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A FREE Weekly Publication **Reopening Task Force Meets** 

#### nding a Hand Town Manager Kevin Smith helps out Claire Long, 5, with the heavy mallet used in the Strongman Competition at the 2021 Old Home Day festivities held on the Town Common all

# Town Council Accepts \$2.7 Million in Federal Funding

LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Town Council members accepted a substantial a variety of sources.

Hearing portion of the na Virus State and Local

Finance Director Justin Campo informed the uring the latest Campo, brought two meeting of the grants forward for the council to vote on accepting.

The first was from amount of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, for local gov-During the Public ernment under the Coro-

meeting, Londonderry Fiscal Recovery Funds. council that they are anticipated to get \$2.7 million from that act. He added that the deadline to towns to opt in was Aug. 18 and if the town chooses not to pursue the funds, the money received word that **continued on page 7** Chairperson

#### **To Finalize School Year Plan** DAVID NOYES policies, masking recom- the task force will be tak-LONDONDERRY TIMES mendations, and various ing, "a more localized

The Londonderry School Reopening Task Force convened on Wednesday, Aug. 18, and the group comprised of school personnel, community members, and parents discussed the various challenges facing Londonderry's efforts to safely open schools while maneuvering through the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

The task force pointtheir discussion other mitigation tactics needed to keep students, school staff, and the community safe.

The task force unanimously voted to consider local data specific to Londonderry. rather than including the surrounding counties and did unfold at points New Hampshire as a whole, to inform the various decisions that need to be made to keep infection rates schools down.

Superintendent Scott towards student sick Laliberte emphasized

approach to reactions, to cases...We do feel like we get pretty good data although we never get enough of it. We always want more data that's specific to Londonder-

While disagreements throughout the meeting, Dan Black, Assistant Superintendent, noted a common core value: "if we have multiple positive cases and do nothing, were negligent. Were continued on page 2

# **School Board Chairman Resigns** as Schools Get Ready to Reopen

CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

Chair of the Londonder-School resigned, the current Chairman of the board has resigned leaving just thee members to conduct meetings heading into the new school year.

School Board chair Michael Saucier announced last Friday that because of health concerns he will be stepping off the board.

According release sent out on Monday afternoon, Aug. 23, "On Friday afternoon, School Board the

week and three Board, citing health condays after Jenn cerns. The Board has Ganem, the Vice accepted applicants for the other current vacan-Board cy created by the recent resignation of Vice Chairperson Jenn Ganem and has not at this point deliberated on a process or timeline for naming successors to these positions. The Board will consider both resignations in public session during their meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, August 24. The to a Board does retain the ability to continue to meet and carry out their duties with a 3/5 quorum."

> It was also stated Michael that the board will be

Saucier had submitted conducting a reorganizahis resignation from the tion at the start of the meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 24, to select a temporary chairperson that will serve until the full board can choose a chair to serve until March of 2022."

> Saucier was reelected during the March 2021 school elections and was expected to serve three years. Ganem's term was set to

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# Keoben

Continued from page 1 in charge of 4,200 people's kids' lives, we don't take that lightly."

The swirling over mask recommendations zeroed in er spread throughout require facemasks." Ultion who should be rec- multiple ommended to mask up in the event of a positive may need to dawn facecase. The task force masks. Kim Capone, ance from the New

debated the nuances of pupil services, clarified Covid-19. For example, masking specific classcases occur versus largclassrooms where the entire school

mask recommendations that "as of today, our based on various de- recommendation is, in a grees of exposure to case of a known positive in a classroom where we know for sure that chilconversation rooms where positive dren were exposed, it is our recommendation to mately, there is hope amongst the task force that there will be guid-

Hampshire Department of Health, although such guidance has yet to be received.

Superintendent Laliberte made sure to highlight that the school board does not have the authority of executive order and thus needs to be cautious with their recommendations. With vaccination rates of Londonderry students between the ages of 12-19 currently below 30 percent, the recommendations put forth by the school board will be an cess with his remark

important tool in the fight to keep positive cases down and avoid school closures throughout the year. It was noted that the school board will be using federal covid assistance to purchase 5,000 testing kids. In the event a student does test positive, these tests will be available to ensure a speedy return to the classroom.

Fred Heinrick, Public Health Enforcement Officer, underscored the convene in emergency entire reopening pro-

that, "nobody expected the delta variant. I can't tell you what the next variant will be...We're in unknown territory. But the important thing is that people care. They care about themselves, they care about their friends and their communities."

During these uncertain times, the reopening task force will continue to meet throughout the school year and situations.



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A LOOK Back There were dozens of historic reenactors set up on the grounds of the Londonderry Historical Society during Saturday's Old Home Day celebration. There was also a pig roast lunch being served throughout the day. Photos by Chris Paul

# School

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expire in March of 2022.

Saucier was contacted by the Londonderry Times and asked to combut did not respond to the request.

