this colonial surgeon may find you with many questions, speechless, or running for the hills!

**Washerwoman:** Jennifer Roy goes deep into character as an indentured servant trying to pay off her passage to America. Keeping her large wash pot boiling, she continues her chores while interacting with the public, discussing her life in vivid detail, revealing the hardships that she and so many others endured for the sake of freedom.

**Horn Smith:** Skilled in the ancient craft of working with horn, Charles Walker demonstrates how horn was turned into many useful colonial items such as combs, cups, knives, spoons, cooking items and, of course, powder horns. It was also used in lanterns, being valued for its translucency before the widespread use of glass. Don't forget to see the charmingly inscribed version of a young child's school tablet he'll display on Old Home Day!

**Corn Husk Doll Maker:** Bill Jennison, a longtime re-enactor, engages children of all ages in the craft of corn husk doll making. Children in both Native American and Colonial families, wherever corn was grown as a crop, used the natural dried husk of the corncob to fashion dolls. Join in on this understated, simple craft, which has been an Old Home Day favorite of our visitors over the years at the Morrison House Museum.

**Flax Processing:** Peter Cook, a retired museum

curator, is a specialist in pre-industrial textile technology. He will demonstrate and interpret the complete processing of flax from field to spun fiber in the making of linen. Nutfield was founded 300 years ago by Scots-Irish who brought with them the knowledge of linen making, and this heritage craftsman will include the processes that that involved entire households in producing home-spun linen.

**Weaver:** Cathy Goodman is highly experienced in period weaving and spinning and uses original source materials in her detailed demonstrations. Her research for accuracy is extensive and her beautiful display of finished woven work will also include information as to the origins her designs.

**Basket Maker:** Karen Ziino works with a variety of natural materials to make baskets of historical and regional significance. She weaves many specialized forms such as the colonial market basket, egg baskets, those for use in the garden and the rattan Nantucket lightship basket.

**Blacksmith:** Richard Wright, the Smith River Smithy, is noted for his quality hand forged classics and museum quality reproductions. This former Londonderry resident has been actively involved in colonial living history and has volunteered at various museums around New England. He now has his own blacksmith shop, with his main focus on colonial hardware. However, he says, "You never know where the hammer will take you." Well, we do know he'll be coming back to Londonderry with his forge and hammers and we're very excited that

he'll bring the colonial blacksmithing trade to life again with the R.P. Clark & Son Blacksmiths at the Morrison House Museum during this celebration of Nutfield's 300th!

**Gunsmith:** This historical reenactor David Welch has been coming to the Morrison House Museum on Old Home Day for many years as a Lieutenant with Captain Morrill's Company, then with Dearborn's Company, usually behind the cannon. We're so glad he'll be returning this year, now in his role as Gunsmith, and sharing his extensive knowledge of historic armament, long guns and artillery and bringing along some fine examples of muzzleloaders and muskets.

**Sheep Herding:** Tim and Lisa Molinaro, owners of Heartstone Farm, will bring a rare flock of Gulf Coast Native Sheep to our 300th Celebration. The sheep, a heritage breed, will be herded by working Border Collies at Shepherd Tim's command. Lisa will narrate the action as the sheep move from pen to pen. Some shearing is also planned.

**Animal Handler, Artisan Steward:** Jones Gallagher, a self-sustaining farmer, animal handler and set up man, "Jonesy" will circulate on the grounds to give additional support to the animal handlers and the colonial artisans during the day. Feel free to ask him any questions you may have when you see him!

The Morrison House Museum buildings and grounds will be open on Old Home Day from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From 12 noon to 3:00 pm tours will be given of the c.1760 Morrison House Museum, c.1840

R.P. Clark & Son Blacksmiths shop and c.1859 Parmenter Barn.

Inside the Museum will be a new display that features the donation of treasured family heirlooms by two Wallace family cousins that were at our second annual Antiques Appraisal Day back in May. We're excited about their donation and the extensive historical research that has been conducted since receiving it.

Heather Rojo, well known for her Genealogy Blog, "Nutfield Genealogy," now in its 10th year, will be situated inside the Morrison House Museum from 12 noon to 2:00 pm to help you with your genealogical queries or point you in the right direction as how you may best use your time to find answers.

