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Happy Fans

Eddie Donovan of the band 19th Nervous Breakdown handed out blow-up instruments to a number of youngsters at last week's Concert on the Common. Donovan is the lead singer for the Rolling Stones Tribute Band. See more photos page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Town Council Look to Appoint Budget Committee Members

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In lieu of the Town Council's recent acceptance of the resignation of Tim Siekmann from the Budget Committee, the town is seeking a volunteer to serve on the board until the next election.

With the town and school district budget

process beginning next month, the Town Council is hoping to put someone in place by Monday, Sept. 11.

There has also been another seat vacant since the March election.

Applicants must be Londonderry residents to apply for the position and the deadline to file a Talent Bank Form is Fri-

day, Sept. 1 at 5 p.m.

Those interested should email the Administrative Support Coordinator, Kirsten Hildonen, at khildonen@londonderrynh.org.

The Budget Committee consists of seven members and is an elected board with each resident serving for a three-

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124th Annual Old Home Day Celebration Begins

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

From Thursday night, Aug. 17, until Saturday, Aug. 19, there will be plenty for Londonderry residents to do as the town celebrates its 124th annual Old Home Day events.

Thursday - Aug. 17

Following the Senior Night Bingo and Barbecue that happens on Wednesday, the annual "Battle of the Bands" will take place starting on Thursday night, Aug. 17, at the Londonderry Town Common.

This event is hosted by the Londonderry

School District's Music Department and was started in 2021 and features a competition between some of the best local bands. The concert is appropriate for all ages and organizers encourage attendees to bring their own chairs or blankets.

Friday - Aug. 18

On Friday, starting at 4 p.m., the annual Londonderry versus Derry Police and Fire Softball Game will take place behind Matthew Thornton Elementary School on the Softball Field. Residents and family can cheer on the town's

first responders as they battle the town's age-old rivals.

Annual Fireworks Extravaganza: Starting at 6 p.m. and the Food Truck Alley will be open at the Londonderry High School parking lots, behind the school.

A food truck festival has something for every taste. There will be dozens of trucks offering full meals, snacks, or sweet treats.

In its second year, the Food Truck Alley has expanded to include more than 25 different food trucks this year. The alley will have bar-

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Background Check Concerns Addressed by School Board

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, provided an overview regarding background check procedures for district employees and for bus drivers during the Aug. 8 School Board meeting.

During the previous School Board meeting,

resident, Jonathan Esposito, asked during public comment if the district would consider reviewing its procedures for background checks.

Esposito's comments came in the wake of 29-year-old Sean Bailey being arrested and charged on July 19 with Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault; Victim under 13

years old, Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images, and Manufacturing Child Sexual Abuse Images, according to a press release from the Derry Police Department.

Bailey was a bus driver for Londonderry through third party bus provider Student Trans-

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Local Musicians to Compete in 3rd Annual Battle of the Bands

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's 2023 Old Home Day Celebration will feature the return of Battle of the Bands, where local musicians compete against each other for the chance to prove who is the best band in Londonderry for 2023.

While Old Home Day goes back to 1899, including decades of tradition with events like the baby contest and parade, Battle of the Bands is comparatively new.

"This is only the 3rd year," explained Serge Beaulieu, Director of Music for the Londonderry School District. "We had a great turnout from last year of performers and from the audience."

Beaulieu and the Old

Home Town Committee hope to see another successful year, turning Battle of the Bands into another established Londonderry tradition.

The 1st Battle of the Bands was held in 2021 as pandemic restrictions started to ease, and the contest proved extremely popular. With Old Home Day routinely attracting over 12,000 people every year, Battle of the Bands soon won a place as the premier Thurs. event. With more local talent coming to the stage once again, a similar turnout is expected for 2023.

"That first year was huge!" said Beaulieu. "We had to back up the time and go later than we originally planned."

There are no restric-

tions on the genre of

music for Battle of the Bands, with incredible variety every year so far. There is also no age limit, as bands of all ages have already signed up and 2022 judges have asked to return.

"Every year I'm always super impressed with the talent that shows up for the event," said Beaulieu. "In the past, we've had teenage groups as well as adult groups, and it's always been a nice cross-section of music."