On his page he released the folmany are now aware, I I gave as much as I could for as long as I could but I needed to step away to health and my family. to share my thoughts one final time.

wife and I moved to Lon- the privilege of working

family because of the reputation of the Lon-Public donderry Schools. With our girls now in eighth and eleventh grade, I know ment on his departure that it was the best decision we could have made for our family. My Facebook wife and I are both teachers each with 20 lowing statement. "As years of experience, so we have seen just about recently stepped down everything public educaas a member of the Lon-tion has to offer. The donderry School Board. teachers, administrators, and staff of the Londonderry schools are second to none. The refocus on my personal passion they have for their jobs and the love With that said, I wanted they have for the over 4,000 students in our schools is special to see. Over 16 years ago my As a board member I had

donderry to start our with many of them over these years and it was truly an honor to play even a small role in the exemplary work they are doing every single

> Over the past year and a half we have all had to deal with the Covid pandemic. Everyone has had to make adjustments to their day to day lives, but schools the country where hundreds of people are

the amount of extra hours that our teachers and school leaders work beyond their regular jobs to keep our schools running and our students safe during a pandemic. Their efforts have been nothing short of heroic and that should never be taken for granted.

In recent months are the only places in emotions have risen in town and many have been divided over how asked to be indoors in to best proceed with close spaces for six or school. I just want to more hours a day. It is remind everyone that

impossible to explain the one thing that unites all of us - parents, students, teachers, administrators - is that we ALL want what is best for our children and the students of Londonderry. We may not necessarily agree on what is best at times, but I hope that as we move forward we can all remember that our goal is the same - to keep our kids in school, to provide a top education, and to keep our kids

> The two resignations comes after a very turbulent year of dealing

with the COVID-19 Pandemic and how it effects students and staff at the school.

Parents and other residents have organized over the summer with many of them being very vocal about their opposition to having masks wearing as a mandatory requirement in schools and buses.

Because of that outcry, a Reopening Task Force was established to recommend how to proceed with the 2021-22 school year.



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# **Editorial**

### It's that Time Back to School

It seems like it was just Memorial Day last week, but somehow we are suddenly at the final week of summer vacation. Summer is coming to a close, and Students are soon going back to school. School starts this week, and the shadows of late summer bring the unmistakable message that the season is on the wane. It may be too hot to think about winter clothing, but the time for scarves and hats and boots will be here before we know it

But even 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, we nevertheless have our memories.

It makes me think of a old song "School Days" an American popular song 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". Reminds me of being a kids a very long time ago and I marvel at how much has changed some for good and some for not so good.

The start of school not only bring back memories but it also brings a word of caution. 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, pause the texting, reducing your speeds in designated school zones, and watching for school buses signaling their stops. There is no place you could be going that is more important than a life. Now more than in the past due to added development in our towns; lets face it we have a lot more cars, trucks, and overall traffic.

For parents, the start of the school year brings feelings of nostalgia, and the reality that years which are passing can't be avoided. 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.

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# Letters

#### **Masks in School**

To the editor,

The Londonderry School District plans to start the school year with masks optional, then wait and see whether masks need to be required.

The Raleigh School District in Mississippi tried the same thing. Student MKayla Robinson www.wlbt.com/2021/08/ 18/parents-8th-graderwho-died-covid-dontbelieve-children-aresafe-cases-resurge will have a full page memorial in the school yearbook next spring. The girl died two days after her district saw the skyrocketing cases count and put in place a mask mandate. It was too late for her, as she had already contracted the disease in the first few days of classes. We already know, from Southerners' bitter experience, what happens when the Delta variant of covid-19 enters the schools. We don't need to "wait and see."

Our school district has a duty of care to ensure that the learning environment at all the schools is safe. If a child has an explosion of anger and pushes a desk and that desk happens to hit someone, the child has to see the guidance counselor, the principal, the parents must come in for a conference, and there can be an inschool suspension. I am proud to live in a town whose schools have demonstrated over and over again that violence, or any force that interferes with learning safely, will not be tolerated.

On Aug. 30 the school doors will open and thousands of excited students will enter the classrooms. So will the Delta variant of covid-19,

last year's covid. It will be on students' breath. The students will mostly not be wearing masks, since the District is betting that covid will not be in the buildings from day one. We live in a state with substantial covid-19 transmission. according to the official NH Covid-19 Response webpage www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/schools. Most of that transmission is in the southern part of the state. where we live. So covid-19 will be coming with the students into our schools.

A child will breathe. unencumbered by a mask. Her aerosol will mix with that of the other students. Her breath will inadvertently enter the lungs of other children, as theirs will enter hers. Some of those children will become ill with covid-19. No one will be sent to the guidance counselor or the principal, even though the students' simple acts of breathing have rendered their classroom an unsafe space. In a few days some of them will be sent home due to covid-19 symptoms.

Let's all pray no child gets sent to the hospital, or dies. Masks are the best defense against this disease, especially for the unvaccinated. For all of our precious K through fifth graders, wearing masks from day one is their only defense as they will be sitting ducks for this stronger covid-19 once schools open.

Please contact the Londonderry School District office and ask them to mandate masks from day one. It is their duty to protect the students from each other, just as they did way back when when

twice as contagious as a certain girl I know was last year's covid. It will in the fourth grade.

Amy Pitts, Londonderry

#### **Thanks to Publisher**

To the ditor,

I just wanted to thank Deb Paul, (publisher of the Londonderry Times and also on the Londonderry Town Council) for helping our church out with our yard sale advertising, which supported our many ministries.

Deb is a credit to this town and a strong advocate for its citizens. She's always willing and able to listen to anyone who reaches out to her and takes whatever action she can to help.