**NHSCOT BAGPIPE TRY-IT:** From noon – 1 p.m. Ever want to learn to play the BAGPIPE? After the Pipes and Drums of NHSCOT march in the OHD parade, some members of the group will come down to the Morrison House Museum grounds and after playing a few tunes for our visitors, will offer a fantastic BAGPIPE TRY-IT class to 12 lucky individuals (first come, first served!)

The Pipes and Drums of NHSCOT is a group organized to "help build the next generation of Pipes and Drummers in support of our mission to preserve and promote Scottish culture for future generations."

**1st New Hampshire Regiment:** Encampment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Cannon firing from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Paddling Event Gets Folks Out On the Waters of Scobie Pond



## 300 Year

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out a military encampment and live cannon firings! Come join this American Revolutionary War reenactment group from 10:00am to 4:00pm as the women in camp give cooking demonstrations, offer young visitors colonial games to play, and run the day-to-day operations of this 1770's encampment. Their Men at Arms will return to camp after marching in the OHD parade and will encourage children who visit the encampment to

"Train and Drill" with them. Of course, the Regiment will be giving demonstrations throughout the afternoon and firing their muskets and loading and firing their trusty canon hourly, with a big finish during the last hour.

**PIG ROAST:** Enjoy pulled pork, corn-on-the-cob, watermelon and a cool drink on a wonderful day celebrating Nutfield's 300th at the Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House Museum! What could be better! Londonderry resident Eric Turcotte, a good friend of the Historical Society and

owner of 'Turcotte Tree Service' is actually donating the pig, having it prepared, and is roasting it starting Friday night, on site, to be ready at lunchtime for our guests on Old Home Day.

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We can't thank Eric Turcotte enough for his generosity and the residents of Londonderry for your incredible support!

Robin Rubin and Judy Wolfe, above, get in sync as they paddle around Scobie Pond on Saturday, Aug. 3 during the Londonderry Conservation Commission's paddling event. Ava, Julian and James Gundrum, left, were also there to take advantage of the kayaks offered by the commission. The event has become an annual tradition and is designed to make residents aware of the conservation land the town owns.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Track Club Closes Out Another Summer of Fun Runs

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 45th year of the annual Kids Summer Fun Run finished another season on Monday, Aug. 5, when the overall winners of the event, organized by the Greater Derry Track Club at the Londonderry High School track, were announced and received a nice gym bag, and medals as their prize.

In the 9-year-olds category, Skylar Marzolf of Derry was the winner and Emily Bugenhagen, also of Derry, finished second overall. Patrick Ramsey and Brayden Gearin of Londonderry took the first and second place in the boys' category and Rowan Nichols of Derry placed third.

Isabella Schreiner of Londonderry won the 10-year-old girls' category and Gemma Murray of Londonderry finished second. Samuel Schreiner was first among the boys and Josiah DelSignore of Londonderry took second. Meara Horan of Londonderry won the 11-year-olds girls' competition, while Eve Klok and Kali Marzolf of Derry went second and third.

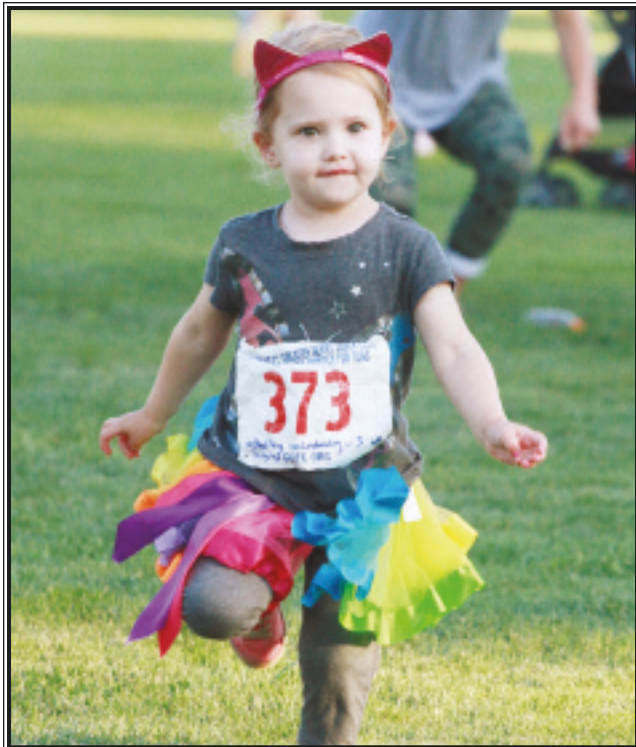
The 12-year-olds girls' winner was Lilliana Cawthorne of Londonderry, with Sophie Dandawa of Derry finishing second and Linsey Gregoire of Londonderry third. In the boys' category, it was 1-2-3 for the Derry kids, with Matthew Morrison winning and Ross Pare and Jacob Hall behind him.

