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## First Day High Five

Second grade student Natalie Bishop was greeted with a big high five by North Elementary School Assistant Principal Jill Connors while getting off bus on the first day of school on Tuesday morning.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## School District Replies to Town's 91-A Right to Know Request

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's Superintendent of Schools, Scott Laliberte, answered on Jul. 30 a 91-A Right to Know Law request that was filed by the town's GIS (Geographical Information Systems

and Comprehensive Planner, Amy Kizak, five days earlier.

In his answer to Kizak, Laliberte thanks her for the clarification of the request, which limits the time frame for the information requested to documents from the last 12

months. "This will help the District speed up gathering the records you have requested", wrote the Superintendent.

He added: "Please be advised that while the District recognizes and supports the right of

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## Addition Request Stalled Because of Planning Glitch

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The owners of 8 Tanager Way came before the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for variances required to complete already-started home additions including a sunroom, a gazebo attached to the sunroom and the expansion of an existing cement patio around an existing pool.

The town code enforcement officer halted the project in June because part of the project was within the Conservation Overlay District

(COD). If granted, the variances would allow some or part of the project to continue.

Before Jeff Moulton of Moulton Engineering presented the case for the variances, the ZBA read into the record letters of support from neighbors at 3, 5, 10, 16 and 17 Tanager Way.

In making his pitch, Moulton said the owner knew that a mistake had been made and that the owner wanted to find an acceptable solution. He claimed that the owner's contractor had told, Ryan and Kimberly Ouellette,

(the owners of the property) that he took care in obtaining a proper building permit from the town.

He said that the owners were willing to put in a gutter and dry well system that would direct runoff at the high part of the property to keep it from running toward the wetland. Moulton said that this would be better environmentally than if the additions had not been in the COD because then there would not be a stormwater management system.

Ryan Ouellette added  
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## Electronic Signs Approved For Three More Gas Stations

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The owner of three gas stations in Londonderry returned to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) after one of their cases was continued during the July ZBA meeting. The applicant sought a variance to update their roadside signs to use changeable, electronic LED technology to advertise their fuel prices.

At the July meeting, ZBA Chair Neil Dunn suggested the continuance to clear up an open question with the building department. He wanted to verify that the current signs exist with an allowed non-conforming height. That was verified and the ZBA continued

hearing the case.

There were actually three cases, one for each of three gas stations including a Sunoco at 8 Nashua Road near the Derry line, a Mobil at 231 Rockingham Road at the intersection with route 28 and a Sunoco at 137 Rockingham Road near Exit 5.

Peter March of NH Signs reiterated his case for the variance for the Sunoco station on Nashua Road. He said that there would not be any flashing lights and that price changes would occur daily or even less frequently.

Noting the challenges of making physical changes to prices in the rain and winter weather, he said the change would improve employee safety

and increase ease of operation along a busy road.

The owner of three nearby properties wrote a letter of support to the ZBA asking them to approve the variance.

In considering the five required criteria to grant a variance, the ZBA quickly reached agreement that the electronic signs would not pose a health or safety risk; would not alter the character of the

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# North Schoolers Get Warm Greeting as They Start New Year



Students at North Elementary School headed in for the first day of classes with a small twist this year. Assitant Principal Jill Connors greeted those taking the bus at the back of the school while Principal Paul Dutton greeted those being dropped off by parents in the front of school.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

# Former Londonderry Police Officer Indicted by Grand Jury

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**yler Berry, former Londonderry Police officer, who was arrested and charged in April after a car crash that

killed 21-year-old Sierra Croteau, of Manchester, was indicted on Thursday, Aug. 23, by the Hillsborough County Grand Jury on two counts of manslaughter, two counts

of negligent homicide, two counts of reckless conduct and one count of falsification of physical evidence and one of criminal mischief.

His arraignment is

scheduled for Sept. 13 at the Hillsborough Superior Court in Manchester.

The felony charges of manslaughter carry a 30-year maximum imprisonment and the negligent homicides charges have a 15-year maximum.

Initially, Berry, 27-years-old, was charged

with aggravated drunken driving.

On the night of April 5, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the former officer, who resigned from the Londonderry Police Department shortly after his arrest, hit Croteau's vehicle with his pick-up truck on Route 101. The

police investigation concluded that Berry, who was traveling westbound, crossed the yellow center line and struck Croteau's vehicle head-on, as she was driving eastbound.

Croteau sustained fatal injuries from the crash, and was pronounced dead on the scene.

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# GACIT Hearing to Be Held in Londonderry on Sept. 12

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

**A**GACIT (Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation) hearing will be held at the Londonderry Town Hall on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., by Councilor Ted Gatsas, current member of the Executive Council of New Hampshire from the Fourth District and

former Mayor of Manchester and member of the New Hampshire Senate from the 16th district.

The Councilor will be joined in the hearing by the Department of Transportation's Commissioner Victoria Shaheen, Director of Project Development, Peter Stamnas, and others from the Department of Transportation to discuss the 2021-2030 Ten-Year Transportation

Plan, including projects in the Londonderry area.

One of the area's projects being looked at is the intersection of Stonehenge Road and Route 28.

During a Town Council meeting held on May 6, Town Manager Kevin Smith informed the council members of a problem that occurred with this project after it was realized that the cost of adding a traffic light and

reshaping the intersection will be much higher than it was anticipated at first.

The town wanted to use the Block Grant Aid (BGA) it received from the state and pay for half of the project, with the Department of Transportation paying for the other half, but the BGA was for \$519,000 and when the final estimation was made, Londonderry

was asked to pay \$837,000.

When the issue was brought up to the council, Chair John Farrell, instructed Smith to send a response to the DOT's contract, crossing off the new number that the town was being asked to pay and inserting the original one. Farrell added that in case the DOT keeps demanding the town to pay \$837,000 for

the project, the town should take the issue to its attorney.

Smith was approached by this paper recently and said that at this time, nothing has happened with the project and that he expects the issue to come up in the GACIT hearing. The official announcement about the GACIT hearing called the public to attend.

## LHS Club Asking for Gift Card Donations for Military Members

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**he Blue Star Lancers, a Londonderry High School club, is calling local businesses to donate gift cards and help in creating special baskets for the 14

graduates of the Class of 2019 who just enrolled in the military.

Londonderry High School senior, Will Kemball-Cook, is one of the 10 members of the Blue Star Lancers club and he explains, "We support the

seniors by sending them gift baskets, but we usually send small things that the students can collect by themselves. This year we want to do something more special. I think it would really mean a lot to the graduates to know

that Londonderry is thinking of them. It will give them something to look forward to when they come back to town and can use those donations."

Kemball-Cook's sister is in the military, serving in the Coast Guard. She graduated Londonderry High School in 2017 and he says that she is the reason that led him to think bigger this year: "I know all the sacrifices she makes and I think it's important to support that. They have to know that we are thinking about them. I love helping anyone who is in the military."

In the fall, the Blue Star Lancers focus on preparing and sending

"care packages" such as the gift baskets to the military members who are actively serving, currently deployed or are attending a military academy or ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps).

The group is also updating the Lancer Military Memorial Garden at the school and prepare a gift basket for the annual Londonderry High School Veterans' Breakfast that is being held in November.

In the spring they participate in Purple-Up, which is a nationwide campaign aimed at raising awareness of the challenges a military child faces: "We offer purple ribbons to the students and teachers at the school." The donations

from the Purple-Up campaign are used to fund the club's activities throughout the year.