Also I would like to thank the Lions Club for the senior barbecue to kick off Old Home Weekend and the Londonderry Police officers who served the many senior citizens who attended. They worked very hard cooking and serving so many grateful seniors. We have a great police force!

> Loretta Guyett Londonderry

#### Londonderry Dining Services

To the editor,

This is Amy Finamore and Bob Slater. We are two members of the Londonderry School Board, but speak only for ourselves in this letter.

On Wednesday, Aug. 18, we had the privilege of assisting Dining Services with curbside meal pick up, available to all children in Londonderry. From moving meal boxes to serving members of our community, Bob and I were lucky to spend a few hours with the wonderful Dining Services staff.

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important to the chil- children. dren of Londonderrynearly 12% of our student population is eligible for free and reduced lunch. During the school year, these children, and all our children, benefit from breakfast and lunch available at no cost to parents. families.

Bob and I would like anti-tank missiles, rockto extend our gratitude ets, mortars, millions of to the entirety of Lon-rounds of ammunition, donderry's Dining Ser- and much more. vices team. Your hard

work each week has helped the children of the community and you The summer lunch have each made a lasting program is incredibly impact in the lives of our

> Thank you, **Amy Finamore** and Bob Slater Londonderry

#### **The Current Situation** To the editor,

Friday, Aug. 20 the For many of these children, Wall Street Journal and summer is a time of uncer- other major media are tainty. Rather than enjoy reporting that the US carefree playtime, these government left behind children may worry about billions of dollars of our their next meal and military weaponry in whether they will have Afghanistan without disenough food to eat. Our abling it or preventing it curbside meal service from falling into Taliban helps alleviate this con- hands. This includes cern for both our parents hundreds of thousands and our children, relieving of automatic rifles, M24 one burden facing today's sniper rifles, MRAPs, Humvees, helicopters,

In addition to the

humanitarian disaster ing with the withdrawal. caused by this administration's incompetence and arrogance, we now also face the prospect that our armed services will be in far greater danger in future deployments, potentially facing enemies armed with modern and highly lethal US weaponry and equipment.

As the father of an active-duty enlisted armed forces member, this means that this administration's actions have placed my son - and all sons and daughters serving our nation - in greater danger for no defensible reason at all.

To be clear: I have long strongly supported the US finally exiting Afghanistan (and Iraq), whether under President Trump or President Biden. On April 18, 2021 President Biden made a statement, available on WhiteHouse.gov, in which he made it clear he approved and was proceedHis administration has had MONTHS to plan this!

If, like me, this outrages you, and you can see this as not Democrat vs. Republican, but as an issue of dangerous incompetence and aiding, arming and abetting an enemy, I urge you to do as I did and contact all three of our federal legislators to request they hold this administration accountable, step up to uncover why this was so horrendously mishandled, and look to pre-

vent it happening again.

In particular, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and can - should she feel like it - use her position to ask the tough questions that need to be asked, since our news media are too cowardly to do it.

It's simple. Do the right thing by our armed services and taxpayers, or defend dangerous incompetence for partisan political points.

Patrick El-Azem Londonderry

#### **Response to Letter**

To the editor,

I am writing in response to a recent letter to the editor from Jodi Daron. At one point in her letter, she mentions how disappointed she is that so many people are spreading so much hate and negativity. And she notes that many people are making assumptions about and judging others, which is not helpful at all.

Then she asks, "How can we come together? continued on page 6

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How can we get through this? How can we make the world a kinder and more loving place?"

Her answer to these questions is that it begins by people genuinely listening to each other, asking questions and waiting to hear the answer. And Showing compassion while trying to gain a new perspective.

I understand her frustrations with what she sees happing in our country, but there is an organization that can make a difference in our world. Brave Angels is dedicated to depolarizing our country using many of the techniques she mentions in her letter.

The goal of Braver Angels is to help Americans to better understand each other in today's polarized political environment. They have a wide variety of programs to choose from. Each one is designed to help achieve this goal.

Please visit their web site (braverangels.org) and then join Braver Angles in this very important endeavor.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Brian Macdonald Londonderry

## Overreach

To the editor.

I attended the July 19 Town Council meeting where a zoning change to "Multifamily Residential -III" was granted for properties located at 20 and 22 Young Rd. I was alarmed by the specifics of the development plan presented by DHB Homes and Meisner Brem Corp. (engineers).

While growth in Londonderry is expected and inevitable, what they showed was a development consisting of over 50 homes sited on small lots and interconnected with roads only 22 feet wide (which is below town code). With only a single inlet/outlet to the development, this raises serious concern about accessibility by emergency vehicles, particularly for homes located furthest in.

Their plan also calls for building homes out over the current gas company easement that runs north-south through the western portion of the proposed development.

This will, of course, all be subject to review and approval by the Planning Board, but it is my hope that the board will rein in this development overreach and place public safety ahead of

**Alarming Development** profit to arrive at a more sensible plan.

> Robert DiNozzi Londonderry

#### **Seniors Get Together**

To the editor,

Londonderry's Home Day weekend started last night with the free annual BBQ for seniors here in town. The volunteers made it look so easy, but I am sure it was not. So many volunteers working together, backing each other up, and making sure we had what we needed to enjoy the evening.