In the 13-year-olds competitions, Michaela Horan of the Derry won among the girls and Bailey Yager of Derry among the

boys. Killian Daron of Londonderry took third place in the boys' runs.

The final runs of the season took place after the prizes were already handed to the winners, and did not add to the summer competition.

In total, 685 kids participated in this year's Fun Runs and food pantries at St. Jude's and St. Thomas Aquinas received over 1,500 pounds of non-perishable food items, donated by the participants.



Hadley Gingras, 3, sprints to a finish.



Runners round the turn at the Londonderry High School Track during the final Fun Run event Monday. Photos by Chris Paul

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# Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament Set for Aug. 23-25

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Just a few months after the tennis courts at the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association (LAFA) were named after beloved coach Skip Burbine, they will be hosting the Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament on Aug. 23-25.

Skip Burbine, who passed away in October of 2018, left a lasting impression on Londonderry sports. He was a passionate sports enthusiast throughout his life and coached both the girls and boys tennis team at Londonderry High School. The 2010 LHS Boy's Tennis Team, which

he coached were first state championship in school history as well as the 2014 girl's singles championship. Skip's son and daughter, Alex and Cassie, were both number one tennis players while playing for the Lancers.

The tournament will begin on Friday, Aug. 23 and conclude on Sunday,

Aug. 25 and each participant is guaranteed at least two matches. The event will feature three different categories: Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles, with a single elimination format and consolation knockout rounds. Cost to register is \$25 per player or \$50 per team.

The benefits from the tournament will go to the Ocular Melanoma Foundation, the Granite State Kids Non-Profit Tennis Organization, the Skip Burbine Memorial Scholarship Fund and other local charities.

Players who wish to register can make check to "Skip Burbine Founda-

tion" 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.

## Three Former Lancer Soccer Players Looking for Increased Roles

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The collegiate fall season is quickly approaching and one of the main sports in this season will be soccer. Three former Londonderry High School soccer players, two females and one male, will be looking to leave their mark on this season and have a bigger impact on their college

teams.

Laurel Goding played last season as a freshman with the Suffolk University team, from downtown Boston, MA. The Rams went 4-10-1, including wins in the final two games of the season, but did not make the tournament. They begin this season with an away game against Elms (Chicopee, MA) on Sep. 1.

Goding was a four-year letterwinner at Londonderry and is studying biology at Suffolk. In college, her best game as a freshman was against Anna Maria on Sep. 12, 2018, a 9-0 victory for the Rams in which she provided an assist and had two shots on goal.

Defender Halle Hamilton had one appearance for the University of New

Hampshire as a freshman, playing the final 12 minutes in a 2-0 home defeat to Hartford on Oct. 21, the final game of the regular season.

The Wildcats finished last season with a 7-9-2 record and lost to the university at Albany in the America East Quarterfinals, 1-0. They begin the new season on Aug. 22 with a home game against

Rhode Island, followed by a home game against Sacred Heart, three days later.

Josh Rutina, who played both soccer and baseball for Londonderry High School and was voted for the Division I All-State team made three appearances for the Saint Anselm soccer team as a freshman.

Rutina played in the

team's final three matches and helped the Hawks to their sole victory of the season, 3-2 over Southern Connecticut State on Oct. 26, the last fixture of the season.

Saint Anselm had a 1-11-3 record and will be kicking off a new season on Sep. 7 with a home game against St. Thomas Aquinas.