Other activities that the club takes part in include preparing the Blue Star Bundles, that are presented at the spring pep rally to graduating seniors who are about to enter military service, military academy or ROTC program and the school year is concluded with another update to the Memorial Garden and a ceremony there to mark Memorial Day.

Businesses or others who wish to receive more information about the club and the gift baskets can email mailto:bluestarlancer1@gmail.com.

## Former Middle School Teacher Pleads Guilty to Disorderly Conduct

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**he former Londonderry Middle School teacher, Steven Dwyer, who was charged by local police last year with criminal threatening, a Class A misdemeanor, agreed to a plea deal and plead guilty to violation-level disorderly conduct offenses last Thursday, Aug. 22 at Derry District Court. As part of the deal it was decided that he shall not engage in classroom teaching for six months.

The 51-year-old Dwyer was placed on administrative leave last November and resigned several weeks later, after he was

suspended by the middle school's then-principal Richard Zacchilli. The suspension came after Dwyer admitted of saying to one of his students during class "I don't believe in guns or have a gun, but if I did, I would shoot you – because you have your head down and you're not paying attention."

The Londonderry Police Department reported back then that after an arrest warrant was made out, Dwyer arrived to the station. This was the second time in 2018 that the former teacher was investigated regarding gun violence statements. In February that year, according to students, he said in

class: "It'll take something tragic, you guys don't take anything serious. I'm wishing for a school shooting in New Hampshire." When investigated, Dwyer denied saying he wished for a school shooting, but admitted that he believed some of the kids are not paying attention and do not take this matter seriously enough.

According to the plea deal, Dwyer will have to enroll in an anger management course in the next few weeks and then prove that he completed it.

Dwyer was also fined \$250 and received a \$60 penalty assessment.

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# Editorial

## Time To Go Back To School

It feels as though we were just observing Memorial Day last week. And yet somehow, here we are, at the final week of summer vacation.

As summer vacation winds down, families all over will be checking their back-to-school lists twice to make sure their young ones are prepared for the academic year ahead.

School starts this week, and the shadows of late summer bring with it the unmistakable message that the season is on the wane. It may be too hot right now to think about winter clothing, and some might rather not think of it, but the time for scarves and hats and boots will be here before we know it.

But as one season fades, the opening of the school year brings with it a sense of everything new once again. The collection of empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger set, untouched crayons carries with it an excitement about things to come.

From pre-school to college and beyond, it is the time for fresh starts and new adventures. And for those of us long past worrying about the first day of school, the back-to-school advertisements still invoke feelings of anticipation.

All of this brings to mind the song, "School Days," written in 1907 by Will Cobb and Gus Edwards. The best known part of the song is its chorus:

"School days, school days, Dear old Golden Rule days. 'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic Taught to the tune of the hick'ry stick".

The timeless lyrics bring about memories of long ago, and one can't help but to marvel at how much has changed - some for good, and some not so good.

For parents, the start of the school year brings a whole different set of nostalgic feelings, as it reminds them of the reality that the years which are passing can't be avoided. While their little ones are learning, they are indeed growing up, one school year at a time.

The start of school not only brings back memories for some, but it also brings a word of caution for others. Children will be walking along the edge of roads and in crosswalks, and drivers will need to watch the road even more carefully than usual.

That means paying attention; putting down the phones, pausing the texting, reducing speeds in designated school zones, and watching for school buses signaling their stops. There is no place anyone could be going, nor any time constraint that is more important than a life.

And with an increase in construction and added development in our towns, there will be a lot more cars, trucks, and overall traffic to contend with, as well. This will call for even more caution as young ones make their way to school.

But 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. So pay attention, and enjoy the ride.

# Letters

## School Board Chair Addresses Bond Issue

To the editor,

As Chair of the Londonderry School Board, I want to address the barrage of misinformation that is circulating on social media regarding a \$70 million bond and other so called "projects". I can assure you that the Londonderry School Board has never discussed and / or proposed a \$70 million bond to fund capital projects listed on the capital improvement plan. Any project requiring a bond requires public input, many public meetings, a public hearing, and placement on the warrant for voter approval requiring 60% of voters support it in order to pass. The Board simply cannot move forward with a bond of any kind without going to the voters, period.

The charter amendment simply addresses recent changes by the state legislature regarding the calculation of the default budget. The amendment, if approved, would allow the School District to use the definition and calculation of the original default budget that was in place when the School Charter was approved by the voters. The amendment process needs the approval of:

- The Secretary of State Office
- The Department of Revenue Administration
- The Department of Education

All three state agencies must approve the change, before being placed on the March 2020 ballot for voter approval.

I would urge you, as tempting as it might be, before you spread/re-post a piece of information, verify it as being factual. If it is not factual, accept

it for what it is, gossip and opinion.

If you want factual information contact me or any other member of your Londonderry School Board, or members of the School Administrative staff. Better yet, attend a meeting or plug in via local access TV. Your Londonderry School Board works hard to provide factual information which you can find at <https://londonderry.org>. At any time, you can also review the minutes of a meeting. We certainly want you to be informed, which is exactly why it is so important for your sources of information to be factually correct and reliable.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy N. Hendricks  
Londonderry School  
Board Chair

## Danger of Social Media

To the editor,

We are electing unqualified people to political offices based on their ability to master the output of social media outlets Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

The newest group in Congress exhibit this dangerous phenomenon, with greenhorn Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez the group leader, which includes leftist anti-American anarchists Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib who hate America. These people and their followers could become a "fifth column" in the U.S. The anti-Americanism spewed by these Democratic agitators might get President Trump reelected. Trump's comments about the four congresswomen are not racist. In his carelessly inarticulate way he called out their anti-Americanism.

Ocasio-Cortez has 4 million Twitter followers

she instantly contacts and influences with her anarchistic and anti-American views. Other politicians, including Beto O'Rourke, Elizabeth Warren, Peter Buttigieg and Kamala Harris have developed large numbers of Twitter followers, and they are unqualified candidates for President. President Trump, who spews venomous rhetoric at times, instantly accesses about 60 million followers on Twitter.

The problem with social media is followers can be quickly contacted and mobilized for an effort, which might be detrimental to our country. Dictators of the world have been experts in contacting and mobilizing the masses for dire purposes.  
Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry NH

## Old Home Days Senior Night Picnic

To the editor,

This years' picnic was a huge success with approximately 162 seniors enjoying the activities and BBQ! The evening started with Bingo with many prizes awarded to the lucky winners. The games were followed by a wonderful BBQ meal consisting of fresh fruit cups, hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, homemade coleslaw, baked beans, pickles, potato chips, ice cream and home baked chocolate chip cookies! The meal was followed up with a raffle of the 27 centerpieces that adorned each table.

Of course this could not have taken place without the assistance from our volunteers. I would like to thank the following people for their help in getting the Old Home Days Senior Night Picnic

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# Recently Promoted Fire Lieutenant Excited About the Future

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Phil LeBlanc was hired by the Londonderry Fire Department almost 13 years ago, on Sept. 1, 2006. He will soon be entering his 14th year with the department and will be doing so as the newest Lieutenant, after his promotion was announced last month.

LeBlanc was promoted from firefighter and will now hold a Company Officer position. Each of the three stations in town has a lieutenant in charge of the companies that are in the station. His assignment will be on Battalion 2, in the Fire Department's headquarters at

Central Station on Mammoth Road.

The new Lieutenant is an Advanced EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) for the Fire Department and also does public and community relations, such as school tours. He explained his promotion process: "There is an annual test every year, in September. To be eligible for the test, you have to hold certain certifications – Fire Officer 1, Fire Instructor, HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials) Technician. You also have to be at least five years in the department."