Actually, the evening started with several games of Bingo, and 20 large gift baskets to be won; so much work went into those baskets. Purchases had to be made. items placed in the baskets, and the baskets

The pavilion outside the Lions Hall was bursting at the seams because there was a full house of hungry seniors ready to chow down. There was so much preparation involved and I don't think anything was forgotten.

The food was purchased; potato salad made, coleslaw as well, and baked beans. All tables had centerpieces, condiments in small containers, two types of pickles in Tupperware, and chopped onions. The little "goody" bags given as we checked in contained our napkin with three slots holding a

fork, knife and spoon, salt and pepper, wet wipe, a bag of Cape Cod chips, and Milano cookies; we didn't know it then, but the cookies were to go with the ice cream passed out at the end of our meals.

There were several police officers serving the seniors so that we did not have to stand in line as we have in the past. There were Lions club members manning the grills, passing out waters and sodas, the Londonderry Senior Center's Director and President, and so many other helping hands including some of Londonderry's finest, no not the policemen thou they are, but folks who keep our town running smoothly.

After all was done and clean up begun, we were also treated to a free concert at the common across the street. What a great way to celebrate our town, and our senior population. We missed it last year. but made up for it this year. Thank you, Lions Club members and all the folks who helped to pull off the Seniors night in Londonderry.

> Trudy Marshall Londonderry

#### China Lab Unleashed The Pandemic

To the editor.

I agree with some of the members on the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee who recently reported the COVID 19 virus was leaked from the experimental virus laboratory in Wuhan China.

Communist China exported the COVID 19 virus to the US and the rest of the world, and it is primarily responsible for the millions of deaths, virus ailments, and economic hardship in the world.

A study by the Na-

tional Natural Science Foundation of China, which was subsequently removed from the internet by the Chinese government, stated searchers in two laboratories in Wuhan China had been gathering bats infected with the coronavirus since 2012, and they were experimenting with bats that could spread the virus to human beings. In 2015 the Wuhan institute of Virology conducted further experiments on bats capable of infecting human beings with the coronavirus. On Nov. 18, 2019 the Wuhan Institute of Virology posted job openings for postgraduate students to study the coronavirus in bats and humans. In particular, the openings emphasized the experiments would involve letting the coronavirus lie dormant in some people for a long time without symptoms. It is noteworthy China has a history of students working in laboratories becoming infect-

Subsequently, researcher was bitten by a bat and another worker was secreted on by a bat. The woman director of the laboratory got the COVID 19 virus and died, and this was covered up by the Chinese authorities. These laboratory workers then infected people in the surrounding population of Wuhan China and the virus took off from there.

Communist China might not have foreseen the possibility of the COVID 19 virus escaping from the Wuhan laboratories and infecting the world. However, China with its strictly controlled closed society had to know it could lockdown the country and bring the virus under control, but the open societies of most other countries, including the US, are not conducive to locking down, and are prone to spreading the virus. Furthermore, China experimented with a virus capable of mass infection and being asymptomatic in people, which weaponized the virus.

Communist China owes the world pandemic reparations payments in the many tens of billions of dollars. It. along with other countries, must conduct in-depth reviews of the safety and security procedures in virus laboratories, and implement any necessary changes to ensure viruses cannot escape from laboratories. China, in particular, must stop experimenting with viruses, because it poses an ongoing health and security threat to the world. It should be sanctioned for developing and accidentally unleashing a biological weapon of mass infection into the

Donald Moskowitz Londonderry













**Senior BBQ** Local seniors were treated to hamburgers, hotdogs, music and Bingo with gift baskets at the annual Old Home Day Senior Barbeque held at the Lions Hall Pavillion on Wednesday, Aug. 18. Police officers were on hand to help serve those attending and Kevin Smith and Katie Sullivan, pictured at right, helped with Bingo and organizing the event. After the meal, the Concert on the Common series took place on the town Photos by Chris Paul common.





# Funding

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The town has already funds. received roughly half of eral government.

might strings attached to accepting accepting the money."

He added the governwould go back into the ment is more clear with what you can't do with the money than what can be done with the

the money from the fed- seems to be a lot of ... training, and outfitting Why don't you do it and the cruiser. When asked what we'll tell you if it's wrong."

Campo Smith, added that any has responded, "There are a plans to spend any of response was that this is

lot of strings attached to this money will come before the council before it is spent.

Another fund that was accepted by the council was for a second K-9 unit for the Police Department. It totaled He also explained, "It \$27,000 for the dog,

When asked if the dog was necessary since Town Manager, Kevin the department already one dog the

a successful program and by the time the current dog will be ready to retire, the new one will be already in place.

The council also accepted just over \$1,700 in funding from Rae Andreano, a local scout working on his Eagle Scout project.

The project is for a 9-11 monument that will be constructed at the Central Fire Station on Mammoth Road.

### **OBITUARY**

#### Christina Kay (Nee Edwards) Silvers



Christina Kay (Nee Edwards) Silvers, age 48, of Montague, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, surrounded by her family. Born in the town of Landstuhl Germany to James and Kay Edwards on

May 17, 1973, Christy came to the United States at the age of 6 weeks old. She was a long time resident of Burlington, NJ prior to moving to Montague 5

Christy was a Laban Certified Movement Analyst and a BMCsm Infant Developmental Movement Educator. She was a homemaker and a proud Homeschool mom. Christy had a great love of our Lord and Savior and was a very active member of the Sparta Evangelical Free Church in Sparta. She was a member of the Sussex Co Bee Keepers, Montague Grange and the Sussex Co and Burlington Co 4-H programs. She was also the founder of Mustard Seed Dance Co.