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# American Legion Squads Suffer After High School Success

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**L**ondonderry High School's Baseball program enjoyed amazing success during this spring season, with both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams winning the State Championship. But the summer proved to be much different for many of the same players, as both the American Legion Senior and Junior teams suffered disappointing results, and neither of the teams wound up qualifying for the state tournament.

The Senior team finished sixth in District B, out of eight teams, with four making the cut, and had a 6-11 record. The Junior team was eliminated from the playoff race on the final days of the

season, and finished fifth, out of seven, with a 7-11 record. "I am very disappointed with what happened to us", says the Post 27 American Legion Baseball program General Manager Jim Blake in an interview with the Londonderry Times. "Anyone who believes otherwise is kidding himself. We wanted both teams to be in the playoffs and it is important for the kids and parents to know the good and the bad things from this experience."

Blake was one of the program's founders in 1996 and he is also part of the State Committee that organizes the summer season for the legion teams, who participate in a regular season, as well as a showcase tournament and off-season

workouts. He put together the program's philosophy along with the Londonderry High School Varsity Baseball coach Brent Demas and explains that they believe that if the same players play together in the spring and summer seasons for four years during high school, they will win more and have success, "When Londonderry High School won in the past, it was usually in coordination with the same players playing together throughout the year."

Last year, 12 LHS Varsity players participated in the Legion summer program and this year that number spiked to 15. The kids also had winter workouts for the first time in over 20 years. "As a result of all the preparations,

the high school Varsity team had a very good start to the season and ended up with the fourth seed, after everyone thought they'll be in the middle of the pack. They went on to win the State Tournament, surprising themselves and everybody else", says Blake. "So far the story was great. And then everything happened in a very disappointing way as far as our legion team is concerned."

"The best way you could put it is," Blake added. "While it was great that both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams won the State Tournaments, it was probably the worst thing that could have happened to us. The players came to our season with a very bad mental attitude.

They had a championship hangover, no question. Both teams. Sadly, after getting over the hangover, they lacked intensity and focus and lost many close, winnable games that they would and could have won otherwise, if they played with more dedication."

The small rosters did not help either. Instead of going into the season with 15-16 players in the Senior and Junior teams, Post 27 had 13 players in Junior and only 12 in Senior. "Between the two programs, we lost 10 players for all kinds of different reasons. We had to make many changes, play kids out of position and try to fix things."

The Senior team started the Legion season 0-11. At first, the team was

missing its two best players, Nolan Lincoln and Reece Manor, who were crucial in the Lancers championship run and returned the Legion team when it was already in a seven-game losing streak to start the season. "The rest of the players expected Nolan and Reece to carry the team, as they did throughout the entire high school season", says Blake. "It turned out that they basically stood by and watched Nolan and Reece do excellent work. So we still lost four more games."

The team ended the season with a six-game winning streak, climbing out of the last place in the standings and beating strong teams like Derry and Exeter. "We had players in the dugout saying 'it's a shame we didn't start doing this sooner'. They recognized the lost opportunity. I have to believe they won't do this again." The Junior team started 1-7 before going 6-3 in the second half of the season and almost making the playoffs.

"The purpose of summer ball, beyond wins and losses, is really to develop your skills and get better," Blake explains. "And the main disappointment that I and our coaches have is that it took so long for the players on both teams to have the mental intensity and focus to do that. Without that, we develop bad habits and then you are unprepared to make fundamental plays and end up losing games. They lost so many opportunities to get better because they weren't committed."

But despite all these

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## Londonderry 10U Softball Team Finish Fifth in the Nation

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**he 10U Londonderry Lightning Softball team enjoyed a successful tournament at the Babe Ruth World Series event, which was held in Jensen Beach, FL, between July 27 and Aug. 3.

Londonderry qualified to the Babe Ruth World Series after winning the New Hampshire State Championship and had the opportunity to face teams from all over the country. The Lightning, led by head coach Mike Saucier, finished their participation in the Florida tournament with five wins

in seven matches and placed fifth in the nation.

Londonderry had two pool games. On Sunday, July 28, the Lightning got a close 1-0 victory over Levelland from Texas and the next day they beat The Dalles from Oregon, 6-4. The Lightning advanced to the knockout stages, where on Tuesday, July 30, they got a big 11-1 victory over Sikeston from Missouri.