In addition to that testing he had to complete a 100-question multiple-

choice test and an assessment at the Fire Academy in Concord. LeBlanc said, "They give you different scenarios – EMS (Emergency Medical Services) scenario, administrative scenario, fire scenario and then an oral board interview, which is done by fire officers from other departments in the state."

When all of this is done, the scores each firefighter received for each of the scenarios are compiled for a final result and the Department's Fire Chief can choose from the top five people on the list. LeBlanc was chosen: "My goal is to affect the people around me in a positive way, try to bring the

knowledge I have and also learn. I hope to continue to move the department forward. We are getting busier here in town and there are a lot of changes that have been going on. I want to be part of them."

He is also part of the building committee for the headquarters major renovations that hopefully would be completed in the next few months: "I am excited about the new station. It's something we needed. We did the best we could with the station as it was, but it was originally a volunteer fire department station that was turned into a full-time station."



As Fireman Phil LeBlanc enters his 14th year with Londonderry Fire, he will be doing it as a recently promoted Lieutenant.

## Gas Signs

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area; would not decrease nearby property values; and met the spirit of

the ordinance.

The fifth criteria, that there was something unique about the property that justified a variance, proved more elu-

sive for the board. They discussed whether the road widening in the area or the pre-existing non-conformance of the sign height was unique. They concluded it was not.

In the end they decided that being a gas station that had a legal requirement to post their prices was unique enough to grant the variance, which they did on a 4-0 vote.

The ZBA next took up the case for the Mobil station located on the triangular property at the intersection of Route 128 and 28. March made much the same case for this station, but he also highlighted the unique shape and location of the property.

Dunn asked whether the updated sign met the standard for handling high winds. Building Inspector Richard Canuel said that it met town standards for structural design and integrity.

The ZBA also approved this variance on a 4-0 vote using the same criteria as the earlier case and agreeing that the triangular shape and busy location made the property unique.

The majority of the discussion around the last case for the Sunoco on Rockingham Road, focused on the location of the station relative to the I-93 offramp and a sharp curve along Rockingham Road.

After agreeing that the

electronic signs would not be a safety risk; would not alter the character of the area; would not decrease nearby property values; and met the spirit of the ordinance, the ZBA focused on uniqueness of the property.

March said that the fact that the property has the gas station, convenience store, restaurant and liquor store made it unique because there was so much going on at the site.

The board instead

focused on the fact that coming southbound on Rockingham Road the station was around a sharp curve also obscured by thick trees on the curve, making it difficult to see the station. They felt that the electronic signs would be easier to see, reducing the likelihood that a driver would see the entrance late and break quickly to get into the property. As in the other cases, they voted 4-0 to approve the variance.

## Letters

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off the ground: Julie and Dave Gasper, Carlene and Paul Lajoie, Laurie Renke, Bonnie Ritvo, Lois Soucy and Barbara and Dave Whitesell. There was no hesitation on their part to come to me asking how they could help. We all loaded their cars with supplies and caravanned up to the Lions' Pavilion.

These wonderful volunteers from the Londonderry Senior Center, helped in numerous ways from creating table numbers and menus, help with making up all of the condiment and fruit cups to the actual set up of

tables and chairs. They also covered all of the tables under the pavilion and tents with tablecloths and fresh floral centerpieces.

I also want to thank the members of the Lion's organization and members of the Londonderry Police Department who volunteered to cook and serve for the picnic. I truly appreciate everyone's assistance and passion. If not for the help of these special people, this event would not have come together as well as it did.

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# Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service Explained

JOHN GOGLIA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

This article will provide a better understanding of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) portion of the Londonderry Fire Department (LFD). Battalion Chief, Fred Heinrich, is the EMS Director for the LFD, overseeing the ambulance and rescue operations. The LFD has five separate divisions: Fire Prevention; Communications; Fire Operations; Technical Rescue and EMS. The LFD has four shifts at each of the three stations: north, south and central. Each shift is also called a battalion. The Technical Rescue Division includes: ice rescue; vehicle rescue; confined space rescue; trench rescue; heights rescue and hazardous materials. Battalion Chief, James Roger, is in charge of Rescue. Battalion Chief of Operations, Michael McQuillen, is responsible for all Fire, EMS, Communications and Rescue Operations. Division Chief, Brian Johnson, is responsible for Fire Prevention and Fire Education. Chief Darren O'Brien

supervises all aspects of the LFD. The LFD is a fire and rescue/ambulance department whereas some larger departments have private rescue/ambulance services.

The EMS division is located at central station, but there are responders at north and south stations as well. There are 3 levels of EMS employees: paramedics, advanced emergency technicians and emergency medical technicians (EMT). In the LFD employees must cross train for both fire protection and EMS. There is one rescue/ambulance vehicle at each of the three stations and a fourth is maintained as a back-up. There are four daily shifts at each station, also referred to as battalions, which always includes at least one paramedic and one EMT. South station is the busiest for rescue/ambulance services because all but one of the over 55 communities are in that service area and most of the town's condos are also located in the southern tier. Currently, the EMS battalion has

approximately 41 full time employees and five volunteers. There are 22 paramedics, comprised of several firefighters at the lieutenant level, five advanced EMT's and 14 EMT's. There is at least 1 firefighter lieutenant/EMT at each station. Each station has a fire engine with water, a rescue/ambulance vehicle and a forestry vehicle.

When a resident calls for an ambulance 99 percent of the time they are transported to their hospital of choice. In critical cases they are taken to the closest hospital. According to LFD statistics most patients are taken to local hospitals as follows: 45 percent to Parkland Medical Center; 40 percent to Elliot Hospital (a level 2 trauma center); eight percent to Catholic Medical Center; two percent to Southern N.H. Medical Center and less than one percent to St. Joseph Hospital. Ambulance transportation is also provided to Massachusetts hospitals as far south as Boston approximately 10 times per year in critical circumstances and on a doctor's recommendation.

LFD utilizes the billing services of Coastal Billing in Massachusetts to bill patients. In circumstan-

ces where a bill remains unpaid there is another service company that handles delinquent accounts. LFD bills at a rate of 140% of the covered costs allowed by Medicare. Medicare usually pays 80% of their allowable amount and the patient or their supplemental insurance is responsible for the balance. The town bills at 140% of the allowable Medicare amount so that property taxes are not used to subsidize out-of-town patients. A typical ambulance call usually lasts about 2 hours. There is a Hardship Committee within the Town Finance and Administration Department that works with patients that have no insurance or otherwise are unable to pay.

The town updates an Ambulance Fee Schedule under Title VI of the Town Policy, Ordinance 2013-04, Chapter XIII every January 1st. The rates include fees for mileage, general and emergency Advanced Life Support-1 (ALS), Basic Life Support (BLS) and ALS-2 (additional services). There are additional billing items including oxygen, IV service & drugs, supplies, defibrillation, cardiac monitoring, airway obstruction and immobilization. A sampling of those rates are as

follows:

Mileage - \$9.93 per mile from sight to destination

ALS-1 - \$381.88

ALS-1 Emergency - \$604.63

BLS - \$318.23

BLS Emergency - \$509.17

ALS-2 - \$875.13

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The LFD statistics for the calendar year 2019 so far indicate responses to the following types of incidents:

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Heat, no fire - 41 incidents (1.16%)

Rescue/EMS - 2198 incidents (62.20 percent)

Hazardous - 124 incidents (3.51 percent)

Service - 401 incidents (11.35 percent) this includes fire drills & business owners changing their lock box keys for fire department

Good intent - 240 incidents (6.79 percent) this includes assisting locked out homeowners and wildlife incidents

False alarm - 395 incidents (11.18 percent)

EMS Director Heinrich stated that the town has no control over the hours of operation of any private urgent care facilities in town but in the near future there is expected to be another urgent care facility opening on Route

102 and more competition will probably dictate better hours for patients.