Christy is survived by her parents, James and Kay Edwards of Londonderry New Hampshire, her husband of eight years, John Silvers, her three daughters: Marit Edwards-Ronning, Rebecca Edwards-Ronning and Sarah Edwards-Ronning all of Montague, NJ, one son Isaiah Edwards-Ronning of Montague, NJ, and her two stepchildren John Silvers Jr of Fort Hood Texas and Laura Silvers of Harrisburg, Pa, her two siblings Kelley Swanson of Warner, New Hampshire and Michael Edwards of Laconia, New Hampshire, and her former husband Michael Edwards-Ronning of Willingboro, NJ.

A Celebration of Christy's life was held Sunday Aug. 22. at 4 p.m. at Sparta Evangelical Free Church Rt 15 North Houses Corner Road Sparta, NJ 07871. Burial was held Tuesday Aug. 24 at 1 p.m. in the Pillsbury Cemetery on Hovey Rd., in Londonderry, NH. Memorial Donations in her memory may be made to the Sparta Evangelical Free Church Rt 15 North Houses Corner Rd., Sparta, NJ, 07871. Arrangements are under the direction of the Smith-McCracken Funeral Home 63 High St., Newton, NJ, 07860. Online condolences may be offered at www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com

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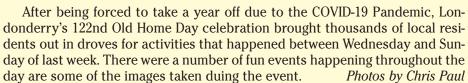
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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

# **Londonderry First Responders Beat Derry in Rematch**





from Derry 10-8 in the the game, Londonderry inaugural Old Home Day was able to come away

the two towns two years ago, the Derry squad fter Londonderry had two years to wait to First Responders exact some revenge, but Beat their rivals after leading for most of Softball Game between with a extra-innings walk



off 19-18 win this year.

After taking a year off from the annual Old Home Day softball game due to COVID-19, the Londonderry Police Department and Fire

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# **Old Home Day 5K Race Draws Runners from All Over**

LONDONDERRY TIMES

Boot Scootin' Booheld on Saturday night, Aug. 21, as one of the final by a Brewfest and a ners posting times at the events of the Old Home country music concert, Day celebration and a started and ended at the couple from Boston were Londonderry Athletic the overall men's and Fields Association. women's winners.

The race, which has been run in Londonder-The Enterprise Bank ry since 2015, took the place of the long-standgie 5K race was ing Lungren 5K two years ago, was followed

The Lundgren 5K

race had been held on nearly nearly four decades during Old Home Day before this race took its place.

There were 815 runevent.

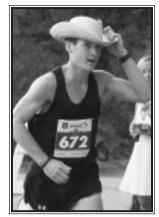
start to finish and came across the finish line

Saturday mornings for before his nearest competitor. Josh Coakley, a 24-year-old from Boston Mass. finished the race at a blistering time of 14:53.9.

Coming in second, at The winner of this 16:44.1, was Dover runyear's race led from ner Cameron Cook, 26 years of age, followed by Corey Girard, 39, of Pembroke at 17:01.6.

> The first Londonderrv runners to finish were: Sean Clegg, 16, at 17:42.2 placing sixth overall; Will Plante, 17, in eighth overall at 17:43.2; and Jake Donnelly, 21, in ninth at 17:48.9.

> The first-place female was also from Boston, Mass., Caitlin McGinley, 24, finished in the tenth spot overall and in first for the ladies with her time of 17:52.5.



Josh Coakley



Caitlin McGinley

females was Erica Szczechowski, 23, of Martinsville, IN. She finished with a time of 18:43.9.

Anna Noble, 24, of Brighton, Mass. was the third place winner for the ladies with her time of 19:55.3.

The top three female Londonderry runners were: Adriana Nadeau, 17, at 23:43.3. Nadeau was also the first place winner in her division.

Ashley Perry, 18, at 23:48.6, second in her division; and Heidi Letalien, 56, at 24:17.6. She was also first in her division.

Following the race, a brewfest with live music was held on the lower softball field at the LAFA complex

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# **Honorable Mention**

Over the summer, varsity Lancer Volleyball player Matt Doyle received All-State Honorable Mention from the New Hampshire Volleyball Coached Association for his efforts during the 2021 sring season. The booster club is currently tryiing to build the Volleyball program and hoping at some point to get it as a boy's sport at the Middle School.

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joined Department forces on Friday, Aug. 20, and played their counterparts from the Derry Police Department and Fire Department, as was part of the 122nd Old Home Day celebration.

inning game, ended up lead 9-5. as a ten-inning competition after both sides wanted to stay on the softball field at Matthew three times while Lon-Thornton Elementary donderry finished with School. The game lasted four more, leaving the

approximately 75 minutes and ended with the local Londonderry team to pay on at that point, winning 12-18.

Derry jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead after two innings until Londonderry took a one-run lead in the bottom of the third with four runs.