Londonderry was the number four seed, but lost to the fifth seed and eventual runner-ups JPRD East (Metairie, LA) in the next round, 17-1 on Wednesday, July 31. The team continued in the very same day to consolation matches, where it quickly recovered from that loss with wins over The Dalles (14-4) and Levelland (6-5). The next

day Londonderry lost 10-3 to a local team (Oviedo), ending their tournament and a chance to play in the finals.

The team finished its season with a 43-5 overall record and won seven of the eight New England tournaments it entered, including the Babe Ruth Districts, States and the USA Softball State Championship.

The team's roster included: Riley Campo, Caleigh Aguiar, Viv Belanger, Annie Williams, Shannon Crowley, Elisabeth Kearney (led the tournament in strikeouts with 47 over 22.1 innings), Emma Saucier, Regan Burns, Addie Browning and Kenzie Daneau. Coaches: Mike Saucier (Head Coach), Mike Campo, Tara Crowley and Catherine Kearney.



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## Prepping for Fall

A large crowd of freshmen and sophomores headed to the practice fields at Londonderry High School to participate in the three-day Wing T Camp held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Football play-

ers from Londonderry High School, Pinkerton Academy, Pelham and Trinity are getting ready for the upcoming football season, which will be kicking off next month. Junior and senior players were scheduled to participate in the camp Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

# Post 27 Senior Team Closes Season on a High Note in Mass

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's American Legion Senior Baseball team was able to finish its summer season on a high note over the weekend, by winning three out of the four games it played at the New England Baseball College Prep Tournament, held in Northborough, Mass. between Aug. 1 and Aug. 4.

Brandon Fish joined the team for the tournament and had a great

impact, as the Post 27 squad, who started the season with 11 straight losses, ended it with nine wins in its last 10 games.

On Thursday, Aug. 1, Londonderry got a 7-5 victory over the Bases Loaded Bulldogs. Each team scored a run in the third inning and Londonderry took the lead with two more in the fourth, before adding four runs in the seventh. The Bulldogs did not give up and scored three times in the eighth inning to make it a

two-run game, but the Post 27 team got the save from Nolan Lincoln. Anthony Pirolli was good on the mound as a long reliever and added two hits and an RBI. Fish had a home run and a double and Zach Rheault finished the game with three hits and an RBI.

Londonderry played twice the next day, beating Evolution 17U Onyx 7-1 and losing to Team Nike New England 17U, 13-5.

In the first game, the New Hampshire team was

in full control, keeping their rivals off the scoreboard until the very last inning. Owen McDonnell pitched a complete (nine innings) game, allowing only four hits and Fish had his second homer in as many games, part of a three-hit performance. Jake Holdsworth continued his good summer with two hits and three RBIs.

The Nike team, which with one loss in the tournament finals, proved to be too strong for London-

derry. The game was close until it midpoint, with Londonderry only trailing 2-1, before their rivals scored four runs in the fifth inning and completed the task with a five-run ninth inning. Fish had two hits and two RBIs in this game and four other Post 27 players managed to hit the baseball twice, but it was not enough.

Londonderry closed the tournament on Saturday, Aug. 3, with a good 6-5 win over Hit Dr. Diamonds. The first three

batters all scored for the Post 27 team, who jumped into an early lead. That lead was gone when the Diamonds scored four times in the third inning, but

Londonderry regrouped and eventually, got the win thanks to two seventh inning runs. Sean Cavanaugh and Lincoln finished with two hits each and Cavanaugh was also the hero on the mound, pitching six innings as a reliever after Chris Tutt was injured early in the game.

## Legion

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problems, there was also a positive side to the summer ball, "When you are missing a lot of players, by necessity you give chances to others. Our top pitchers in Nolan and Reece not being available on our senior team for the first part of the season gave an opportunity to

guys like Owen MacDonnell, Ryan Killelea and Anthony Pirolli to take their place. They developed on the mound and all three were terrific down the stretch. They took advantage of the opportunity and next year, with Nolan, Owen and Ryan will be a substantial part of the Varsity team."

Pirolli graduated Londonderry High School last

year and went on to be part of the University of Southern Maine Baseball team, but did not play at all as a freshman there. He came to Londonderry this summer with an apparent shoulder problem and received treatment and guidance. "Now he is going back to college after a great summer season, all stretched out and feeling good about his abilities", believes Blake.