Battle of the Bands is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. on Thurs. Aug. 17 in the Town Commons (with an alternate rain location in the High School café) and is sponsored by the Londonderry Music Department.

Attendees should

bring their own chairs or blankets and it will run until around 9 p.m., depending on the number of bands that sign up. The event is free, and food trucks will be available in the Commons to provide food and drink. Friends of Music will also be there to provide snacks and

pizza to raise money in support of High School music programs.

Those in the competition should arrive at least 40 minutes before a performance time, although Beaulieu encourages everyone to arrive "before 5 p.m. to unload and watch to support the other bands."

Each group will have 20 minutes to play with 5 minutes to set up. Lights, microphones, microphone stands, speakers, power strips, and extension cords are provided.

Rain or shine, Old Home Day attendees of all ages are encouraged to come and watch!

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien Retires

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In what was a very emotional speech, to begin the Monday night, Aug. 14, Town Council meeting, Londonderry Fire Chief, Darren O'Brien, announced his retirement from the department he's been a part of for 40-years.

O'Brien spoke to a room full of friends, family members, and residents during the Public Comment section of the meeting to announce his retirement.

He has served as Chief in Londonderry since 2013 after beginning his career here in 1983.



Londonderry Fire Chief
Darren O'Brien

O'Brien's first three years were served as a call-firefighter and he became full-time in 1986.

O'Brien said, "After serving as a full-time employee for 37-years, there is no career that is more rewarding. This is the best job in the

world. Every day is different, expect the unexpected, you're working to make somebody's day just a little better."

He thanked his wife for her support throughout his career, saying that both he and his wife have been life-long residents of the town.

O'Brien added that he is looking forward to now being able to do a lot of what they have planned for years, but have not had the time while he was chief.

O'Brien played a major role in the construction of the new Central Fire Station, which his name was added to after its construction.

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Utilities Committee Set to Focus on Water and Energy

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee met on Tuesday, Aug. 1, to discuss the structure of their subcommittees moving forward. They initially voted to finalize the rules of procedure, an outstanding issue from the last meeting, with no discussion.

Chairman, Lynn Wiles, originally over-

saw the division of Utilities into smaller subcommittees to tackle town issues more efficiently, although there have been some difficulties in implementation in subcommittees, especially in regards to communication between members and state public disclosure laws for the actions of any town committee. Even informal subcommittees

must post public agendas, and each subcommittee currently has around three members.

"We have some projects coming up that are big, we need more than three people," said Wiles. "The biggest issues facing us are in energy and water, I think that's where we should be focusing our efforts."

Committee members agreed to concentrate

more focus on the proposed Aggregation energy program and an expansion of the town's water system, which is expected to be a massive undertaking over the next few years.

The reorganization will deemphasize cable and solid waste subcommittees, although both will meet using a reduced schedule.

"I'm not expecting to see a monthly Internet and cable subcommittee meeting going forward," said Wiles. "It's not a focus until there's a specific issue in front of us to look at. We have a limited amount of resources, we have ten very qualified people sitting on the committee. What do we want to attack?"

While there was some discussion on how

much attention should be given to the sewage subcommittee, all members agreed to prioritize energy and water.

One area of concern for the water subcommittee was the necessity of water piping across the Merrimack River.

"What's keeps us up at night is: how are we going to pay for it?" said state representative liaison, Ron Dunn. "Mike [Malaguti] and myself just met with the Speaker of the House and Senator Carson to discuss finances."

While some outside funding is available, the issue of an expanded water system will likely be in the upcoming budget proposal for Londonderry.

Some growing pains continued for the Utilities Committee, notably

with their social media presence designed to keep Londonderry residents updated.

"On the Facebook page, we haven't really done anything since we created it," noted committee member, Jeff McGraw. "What I'd like to do is to create a summary of these meetings, outline what we talked about. Not the meeting minutes, but just a paragraph."

Members hoped to draw more public attention to their work.

There will be a new vote for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the committee next month. Wiles expressed an interest in staying on as Chair, while Martha Smith expressed her interest in remaining Vice Chair.