The Derry squad came back with two runs The contest, which in the fourth and three started out as seven- in the fifth to retake the

> In the seventh inning, which was slated to be their last, Derry scored

score 12-9 after seven.

The teams decided since the pace of the game moved very quickly, but as it turned out, Derry should have quit while they were ahead, because in the eighth and ninth innings Londonderry exploded for seven runs to Dory's four, sending the game into extra innings.

In the tenth, Derry scored twice while Londonderry was able to rally for the three runs needed for the second consecutive win against their rivals.



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#### **Welcome Back Social**

Londonderry Women's Club will hold its annual Welcome Back social on Wednesday, Sept. 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Morrison House in Londonderry. Women in the community interested in learning more about the club are encouraged to attend.

#### **2021 Skip Burbine Tennis Open**

The 3rd annual Skip Burbine Open will be held on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 11 and 12. The tennis tournement will be held on plex and is looking for participants in Men's Doubles; Women's Doubles; and Mixed Doubles. The cost is \$35 per player, which will go toward the Skip Burbine Scholarship Fund. The sign-up deadline is Saturday, Sept. 4. Sign up emailing doubles team's first and last names, t-shirt size and a phone number to: skipburbinefoundation@gmail.com. The rain date for the tournement will be Sept. 18 and 19.

#### Oktoberfest

For friends, members,

Courts at the LAFA Com- derry Republican Committee is having its 2nd Annual Oktoberfest, Thursday, Sept. 16, from 5 - 7:30 p.m. at Londonderry's American Legion-Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd. Along with the Oktoberfest menu of brats and hot dogs with all the fixings, there will be music, special speakers, and introductions of available 2022 Republican Candidates. This fun event is only \$25 per person aged 13 and above. Children 12 and under are free. Levels of sponsorships are available that include acknowledgements and event tickets. Contact Liz Thomas at eath-

RSVP. Walks are welcome. Yet, preregistration will assure accommodation.

#### **Strengths Based Par**enting Workshop

On Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road Derry, is hosting an evening with Charlie Applestein for a workshop entitled Strengths Based Parenting", in partnership with Salem Family Resource Center. This workshop will share solutions with parents and caregivers, which can be effective to managing everyday childhood challenges that present themselves in families. "Raising children is a big job, and we want to offer parents and caregivers the opportunities to come together, explore what is working for them and what needs attention. Looking at how to reframe a challenge can be a great way to focus on a small change that can make a big difference", says Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director. This event is Free of charge. To register for the event, www.bit.ly/TURs-

505-6007 to learn more or to trengthbasedparenting For more parenting workshops, and events visit www. URTeachers.org for a full list of workshops, classes, support groups and parent child playgroups.

#### **Green Team**

Green Team monthly meetings will be the 3rd Thursday of every month. Upstairs in the Londonderry Lions Hall at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. The next meeting is Thursday Sept. 16. For more information go to our face Book page www.facebook.com/group s/greenteamlondonderrynh or call 603-537-2760

**Blood Drive** American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday Sept. 30, from 2 - 7 p.m., at the Derry VFW post 1617, located at 18 Railroad Ave., Derry. To schedule an appointment go to derrynhgop@gmail.com. Limited Edition tee shirt for more donors. Help patients. If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter VFW-POST 1617 to schedule an appointment

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#### **Free Meals**

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Dinner on Aug. 27, from 5 - 5 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Lunch on Aug. 29, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Sonshine Soup Kitchen willbe serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

#### **Story Time**

Join Miss Jennifer for tales about unusual pets! This story time video will be available to watch on the Leach Library Facebook page until Sept. 30. To reserve the featured titles, please call the library at 432-1132 or sign in to your account on the library catalog.

#### **Learn to Play Tennis**

The Londonderry Tennis Camp is putting together a Learn to Play Tennis program for boys and girls aged 7-13-years-old. The program will take place on Mondays from 4 - 6 p.m. at

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#### **Around Town**

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the Skip Burbine Tennis Courts at the LAFA Complex starting Sept. 13. The five-week program will cost \$150 with and early bird special of \$135 if payment is received by Aug. 31. Email Roberta Davis at davssare@gmail.com with questions or to register tour child.

#### **Voter Information**

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist

Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 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 qualifica-

and register voters on: tions for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. Contact Kristin Grages, Chair, Supervisor of the Checklist for the Town of 603-432-Londonderry 1100, ext 198 with any questions.

#### **Etz Hayim Sunday Camp**

Free Sunday Camp, Monthly starting Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. - noon (Ages 4-6) The camp includes: Music, crafts, games; Intro to Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah and Hebrew; Free tuition available to new Sunday Camp families. Registration: www.etzhayim.org/learn. For more information, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

#### **Etz Havim Religious** Learning,

The Etz Haymin Synagogue is holding Religious Learnings on Tuesdays, Weekly starting Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. (Ages 7-18)This ill entail: Hebrew letter recognition and decoding to learn Hebrew reading skills; Holiday observance, Tzedakah, Judaica, Jewish history, living and ethics; Liturgical and Judaic knowledge and skills in preparation for becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Registration: www.etzhayim.org/learn. For more information, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