"We also had Jake Holdsworth who played JV last year and really progressed during this summer. Sean Cavanaugh and Chris Tutt played well too for the Senior team."

The Junior team was also mostly missing its two leading pitchers, Zach Smith and Kolby Begin, who were with the team but were limited due to their commitment to their AAU teams, "They only

played in the middle of the week and in short stretches for us", says Blake about the duo, who pitched a combined 17 innings for the Post 27 team. "So we had to develop other kids as pitchers in order to complete the season. The fact that we finished 6-3 down the stretch has to do with the development of Holdsworth, Nate Carroll, Justin Dickson and Gavin Parent."

Finally, Blake wanted to praise the two coaches, Jake Ratka who led the Senior team for the second straight year and Ben Byerly, who was the Junior team's coach for the first time and had many of his Junior Varsity players from Londonderry High School following him to the Legion program. "The coaches did a tremendous job under all this circumstances."



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: 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 [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

## Legion Meeting

A Monthly General Meeting for American Legion Post 27 will be held on Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. All members are welcome to attend.

## Karaoke Night

Karaoke with DJ Sharon on Aug. 16, starting at 7 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. Non-members American Legion members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend.

## 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.

## Concerts on the Common

Londonderry Concerts on the Common features All Summer Long Wednesday, Aug. 14, Londonderry Town Common from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This year we were asked by the Old Home Day committee to produce the concert that kicks off all of their festivities. And this is our 120th Old Home Day and the 300th anniversary of Nutfield celebration - no pressure! As such, we wanted to go BIG! This is New England's premiere Beach Boys cover band by far! They have graced our bandstand several times, and it was time to invite them back. Honestly, if you close your eyes and just listen, you'd swear that you are back in the '60's. So put on your flip flops, hop in the woody and get on down to the Common to enjoy this wonderful music. Family friendly, Concerts on the Common are provided by the Londonderry Arts Council. In case of bad weather go Matthew Thornton gym, No Alcoholic or Smoking Permitted. For more information contact: Stephen Lee, Londonderry Arts Council, 603-818-3232, [emai1stephen.lnh@gmail.com](mailto:emai1stephen.lnh@gmail.com)

## Softball and Baseball Mini Camps

Softball and baseball mini camps for ages 10 to 12 years old being offered by Jake Filip at O'Hara Field in Derry New Hampshire Wednesdays Aug. 7, 14, & 21. Price is \$12.50 per session or \$30 for all 3 dates. Softball mini camp is 10:30 a.m. - noon followed by the baseball mini camp offered 12:30 - 2 p.m. on those Wednesdays. Please reserve your spot by emailing [Jacobfilip@yahoo.com](mailto:Jacobfilip@yahoo.com) or by calling 603-479-7694.

## Free RC Air Show

The New Hampshire Flying Tigers will hold a Radio Control Air Show supporting the Wounded Warriors

Project on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 10 - 4 p.m. (rain date Sunday Aug. 18). Held at the Flying Tigers airfield accessed next to the Total Air Supply building on B-Street in Derry, the free event will offer demonstrations of warbirds, helicopters, aerobatics, drones and scale planes all day. Food and refreshments will be available and the public is invited to not only watch the aircraft but also to try flying a radio control aircraft. For information, visit <http://nhflyingtigers.com> or call ABC RC and Hobbies at 458-6481.

## OHD Ice Cream Social

Londonderry Seniors invite the community to their annual ALL-You-Can-Eat Ice Cream Social on Aug. 15 from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Cost will be \$5 per person (children under 3 free). You don't have to be a senior to enjoy this event! There will be a variety of flavors of ice cream, assorted toppings and sauces to try. Bring the grandkids and your friends to this great FUN RAISER! We will be scooping at the Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Londonderry Senior Citizens Inc (LSCI), a non-profit organization which supports the Londonderry Senior Center and programming for seniors from Londonderry and surrounding towns. For more information about the event or membership, please call (603)432-8554.