Prior to interviewing EMS Director Heinrich this reporter spoke with several members of the community who have utilized the town ambulance service on more than one occasion and their voluntary information was the basis for questions to Heinrich. It should be noted that all those patients were extremely pleased with the response time and service. These individuals used words such as fantastic, caring, compassionate, discreet, concerned and professional to describe the ambulance responders. Some individuals stated that either their primary care insurance or supplemental insurance paid the full amount of costs. One person had to arrange a payment schedule with the town but they all agreed that the charges were not of any consequence considering their dire need for assistance.

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## Addition

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that years ago, they were told by the town that they had to move a propane tank that was too close to their house. He said that under guidance from the town the energy company moved the tank well into the COD where it should not have been allowed. He stated that he inferred from that placement that the COD must be further away than the propane tank.

ZBA Vice Chair Jacqueline asked for clarification of the timeline of discussions with the planning and building departments on the current home expansion. Moulton said that construction was halted in June by the building

inspector and that he was hired by the owner around July 3 to help come up with a solution.

Associate Planner, Laura Gandia, jumped in to add that in May the contractor and owner had been informed that if a building permit were requested it would not be approved if any part of the project was within the COD. She said they were told that variances would be needed from the ZBA, but the contractor couldn't or didn't want to wait for that process.

Under questioning Ouellette said that he had never seen a building permit but had seen a receipt forwarded by the contractor showing that he had submitted a building permit request. He said

that he relied on the contractor to do the right thing and that he was out of the country for two weeks when construction started.

In covering the five points of law that are considered for a ZBA variance, Moulton said that granting the variance would not damage the health, safety or welfare of the public and would not negatively impact neighboring property values. He also felt that granting the variance would not be counter to the spirit of the ordinance.

nance.

He contended that the damage to the applicant of having to remove the largely constructed addition would outweigh any public benefit from strict enforcement of the ordinance. On the most difficult hurdle to get a variance, Moulton said that what made the property unique was that it bordered the COD, although many other properties in town also abut the COD.

The meeting took a surprising twist when Chief Building Inspector, Richard Canuel, after seeing

some of the pictures presented by the applicant, realized that the variance request was written as if the project were an accessory building when it was actually a home addition.

This meant that the variance application was not valid since it applied to the wrong part of the zoning ordinance.

Ouellette told the board he had relied on the planning department to guide him to the applicable part of the ordinance.

Dunn said that per-

haps they had pointed him to the accessory structure section because no clear plan had been submitted for review. He thought it was possible that something was lost in translation during verbal and email conversations.

At this point, the applicant had the option to withdraw the request or have the ZBA vote to deny the invalid application. He chose to withdraw and consider resubmitting an application at the October ZBA meeting.

## OBITUARY

**Benedict J. Sadowski**



Benedict J. Sadowski, Jr., 73, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Sunday Aug. 18, 2019, at Elliott Hospital in Manchester, NH surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Westfield, MA on April 5, 1946, a son of Benedict and Veronica (Kuzel) Sadowski. Benny was a resident of Londonderry for the past 15 years. He proudly served his country as a member of the Navy and was in the Vietnam War from 1967-1968. After serving in the Navy, he worked in sales for many years, most notably as a Sales Manager at Radio Shack and AutoFair Honda in Manchester before retiring. Benny loved the outdoors, especially sitting on his tractor mowing the lawn (which he took great pride in). After retirement, he loved vacationing with his family to St. Thomas, Myrtle Beach and Hutchinson Island, Florida. His favorite activity was spending time with his grandson, Kolby. He attended his baseball, flag football and soccer games every weekend to cheer him on.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Deborah (King) Sadowski of Londonderry; daughter, Jennifer L. Piper of Merrimack, NH and her significant partner Sean M. O'Hearn; grandson, Kolby S. Piper; sister, Marie Rettew and her late husband George Rettew of West Springfield, MA; his late brother Phil Sadowski and his wife Lynda Sadowski of Westfield, MA; and great friends Roland and Anne Vigeant of South Dartmouth, MA, Angelo and Barbara Masciadrelli of Westfield, MA, Rich and Sheila McCarran of Derry, NH, several nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

Following cremation, a private memorial service was held at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Londonderry to celebrate Benny's life. In honor of him, memorial contributions may be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARY

**Amber Jean Runge**



Amber Jean Runge, 35, of Londonderry, NH passed away Monday Aug. 19, 2019 at her residence, after a lengthy illness. Amber was born Oct. 31, 1983 in Derry, NH and was the daughter of Robert Runge and Judith Devoe. She was raised and educated in Derry and was a lifelong resident of the area.

Amber enjoyed knitting and crafts of all types. She especially loved to care for children and will forever be remembered as a fun, loving and caring, mother, daughter, sister and friend.

Amber is survived by her mother, Judith Devoe of Londonderry, her children, Angel, Ambrel, Rowen, Jayla, Alexis and Uriah, her maternal grandmother, Virginia Devoe, a brother, Thomas Runge, a brother and his wife, Nathaniel & Danielle Devoe, five uncles, Matthew Devoe and his wife, Rose, John Devoe and his wife Melissa, Ronald Devoe, Mark Devoe and David Devoe, her aunt Faith Devoe, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Amber was predeceased by her father Robert Runge.

After cremation, a Celebration of Amber's life will be held Saturday Aug. 31, at 3 p.m. at the Light-house Baptist Church, 321 Derry Road, Hudson, NH. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry, is assisting the family.

## OBITUARY

**Mike Case**



Mike Case of Londonderry, NH, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 21, 2019. He loved to be on his boat, riding his Harley and listening to the Blues. He was always willing to lend a helping hand when someone was in need and never met anyone he didn't consider a friend. He was always quick to laugh or make a joke and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife Terri Case, daughters Shannon Case and Ashleigh Case, sons-in-laws Brian Hand and Brian Sicard, granddaughters Madison Hand, Taylor Hand, Michaela Hand, Olivia Hand, Ryann Sicard and Amelia Sicard. Brothers Gerald Case and Thomas Case and sister Debra Case Donovan. He also had a godson Kristopher Case and goddaughter Megan Donovan. Mike was preceded by his daughter Courtney Case and his parents Charles and Mary Jane Case.

Calling hours was held at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, on Monday Aug. 26, from 6 - 8 p.m. A graveside service was held on Tuesday Aug. 27 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcrest Rd., Londonderry. A luncheon will be held at the California Room in Hudson NH, immediately follow the service.

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# Local Bees are Essential in Keeping Area Crops Thriving

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Granite State's fruit and vegetable harvest season is nearing peak now, as this year's wet and late spring delayed many farm harvests across New Hampshire, and this season is also the time for the local honey production. For a beekeeper, a honey crop is a good thing and the satisfaction of having bees pollinating all kinds of plants makes our outdoor environment more pleasing and beautiful. If it were not for the bees and other pollinating activities, harvest seasons would be a bust. However, bee pollination and honey production has been hindered over the past years, as the bee population has been impacted by a variety of issues.