#### **Etz Hayim High Holidays**

Etz Hayim Synagogue High Holiday Schedule and Registration. No requirements on tickets or reservations. Schedulae is a follows: Sat. Aug. 28, at 8 p.m.,

for Selichot Program "Hummable Hits for the High Holidays"; Sat. Aug. 28, at 9 p.m., Services; Mon. Sept. 6, at 7:15 p.m., for Erev Rosh Hashanah Service; Tues. Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 1); Tues. Sept. 7, at 1 p.m., Tashlich - Hood Pond, Derry; Tues. Sept. 7, at 2:30 p.m., Family Service; Wed. Sept 8, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 2); Wed. Sept. 15, at 7:15 p.m., Kol Nidre; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 9:30 a.m., Yom Kippur Morning Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 1 p.m., Discussion "Lessons

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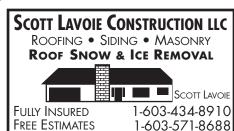




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# **Londonderry Police Log**

**Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs** 

Monday - Aug. 16

12:22 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on High Range Road.

2:35 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road. 9:22 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Ash Street. 11:08 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Old Nashua Road.

12:17 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Aviation Park Drive.

1:44 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Lane Way.

Tuesday - Aug. 17 5:11 a.m. Welfare Check performed on Longleaf Place.

8:51 a.m. Suspicious Activity leads to an arrest made on Ash Street. Karen Pinkney, 41, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence (Criminal Threatening - Fear of Bodily Injury); Reckless Conduct (Domestic Violence); and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

12:15 p.m. Involuntary Emergency Admission transported to a hospital from Ash Street.

12:58 p.m. Assisted the

partment with trans- investigated by four offiportation to a hospital from Bridle Path at Wallace Farm apartments.

ported at Smiley Veterinary Fieldstone Drive. Clinic on Harvey Road. 2:40 p.m. Disturbance

investigated on Michels Way at Pillsbury Road.

Wednesday - Aug. 18 7:03 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:06 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Canterbury Lane. **3:23 p.m.** Shooting Complaint investigated on Lane Way.

7:45 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by four officers on Devonshire Lane.

8:39 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by eight officers on Winterwood Drive. 10:50 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm apart-

Thursday - Aug. 19 8:51 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Bridle Path. Londonderry Fire De- 10:16 a.m. Sudden Death ingham Road.

cers on Winterwood Drive 8:34 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transport-2:25 p.m. Disturbance re- ed to a hospital from

> Friday - Aug. 20 4:27 a.m. Report of Missing Person investigated

at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. 6:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Accident investigated by seven officers at Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

**6:33** p.m. Suspicious Activity at Convenience Plus on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Joseph Agri, 41, of Manchester Arrest on a Warrant.

7:29 p.m. Disturbance investigated by five officers on Nashua Road at the 7-Eleven Food Mart.

Sunday - Aug. 22

2:42 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Bayberry Lane.

9:44 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on King John Drive.

1 p.m. Disturbance reported at The Hub Smoke & Vape on Rock-

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Learned from Covid for our Synagogue"; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 2 p.m., Family Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 4 p.m., Afternoon Service; Mon. Sept. 20, at 7:15 p.m., Erev Sukkot; Fri. Sept. 24, at 6 p.m., Potluck Shabbat in the Sukkah; Wed. Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m., Simchat Torah. For more information or live stream links, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

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#### **Free Senior Activities**

Free games, and groups for older adults every weekday at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, and coffee is provided. Bridge on Mondays at 1 p.m.; Mahjongg at noon and Hand & Foot at 1 p.m., on Tuesdays; Whist at 1 p.m., on Wednesdays; Domino Train at noon on Thursdays; Cribbageand at 9 a.m., and Forty Five's at 1 p.m., on Fridays; The last Friday of the month at

Healthy Youth (SoRock) 12:30 p.m., a Free movie will play with popcorn and soda. Available to play every day on the lawns during Spring & Summer: Giant Jenga & Connect Four, Backgammon, Chess & Checkers, Yardzee & Farkle, with Bocce and Cornhole on the back lawn. Located at 39 West

#### **Caregiver Resource Line**

Broadway, Derry.

Have parenting questions? Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver resource line, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 26. Call with your name and contact number, and a trained professional will return your call within 24 hours. If you are having an emergency, please call 911.

#### Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online Story & Craft Session for Parents and their children up to age 6 with the Upper Room. Free Live on Zoom. Join us on Zoom for live interactive songs and children's stories followed by a craft lesson, that is easy and fun to do with your child at home. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom. nectstorytime or email skoza@URteacher.org.

#### **Teen Talk**

Free LIVE on Zoom on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., for teens 13-18 to talk, support each other, and be heard. No preregistration necessary. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/tipstopics

#### **Parent & Caregiver Café**

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 · 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/3024-97889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

#### Raising a Teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration

craft supplies at bit.ly/conneeded. Thursday 6 - 7:30 eb.zoom.us/j/302497889. p.m. Free live on Zoom.

Contact: Seren Elizabeth at Link to Join: https://us04w-selizabeth@urteachers.org

## **OBITUARY**

#### **Roland Carl St. Germain**



Roland Carl St. Germain, Jr., 55, of Londonderry, NH, died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, in Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH. He was born in Exeter, NH on Sept. 24, 1965, son of Roland, Sr. & Jeannine (Bellavance) St. Germain. He was raised & educated in

Hampton, NH, attended Winnacunnet High School & furthered his education at The University of NH & Plymouth State College where he received his Bachelor's in Business Management. Roland had been a resident of Londonderry since 2011, previously residing in Barrington, NH.