## Senior Picnic & Concert

The 120th Annual tradition starts with the Senior Citizen's Picnic on Wednesday, Aug. 14. Free BINGO Game (with prizes) starts at 4 p.m. BBQ Picnic Dinner runs from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Pavilion outside the Lion's Hall on Mammoth Road. Menu includes: Fruit Cup, Hamburgers & Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad,

Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips, Ice Cream and beverages of Soda and Water. After dinner, there will be a FREE CONCERT across the street on the Londonderry Town Common. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the High School Cafeteria. FREE Tickets are available at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free Tickets are for Londonderry Senior Residents Only or members of the Londonderry Senior Center. For more information, please call the Londonderry Senior Center at (603)432-8554.

## Old Home Day Baby Contest

Calling all Londonderry babies! The Old Home Day Baby Contest will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 9 a.m. in the Matthew Thornton Gym. All pre-registered babies born between Aug. 1, 2018 - Aug. 10, 2019 are welcome! Please contact [ohdbabycontest@outlook.com](mailto:ohdbabycontest@outlook.com) for details or to register. \$10 registration fee will be collected at the door. Come take part in this fun annual event for the youngest residents of Londonderry!

## Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Aug. 10, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 15 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com) or call the church secretary at 434-1516

## 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. To register, please either make a check out to "Skip Burbine Foundation" with entry names in memo and mail to 2 McEnroe Drive, Londonderry, NH, 03053, or use the site Venmo @burbine22 with entry names in the subject line, or use the site PayPal [burbine22@gmail.com](mailto:burbine22@gmail.com) with entry name in PayPal subject description. For more information email [burbine22@gmail.com](mailto:burbine22@gmail.com) or you can call either 603-553-1526, 603-247-8510, or 603-204-0829.

## 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

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## 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. The library will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 17, for Old Home Day.

## Commemorative Bookmark

Stop by the front desk of the Leach Library beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12 and ending at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16 to pick up a commemorative bookmark to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Nutfield, 1719-2019.

## 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)

## Space Explorers

Join us at the Leach Library on Friday, Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. to tell us something interesting you know about space or the universe. Do you have a favorite fact about a star or planet? Do you dream about traveling into space some day? Tell us about it and receive a small gift. Registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127.

## Ice Cream Social

The Upper Room will have an Ice Cream Social and Open House on Aug. 14 from 3 - 6 p.m. at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Join us for a family fun event right in our own backyard. Ice cream with all the topping, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Music, and family fun Outdoor games. To learn more about The Upper Room, please visit [URteachers.org](http://URteachers.org).

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groups. For an appointment, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 24.

### ETZ Hayim Youth Education Program

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) - Jew-

ish 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 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 Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("DECOFT"), 1 Hood Rd., Derry on Aug. 11 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. For more information call 432-2130. Dinner at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry on Aug. 17 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. For more information call 434-4767. Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS"), 1-1.2 Hood Rd., Derry on Aug. 18 from 5 - 6:15 p.m. For more information call 432-0004. 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 Salvation Army will have a Summer Lunch Program from July 9 - Aug. 22. The Sonshine Soup Kitchen is serving free hot meals 5 days a week.

### Children's Summer Reading Program

This summer, get ready for a "Universe of Stories" during our Summer's Reading Program! All reading program participants will work together to try to read enough books to make two trips around the Earth, a total of 49,802 miles. Each book read will equal one mile of our journey. Follow the progress of our rocket ship as it makes its way around the Earth two times!

### 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, Wednes-

days 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.

### Londonderry Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Aug. 21, From 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers) Proof of age, Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

### 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.

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

## Police Log

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Threatening investigated on Reed Street.

**8:07 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with Investigation on Rockingham Road at 7-Eleven.

**Sunday - Aug. 4**

**10:10 a.m.** Attempted Suicide transported to hospital from Coteville Road.

**10:12 a.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Mammoth Road at Londonderry Police Department.

**2:14 p.m.** Overdose transported to hospital from Wedgewood Drive.

**3:29 p.m.** Trespassing investigated on Pillsbury Road.

**4:15 p.m.** Drug Offenses investigated on Mercury Drive.

**7:41 p.m.** Four officers respond to Attempted Suicide on Perkins Road and assist with transport to hospital.

**11:50 p.m.** Fireworks complaint investigated on Stonehenge Road.



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