According to the Sierra club, and as reported in the Journal of Science, "Scientists have accumulated compelling evidence pointing to a class of insecticides called neonicotinoids that decimate bees. These chemicals are widely used in commercial agriculture but can have lethal effects on bees, though other pesticides are also adding to

the toll. And so are invasive parasites and a general decline in the quality of bees' diets."

Most bee pollinator insects are day workers and flower, fruit and vegetable gardens are attractive for bees, so if one must spray their gardens, lawns and fields with insecticides, it is best to do it in the evening especially if the plants are in bloom.

Alden Marshall is the owner and operator of B-Line Apiaries — located in Hudson, N.H. B-Line is known for its bee pollination services and honey. Marshall says, "I have been in the bee business for the past 40 some years and a number of changes have occurred that have had both positive and negative impacts on the bee population and our services."

"With the increased incidence of bee diseases, parasites including mites and beetles, and in some cases lacking a sufficient diet due to inferior forage, bees are under stress and that can weaken or eradicate a colony. When I started, all one had to do was get a hive, install some bees and mostly let them take care of themselves. Today there is

more specific effort needed to manage a thriving bee population."

"About 30 years ago I was introduced as a local beekeeper to Andy Mack (Mack's Apples in Londonderry). I was asked to put in a few colonies on the property to pollinate some of the Mack's crops and I was thrilled to have that opportunity. Most of the apples were pollinated by a large migrant pollinator — where the bees are bought in during the bloom and then removed to pollinate crops elsewhere. My contribution was mostly of service to other crops grown besides the apples, as my colonies were what we call permanent residents that stayed there all year and still do."

According to Marshall, active beehives should be monitored at least every two weeks or so for a number of possible maladies that can include equipment, bee's health or environmental problems. Sometimes pesticide problems can occur which may create a need to move beehives.

B-line also works with smaller beekeepers to help them start or replace bee populations. Marshall says, "When beekeepers start a new colony or replace one that did not survive for whatever reason, including from pesticide deaths, starvation, disease, bears or weather issues — customers all over New England get bees from our apiary to populate their hives."

Today B-line places hives in stationary loca-



*Pictured is the staff at B-Line Apiaries creating bee hive packages for beekeepers and pollination services.*

tions, and no longer truck hives in and out. Most properties today have integrated crops varieties so a stationary location benefits the bees as they get a more balanced diet to protect the health of the bee population.

New England winters can kill off or weaken bee colonies, so Marshall travels to Georgia for bees produced a couple of months earlier than in N.H. This gives colonies a head start — increasing odds they will be strong enough for our winter, though they may not produce any honey that first year.

Marshall says, "I also make up small nucleus colonies from my "climated" colonies in the spring — sold as starters that are considerably more robust."

Local N.H. honey is a prize and important conditions must be met for bees to provide an optimized honey crop. These

conditions include rain at the right time to provide moisture for the foraging plants, warm sunny days for the bees to fly and nectar producing plants in a two miles radius foraging area.

This year B-Line reports an exceptional honey crop. Marshall says, "It has been at least ten years, since there has been anything like this year's honey production."

Honey harvesting can occur at different times though Marshall says he prefers to wait until October and collect honey all at once. Most single hives produce one to three boxes of honey in a good year. The hive box at removal is about 45/50 lbs. and can produce about 35 lbs. of honey when extracted.

B-Line also keeps hives on properties where folks want bees and B-Line provides them with some honey in return. The arrangement is to

locate no fewer than 4 or 5 hives minimum. Contact B-Line at 603-883-6764 or via their web site — [b\\_line@comcast.net](mailto:b_line@comcast.net), if you have property that would benefit from keeping bees.

Vanessa Flibotte of J&F Farms in Derry says, "The farm's policy is to use industry approved insecticide minimally for certain crops grown at the farm, if necessary. We are very sensitive to the area's Bee population and about other pollinators, so if we are invaded with crop destroying insects, we only spray in the evening."

Flibotte who has been working for farm owner Melissa Dulloff and is a friend of the owner says "J & F Farms gets the honey we sell from a local honey supplier and these products are important to our customers, so we do as much as possible to support local beekeepers and the bee population."

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# Blues Festival Fills Town Common in Support of Veterans



Veteran Dennis Martin held his annual Blues Festival for the fifth time on Saturday, Aug. 24, the Londonderry Town Common. This year the festival benefited the organization, Veterans Count. The organization provides emergency financial assistance and services to service members, veterans and their families. The festival featured three local Blues bands, 'Deep Fry'd Blues Band, the Jeffrey Allen Shaw & Co (JAS&CO) and Martin's own band, Dr. Harp's Blues Revue Band. The festival draws a larger crowd each year, and this year was no exception, as it enjoyed beautiful weather.

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# Local Vocalists Compete at Annual Londonderry Sings Competition

Three local vocalists took to the bandstand toward the end of the Saturday Old Home Day events and were judged, and awarded prizes for their talents. Alexa Calligandes, pictured at far left, was the first place winner, Michaela Horin, center, took the second spot and Isobel Pitts, at right, took the third place spot.

Photo by Chris Paul



## Right to Know

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every citizen to file a Right-to-Know Law request, there is no need for the Town Planning Department to do so. In the future, we encourage you to simply provide us

with a written request for the information you seek. We will be happy to try and assemble whatever records we have that respond to your inquiry.”

In the final part of his answer, Laliberte clarifies to Kizak that “while the District will provide you

with the non-exempt existing records on the matters you have requested, the relevance of the material to issues of confronting the Planning Department and the Town is not readily apparent to the District. If you let us know why the information requested is relevant to the town we might be able to provide more useful information to you.”

He then specifies his position: “In particular the requests for

“the number of students by grade in special needs programs”, “the nature and amount of

costs allocated per student”, and records indicating “the annual cost savings achieved by the Londonderry School District performing special needs services” in District instead of out of District do not seem matters over which the Town has any interest. As you may know, under the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and State law implementing that Act, the District is required to provide all students with special education needs a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. In accordance

with 34 CFR § 300.114, that means the District is required to ensure that “to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who are non-disabled; and special classes, separate schools or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only if the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily.”

He ends his response by writing that “The Londonderry School District meets this legal obligation and will continue to do so with programs and supports for students with special needs.”

In the recent months there has been a long discussion regarding funds and projects for the School District. The District suggested two high priority projects in the last CIP meeting, claiming there is a lack of space, especially in Moose Hill and the elementary schools and that these facilities are having a problem with the functional capacity. Last week, Peter Curro of the School District presented the issue to the Planning Board. During a Town Council meeting in June of this year, Town Council Chair, John Farrell, expressed some skepticism concerning the requests and plans for new buildings put forth by the School Board and District and requested some additional information regarding student population and space

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Weather and Players Make Inaugural Tennis Tourney a Success

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The inaugural Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament was held over the weekend at the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association tennis courts under some beautiful late sum-

mer weather. The tourney was held in memory of the beloved local tennis coach, who sadly passed away last October, on the courts which now bare his name.

The tournament saw about 100 participating tennis players, of all ages,

playing in doubles matches in three categories, Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. There were also about 100 more spectators and volunteers assisting in the operation of the tourney.

The semifinals and finals in all three divisions were played on Sunday, with Burbine's children, Alex and Cassie, winning the Mixed Doubles tournament and each one of them, along with a partner, also winning the Men and Women tournaments. Evan Walsh joined Alex Burbine in winning the Men's tournament and Hannah Riley won the Women's with Cassie Burbine.