He is survived by his loving wife of 17 years, Gwen (Gifford) St. Germain; daughter, Megan Jessica St. Germain, mother, Jeannine G. (Bellavance) St. Germain of Hampton, NH; 3 brothers, Robert T. St. Germain & his wife Linda of Englewood, FL, John R. St. Germain of Kittery, ME, Donald A. St. Germain & his wife Diane of Cape Coral, FL, & sister, Marianne J. Warner and her husband Douglas of China, ME; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins.

Roland (fondly referred to as Rollie) blazed his own path through life, without fear, both professionally & personally. He previously owned his own grand format printer consumable business, Armada Imaging & more recently was employed for over a decade by VHG Labs/LGC Standards Co., as a sales professional. He was a jet setter traveling the world for business & pleasure to destinations such as, Dubai, Venezuela, South Africa, India, Asia, & Australia. A honeymoon to Costa Rica, a trip to the Bahamas with family, a tenth anniversary to Belize with his wife, frequent trips to NYC with friends & a successful international business trip to Caracas with his brother-in-law, Doug are memories that will not soon be forgotten. He loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, kayaking, skiing, gardening, growing mammoth pumpkins to compete in the Deerfield Fair, scuba diving, target shooting, ziplining, walking his dog, spending time at the beach, & reading. He looked forward to his annual trip in the White Mountains of NH with his long-time ski buddies.

Roland loved being active & spending time with his family, especially teaching his daughter & her friends, nieces &nephews how to fish. He loved participating in father/daughter activities with his beloved Megan & watching her participate in the Lancer Marching Band & Winter Percussion. Roland volunteered often & was someone who would do anything for his friends & his family. He was a long-term member & leader of the Southern NH Pathfinders, spending many hours fundraising & organizing a special father/daughter dance enjoyed by many. It would not be unlike Roland to donate blood to the American Red Cross, chaperone for the Londonderry MS Winter Sports Club or volunteer with his daughter's Girl Scouts Troop helping them earn their Silver Award or tide pooling with the Coastal Rompers.

His sister Mary recalls that Roland shared his tackle for every kind of fresh & saltwater fish & has fond memories of Striper fishing, boating in the Piscataqua River, with the current faster than his boat motor could take them and cruising at his lake house in Barrington where he pulled anyone around who wanted to waterski. There will be many that will miss his friendship & his infectious smile.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 12 - 3 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Londonderry. Catholic Prayer service will be held at 2 p.m. Memorial contributions may be donated in Roland's name to; Friends of Music www.lancermusic.org/fundraising & reference Roland St. Germain to help fund his daughter's travels with the Londonderry Lancer Marching Band. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m. following the services at 21 Hunter Mill Rd., Londonderry, NH.

### OBITUARY

#### Randall H. Smith



Randall H. Smith, 61, succumbed to cancer and stepped into the presence of God on Jan. 13, 2021. He was born in Eugene, OR, and grew up in Plymouth, NH. Randy earned a BA Biology/Chemistry (summa cum

laude), BS Nursing (summa cum laude) and a MS Microbiology. He earned the rank of Captain in the U.S. Air Force and had fond memories of his service at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Randy worked in Infection Control,

Infection Prevention, and patient care in health care facilities in NH, ME, VA and MA for over 30 years. He wrote and coauthored many scientific research papers. Randy enjoyed playing tennis, reading, and watching old TV westerns. He especially enjoyed studying science, history, and birds. Randy never lost his fascination with God's world. He had a happy and genuine laugh that was often heard when he was with family and friends. Those who got to know him discovered a true gem.

Randy was predeceased by his wife, Tracey Suzanne Swartz, and his parents, Walter and Marylon Smith.

He is survived by his sons, Matthew and Austin Smith, and his siblings: Deborah Skinner, Michael Smith, and Jennifer Theberge.

# **OBITUARY**

Sheila Ann Maher Sheila Ann Maher, 59, of Londonderry, NH passed away unexpectedly, Aug. 5, 2021 at her residence. Sheila was born Aug. 21, 1961, in Denver. CO. and was the daughter of Ronald Maher and his late wife Nancy (Mehan) Maher. She was raised and educated in Lynn, MA and received her Bachelors degree from Hesser College. Sheila has been a resident of the Londonderry / Derry since 1978.

Sheila lived her life in service to others, holding many positions to care and counsel those in need. Her last position was as a licensed drug and alcohol counselor at the Farnum Center in Manchester, NH She also was a volunteer with the Upper Room of Derry, NH. Sheila loved to care for and help people. She was known to be a "mom" to anyone that needed one. She will forever be remembered for her love of family and her loving care for those in need.

Members of the family include her daughter Megan Parent, her father, Ronald of Londonderry, 2 grandchildren, Ava Leighton and Kylie Forand, one brother, Brian Maher, one sister, Julie Donovan, and her nephews Conor Lewis and Nick Maher, as well as Megan's brothers, Dennis, Kirk and Morgan Parent. Sheila was predeceased by her mother in 2016 and her beloved son Robert "Rob" Johnston in 2016.

Calling hours were held on Aug. 12, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium.



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