Walsh was Alex's doubles partner for the Lancer tennis team when Burbine was a freshman and Walsh was a senior. Riley was Cassie's playing partner at Assumption College.

About \$5,000 was collected over the weekend through the tournament's entry fee, raffles and donations, and will go

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Patrice Burbine made it to the quarter finals with her mixed doubles partner Andy Gould.

Photos by Chris Paul



The winning women's and men's doubles teams of the Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament were, from left, Hannah Riley, Cassie Burbine, Alex Burbine and Evan Walsh. Cassie and Alex also won the mixed doubles and organized the event with their mom Patrice.

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# Mack's Orchard Hosts Annual 5K Run for the Apples



Runners of all ages head out through the orchard at Mack's Apples on Sunday afternoon. At right, winery of the men's and women's group emerge from the wooded Adams Pond path at the end of the race. Photos by Chris Paul



Nathan Huppe



Kimberly Fountain

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the Moose Hill Orchard gets ready for harvesting this season apple crop, 100 cross-country runner made their way through the orchards on what has become a running tradition.

The Greater Derry Track Club hosted the 23rd annual 5K Mack's Run for the Apples in the Londonderry orchard on Sunday afternnon, Aug. 25 with runners from new

Hampshire And Massachusetts participating.

The overall winner of the race was 39-year-old Nathan Huppe ,of Dover. He completed the course, which wound through rows of apple trees and through the paths to Adams Pond, in just 16:43 minutes. He was 12 seconds faster than local runner, Christian Smith, 25, of Londonderry, who came in second with a time of 16:55 minutes.

Those two runners were well ahead of the rest of the pack. Third

place went to 52-year-old John Carton of Newmarket, finishing at 17:53, Samuel Harrington of Chester, only 14 years old, was fourth overall, at 17:55 minutes, and fifth place went to Londonderry's Noas Schrank , 21, who ran the 5K in 19:08.

The women's race winner, Kimberly Fountain, 19, of Bedford, came in at 10th place overall, and posted a time of 20:03 minutes. Beth Connolly, 37, of Manchester, finished second among the females with a time of

21:54 minutes and third and fourth places went to Derry runners Carolyn Morgenstern, 56-years-old, at 23:01 and Eve Klok (12-years-old, 23:20). Linsey Gregoire, also 12-years-old, was the fastest Londonderry runner in the women category and she placed fifth with a

time of 23:40.

The youngest runners were eight-years-old Samantha Harrington (28:00 minutes, 52nd overall) and Mae Klok (29:51, 61st), both of Derry and in the men's division, Simon Manners, nine-years-old from Pelham, who finished 12th

overall and first in the 1-12 Male age group with a time of 20:16 minutes.

Also of note, Carol Mack, who lives on the orchard, ran the race with a time of 34:36 minutes and placed 77th overall. She narrowly beat out her husband Andy Mack Jr., who came in at 34:36.

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# LHS Coach, Players Complete Summer Youth Field Hockey Camp

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Field Hockey program held its tryouts last week and just a few days prior to that, the Varsity team coach Nichole Treadway was assisted by some of her players in the youth camp that took place at the Londonderry Middle School over the span of three days.

About 40 campers, all fourth to eighth grades, from Londonderry, participated in the camp, where they received two hours of training and guidance every day. "We kept it

really focused and tried to get them to learn the basics skills of field hockey. There is so much to the game that we try not to overwhelm them with anything, just teach", explained Treadway.

The high school girls volunteered and ran the drills with their coach and Treadway believes: "It really helped them as players, because they had to break down the skills and teach them to somebody else. It helps them to get better.

There were 14 eighth graders and some of them can become part of the high school team

next year, so the connection was good. Other than that, Treadway says: "We are just trying to get the girls to get a stick in their hand earlier. Field hockey is a sport that a lot of them pick up only in seventh or eighth grade, which is really hard, because then they are a little behind when they get to high school, since other programs are starting from third or fourth grade. There are A and B teams in the middle school, so we have a lot of kids and that's great, but if they are just picking up the stick to try out for the middle school

team, when they get to the high school they are behind. It was a great camp. I think the kids had a lot of fun and there was definitely a lot of improvement. It was really nice to see some of the kids there."

Starting next month, the high school program will be offering a five-week clinic series on Sundays, for K through eighth grade kids: "We are adding an hour to our practices and then we can get the kids even younger maybe, get them exposed to the sport and teach them some stuff."



About 40 fourth to eighth grade students participated in a youth summer field hockey camp.

## Tennis

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into a Memorial Fund. There will be two annual Skip Burbine Memorial Scholarships given to a boy and a girl who graduate Londonderry High School, played tennis for the Lancers and showed leadership, positivity, optimism and community service. "These are the values that my father portrayed", said Alex.

He hopes that thanks to the tournament, the scholarships can now continue for many years and that there will be enough money to also donate to the Ocular

Melanoma Foundation. "It was a great weekend", he adds. "Lots of fun, many people came and the Sunday games were in a high level. It was special for my sister and me to win in our father's memorial. Of course it's all fun, but we are very competitive, like our father was, so we were nervous and wanted that victory."

Patrice Burbine added, "We are so thrilled. There are so many hands that helped put this thing together and so many people helped us. Skip is obviously the common thread for all of us and we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him. We are just loving this, and are rais-

ing a lot of money for the high school scholarships. We are really proud to do it. My husband always talked about wanting to run a tournament in Londonderry. The kids were all over it and it seemed like the natural thing to do."

Cassie commented, "It means the world to me. I think that this is, hands down, the best thing we could have done. I'm having a blast. It's all the people that we love and that love tennis, in one place. I think it's such a Skip Burbine vibe. Positive, loving playing, watching and hanging out with everybody who appreciates the game."



Cassie Burbine



Alex Burbine

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Scramble

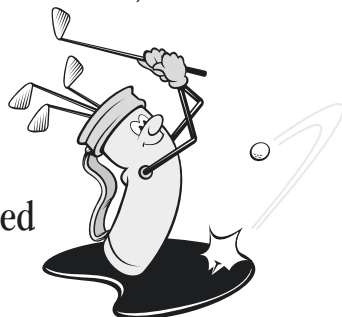
**Where:** Green Meadow Golf Club, 59 Steele Rd., Hudson NH

**When:** Friday, Sept. 13,

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The Londonderry High School Football team met with Manchester Central High School for two scrimmages on Saturday. The Junior Varsity teams practiced in Manchester earlier in the day and the Lancer Varsity team hosted the Little Green for drills and a short scrimmage in the afternoon. The Lancers have a home preseason game against Alvirne on Saturday, Aug. 31, beginning 11 a.m., then they will host Concord for their season opener on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m..



## Women's Softball League Concludes 19th Season With Thrilling Playoff

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**R**eal Time Realty is the 2019 Champions of the Londonderry Women's Softball League. They won the title on a hot Sunday night, on Aug. 18, at the Londonderry High School Varsity Softball field, after beating Blue Fish in the finals, following a long and successful playoff day.

Seven teams participated in the 19th year of the league and played evening games every week throughout the summer, from Opening Day in May. Each team had 18 regular season games,

with approximately 120 women taking the field this season.

Josie's Jewels entered the playoffs as the number 1 seed after winning its final 11 games of the regular season and posting a 15-3 record, with Advocare getting the second seed despite three straight losses just before the end of the season and a 12-6 record. Orchard, who won its final five games, was third with 10-8 record and the eventual champions Real Time Realty ended the regular season fourth, passing Derry Imaging in the last stretch as both teams had

an 8-10 record. Paul Edward Salonspa was sixth with a 6-12 record and Blue Fish, who made it all the way to the finals, did it from the seventh and final spot, after going just 4-14 in the regular season and entering the playoffs with two wins in a row.

Playoffs started with Blue Fish beating Paul Edwards Salonspa in the first round. This game was followed by Real Time Realty winning their game against Orchard and Advocare advancing with a victory over Derry Imaging. In the semis, Blue Fish, from the last spot,

was able to win the top ranked Josie's Jewels and Real Time Realty got the ticket to the finals with a win over Advocare, before celebrating in the championship game.

"All the games were extremely close, the playoffs were defiantly not a walk away win", said the league President, Lisa Graham. "Every game this season had a perfect mix of competitive and recreational softball. We are here to have fun and share laughs and life together. A little competition on the field keeps everyone motivated to play in harmony with their teammates and also to improve their individual skill level each year."

The league is looking for players for next season (There is no required



*The Real Time Realty women's softball squad took the 2019 summer season title.*

skill level) and will have its 2019 LWS Banquet at the American Legion on Sep. 26 (6:30 p.m.). "LWS supports our community in a number of ways", adds Graham. "A scholarship is given every year to a LHS softball player, last year we donated money to the American Legion and the 'A Night To Shine' event organized by Orchard Christian Fellowship and Manchester Christian Church for over 200 guests is supported by over 500 volunteers."

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# LHS Girls Soccer Team Aiming for Another Long Playoff Run

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For the second time in four seasons, last year the Londonderry High School Girls Varsity Soccer team reached the Division I finals and lost. The Lady Lancers suffered a tough 5-0 defeat against Manchester Central, who completed back-to-back championships for their school's girl's soccer program.

The two teams are scheduled to face each other again in the season opener, on Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Gill Stadium in

Manchester. This time, the Lancers are hoping for a completely different outcome. "We are excited and looking to come out and win this game," says Gwen Barnes, a four-year Varsity player for the soccer team, who will be serving as one of the team's captains this upcoming season. "It's a big game for us. Everyone is excited and looking forward and ready for it."

Londonderry's home opener is scheduled to happen three days later, on Friday, Sept. 6, at 4 p.m. against Manchester

Memorial and the team is scheduled to play a total of 16 regular season games in the next two months, before playoff begins on Oct. 31.

With 12 seniors and 16 returning players, Londonderry expects to do well in, and make it into the postseason, "We want to make it back to the finals and win there this time", declares Barnes. "I feel pretty confident. We look good, we have some strong underclassmen coming in, something we didn't have last year and we only lost two seniors.

We are all very tight. A lot of the girls grew up playing together."

As captain, she knows the team is facing some challenge moving forward: "Our biggest challenge during the season will definitely be ourselves. Sometimes we get in our own head and I think that as long as we work it out and focus on the game, we will be good. Going into the season, probably the biggest challenge is making sure that everyone stays healthy, get along and bond."



*Gwen Barnes will be one of the team captains.*

## Experienced LHS Field Hockey Team Expecting Another Top-5 Finish

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With 48 young athletes participated in last week's tryouts for the Londonderry High School Field Hockey teams and 19 of them, 17 field players and two goalies, ended up making the Varsity team. The Lady Lancer squad is now scheduled to begin its 2019 fall season on

Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 4 p.m., with a road game against Salem and plays its home opener two days later against Exeter.

Coach Nichole Treadway and her team had a very respectable 10-4 record last year, good for the fifth place in Division I entering the playoffs. There, they enjoyed a first round bye, before losing to Merrimack 2-1 on a

penalty stroke in the state's quarterfinals.

Treadway says she is looking forward to the new season, "My expectations are high for this season," she says. "We have five seniors returning - Courtney Shay, Kate Bedell, Grace Chicko, Lauren Doherty and Kayla Miles - that have a lot of game experience and are hungry to win. We also have a core

group of juniors returning and some younger players that I expect to make a big impact. I would like to see ourselves in the top 5 again this year and I think this is a realistic goal for us."

The most challenging week for the team will take place around the end of September. The Lancers will face the always tough Bishop

Guertin team at Stellos Stadium on Sept. 23. They then host last year's runner ups Windham High School on Sept. 25 and finish with a game at Pinkerton Academy on Sept. 28 for the annual Mack Plaque competition. "Mack Plaque is always a big one. Our week leading up to that is very a competitive one," says Treadway.

The 2019 Varsity roster: Izzy Augusta, Kate Bedell, Grace Chicko, Emily Cowette, Lauren Doherty, Marly Dwyer, Skylar Hamilton, Grace Harpster, Grace Holland, Jenna Madigan, Kathryn Martin, Rylee McGrath, Kayla Miles, Chelsea Mullen, Courtney Shay, Rease St. Gelais, Jenna Stowell, Riley Walter and Tara Wright.

## LHS Golf Squad Hopes to Build Off of Last Year's Experience

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After three days of tryouts and a couple of practices, it is time for some action for the Londonderry High School Varsity Boys' Golf team, as they begin their new season this Thursday, Aug. 29, at Hanover Country Club, with a meet against Bedford, Merrimack and the local team.

Last year, the Lancers had a 7-13 record and Brian Boyle and James Griffin, who finished top-two on the team, qualified for the State Tournament, where Boyle was ranked 12th overall. Coach Dan Grant had 22 golfers trying out for his Varsity team this year. The top eight made the team and two more will be serving as "Up-Next" golfers. "Our

large fan-base really enjoys the Mack Plaque match against Pinkerton Academy each year as well as the seniors' last home match", answered the coach, when asked about the most exciting events of the fall season for his team.

Grant adds, "We are hoping to build off of last year. We played the best teams in the state multi-

ple times and competed with them, but just didn't have the firepower to beat them. I'm hoping this year we compete, stay positive and qualify for the state tournament as a

team. I want all the golfers to experience the state tournament.

The Varsity roster will include: Matt Anderson (junior), James Griffin (sophomore), Drew

Cameron (freshman), Josh Traynham (junior), Sam Seibert (senior), Riley Anderson (junior), Zach Rheault (junior) and Ryan Gervais (senior).



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# AROUND TOWN

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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).

## Comedy Night Fundraiser

Come join the Londonderry Women's Club for a night of comedy Saturday Oct. 5 at the Londonderry Country Club. Tickets are on sale now to see nationally recognized comedians! Come early for a chance to win amazing raffles and enjoy social time in this beautiful local venue! The raffle begins at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity for a night of laughs with your community while supporting local charities and community outreach. For more information and how to purchase tickets, please visit <http://londonderry-womensclub.com/comedy>

## Yoga Session for Seniors

The Londonderry Senior Center offers yoga classes to the senior community. Barbara Scott and Lisa Kress conduct an eight-week series of affordably priced yoga classes. These classes are designed especially for seniors to help increase balance, flexibility and strength, as well as maintaining well-being. Classes take place at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 10 a.m. You may sign up for either the Tuesday or Thursday class - or both. Next session beginning the week of Sept. 23. Registration for new students begins Sept. 10. Payment is required at time of registration. For more details call the Senior Center at 432-8554.

## Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on Oct. 1, from 6 - 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. Kristin Grages Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry 603-432-1100, ext 198.

## Beer Night

The Londonderry Republican Committee will host a Beer Night on Sept. 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Long Blue Cat, 298 Rockingham Road in Londonderry. Please join us for great company and beer, and maybe you'll go home with one of our door prizes! I hope you can attend this event.

## Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Sept. 14, 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 11am. 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 [renew-calvary@gmail.com](mailto:renew-calvary@gmail.com) or call the church secretary at 434-1516

## Crossroads Co-parenting Workshop:

This four-session series covers how to protect your

child's well-being by keeping them out of the middle and allowing them to love both parents, how to open lines of communication and recover from a divorce/separation. It will be held Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Upper Room in Derry with a cost of \$80. Call to register 437-8477 x22

## HiSET (High School Equivalency Test)

Welcome back to a new school year for new and returning students. Classes will begin Sept. 5 at the Upper Room. For information, call 437-8477 ext. 18.

## Child Find Program

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

## Annual Upper Room 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)

## Transitions Support

The Upper Room offers Transitions support for young adults ages 18-25. Learn how to manage the "overwhelming" in a healthy way for you. We offer workshops, and 1:1 support, 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) - Jewish music, crafts, games; Each Tues, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. - Continued learning for students ages 7 to 16: Aleph and Bet (7, 8) - Beginner Hebrew, holidays, Gimel and Dalet (9-11) - Reading Hebrew, prayers, Torah and ethics, B'nai Mitzvah (12,13) - Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation, and Confirmation (13+) - Advanced Jewish education. Also, please join us for our first Family focused Shabbat to be held on Friday, Sept. 6 with a craft project at 6 p.m. and service at 7:15 p.m. For more information, please contact us at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

## Supporting Women's Education

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

## 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.

## Apple Country Craft Fair

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

## 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, Wednesdays 5 - 7 p.m. A weekly support program for young parents to talk, listen, learn and

be accepted. Childcare available. To register, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 12.

## Car Seat Check Event

The Londonderry Child Passenger Safety Program conducts inspection events to check your child's car seat installation. Trained technicians check for recall, proper installation and discuss with the caregiver how to improve the installation and therefore the child's safety. We conduct these inspection twice a month, on the second Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon and the last (sometimes fourth) Wednesday night from 6 to 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@londonderry-nh.org](mailto:cps@londonderry-nh.org).

## Rally4RecoveryNH

Opioids, meth and alcohol kill people-recovery saves lives, come celebrate those miracles at Hope for New Hampshire's Sixth Annual Rally4Recovery-NH on Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Veterans Park in Manchester. Hope for New Hampshire Recovery hosts a day of fun and community. Come meet people whose lives have been transformed, talk with folks and agencies from throughout the recovery community, learn about the work that's being done, enjoy music and eat delicious food in the company of people who have found new purpose through recovery. Hope's Rally4Recovery-NH has live music, speakers, displays from local organizations, artwork and a spirit of possibility, change and joy. Whether through 12-Step groups, Dharma Recovery, SMART Recovery, Health Realization, Celebrate Recovery or some other pathway, thousands of New Hampshire citizens have stepped away from addiction and into a freer, happier life. Contact: Dave Cote Hope for NH Recovery at 603.935.7524

## Journey of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group

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on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 - 7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and chaos of addiction; through education, encour-

aging support and compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journey-  
ofhopenh@gmail.com

### Transitions Young Adult Strategies

A new group where young adults can talk about things that are challenging meets every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room,

36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome. Call 437-8477 to register ext. 24 for more information/options for dates and times.

### 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.

### Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month

at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

### UR Parents

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

### Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you

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# Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - Aug. 19**  
**12:10 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Stonehenge Road.  
**6:12 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Woodcrest Drive.  
**8:18 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital at Cracker Barrel Old

Country Store.  
**9:47 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Mammoth Road by three officers.  
**10:25 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Whittemore Road.

**Tuesday - Aug. 20**  
**1:43 a.m.** Sudden Death

investigated by four officers on Litchfield Road.  
**2:59 a.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Devonshire Lane.  
**10:52 a.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Jason Drive.  
**2:11 p.m.** Criminal Mis-

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# Third Annual Mesiti Cup Golf Tournament Held Last Month

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On Wednesday, July 31 the Third Annual Mesiti Cup Golf Tournament was held between members of The Nevins and Hickory Woods, two of Londonderry's newer over 55 communities. This has been a very close tournament each year and this year was no different. 28 players participated in the 2 man/woman best ball 18 hole event at Windham Country Club. Team Hickory Woods was able to seize the Mesiti Cup Trophy held by Team Nevins

from last year. It was amazing to watch these 60 & 70 year old warriors (men and women) brave the heat and humidity without any known casualties. It was great to see so many of our seniors enjoying retirement yet still competing and having fun playing an extremely difficult game. This tournament was started in 2017 when members of both communities built by Mesiti Development Corp. got together to organize the event. John Kalantzakos, Manager of Mesiti, donated the trophy and has graciously provided



Above are the competing teams: The Nevins in red on right and Hickory Woods in blue on left  
Photos by Mary Ferris

funds for skill prizes and raffle prizes for the last 2

years of the tournament. Cross Farm, another Mesi-



Team captains Marty Piekos from Hickory Woods on left excepting Mesiti Trophy from The Nevins team captain Tony Violanti.

ti over 55 community currently under construction hopefully will join the tournament next year.

## Police Log

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chief investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**3:01 p.m.** Unlawful activities investigated at LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.  
**4:08 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Veterans Memorial Parkway at Salem Police Department. Justin Farinato, 38, of Groveland, Mass. charged with Theft/Shoplifting; and Criminal Trespass.

**4:24 p.m.** Motor Vehicle stop leads to arrest at TD Bank on Nashua Road. Five officers assist in charging Andrew Chalmers, 22, of Staten Island, New York with

Operation of a motor vehicle without a Valid License.

**4:46 p.m.** Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**6:59 p.m.** Medical Emergency leads to arrest on Michels Way at Market Basket. Five officers assist in charging Daniel Leach, Joseph, 52, of Londonderry with Disobeying an Officer; Operation of a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License; Possession of a Controlled Drug (Heroin/Crack less than one gram); Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle.  
**9:12 p.m.** Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Shasta Drive.

### Wednesday - Aug. 21

**4:38 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Rockingham Road at 7-Eleven.

**12:49 p.m.** Report of a Prowler investigated on Michelle Lane.

**4:11 p.m.** Warrant Served and arrest made on Lancaster Drive. Drew Lambert, 19, of Londonderry charged with five counts of Theft by Unauthorized Taking (between \$0-\$1000).

**9:10 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Constitution Drive.

### Thursday - Aug. 22

**12:32 a.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on Sandstone Circle.

**11:22 a.m.** Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**3:49 p.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Catamount Road.

**9:32 p.m.** Sex Offenses investigated on Pinyon Place.

**9:53 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on High Range Road.

**10:59 p.m.** Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Mammoth Road at CJS Properties.

**11:31 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Mammoth Road at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

### Saturday - Aug. 24

**3:38 p.m.** Medical Emergency investigated on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

**4:33 p.m.** Shoplifting arrest made by four officers at N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road. Henry Vasquez-Perez, 40, of New York, N.Y. charged with Willful Concealment, Theft.

**8:59 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Mammoth Road at CVS Pharmacy.

**11:37 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital from South Road.

### Sunday - Aug. 25

**5:14 a.m.** Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**8:18 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated at Park and Ride on Garden Lane.

**9:38 a.m.** Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**10:25 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Grove Street.

**11:56 a.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Buttrick Road.

**1:16 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Crestview Circle.

**4:18 p.m.** Auto Theft reported on Laurel Hill Drive.

**8:06 p.m.** Services rendered for Welfare Check by four officers on Sawgrass Circle.

## Around Town

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### Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

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