Budget Committee

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year term.

This is an advisory board that delivers information from the perspective of Londonderry taxpayers to the Town Council and the School Board in regard to budgets as a "third party".

The position became

vacant after Siekmann, a longtime member of that committee, was arrested on July 13 and charged with 15 counts of Possession of Child Sex Abuse Images, all felonies contrary to NH RSA 649-A:3 and are punishable by up to 20-years in jail.

After the arrest, a

number of residents have been calling of the removal of Siekmann from his elected position in town, but the Town Council had stated their hands were tied by the Town Charter and state law.

Following that, Siekmann resigned on Sunday, Aug. 6, allowing the town to seek a replacement for his seat.



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Editorial

Happy Old Home Day!

At the end of the 19th century, NH had lost thousands of its inhabitants to the Civil War, the new frontier in the west, and the fast-paced lifestyle of the big cities. Once abandoned, the previously bustling and inviting communities and farms turned into ghost towns. The cozy homes they left behind fell into disrepair, green fields and pastures soon filled with weeds and brush, and the deep forests thick with trees were being cut down to help keep big business going. Times were difficult and depressing for the remaining residents who remembered how beautiful and industrious their state once was.

N.H. Governor Frank Rollins, knew the success of his state was in jeopardy and that life in NH could not continue this way. He took it upon himself to make a change and devised a plan to revitalize the state and its failing economy. He decided to host a massive reunion in all cities and towns throughout the state.

It was to be a grand festival, celebrating all the wonderful things about NH and its citizens, both past and present. The governor wanted this celebration to encourage former residents to keep ties with their old communities. He also hoped that those who left NH and found success elsewhere would want to stay connected to their roots by purchasing summer

homes and other properties.

Gov. Rollins wasted no time in drafting local towns to find current addresses of former Granite Staters across the country to send them invitations to attend the very first Old Home Day celebration. The response was overwhelming.

Old Home Week's inaugural night was Saturday, Aug. 26, 1899. There were outdoor gatherings, complete with bonfires, from the mountains to the beaches. On Sunday, attendees sang hymns and former residents gave special services. Communities expanded their own celebrations after the first year, to include patriotic parades, outdoor concerts, baseball games, contests and so on.

Old Home Week did so well at revitalizing the state and its residents, that the rest of New England quickly followed suit.

Now, over 100 years later, NH is still preserving Old Home Day. While many cities and towns have continued the tradition, hard times or lack of participation have prevented it from taking place annually in many communities across the state.

Citizens of Londonderry should take pride in knowing that more than a century later, their hard work and dedication to this historic New Hampshire tradition has been, and will continue to be preserved for generations to come.

Happy 124th Old Home Day!

Letters

Londonderry Times welcomes letters of up to 500 words on topics of local interest, and prints as many letters as possible. Please e-mail your letters to the Londonderry Times at londonderrytimes@nutpub.net. All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number for verification if needed; name and town of residence will be printed. Londonderry Times reserves the right to reject or edit letters for content, length, and frequency. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

Worth Preserving

To the editor,

It was good to see the Londonderry Capital Improvements Program Committee score the "Lions Hall" project as a priority 1 - "urgent and cannot be delayed". It will also be good to see the options for this Town asset moved through the vetting and budgeting process, and ultimately brought before voters for a timely decision.

Londonderry has seen tremendous growth since our family moved here in 1985, and while it's not the quiet rural community it used to be, I'm grateful for the vision of the Town's past and current leadership (elected officials and committed volunteers) to preserve the nature, character, and history of the place we call home. Establishing the Apple Way, securing orchard conservation easements, and protecting the his-

toric features that frame our true Town Center at the intersection of Mammoth and Pillsbury roads, to name a few.

During the Arts Council's summer Concerts on the Common, I like to take in the panorama from the Bandstand area including the Town Forest, Presbyterian Church, Grange Hall, United Methodist Church, Veterans Memorial, glimpses of the orchards and of course, the Lions Hall which is especially beautiful at twilight when its façade is illuminated by the setting sun. I often think about the people who have passed through these historic places over so many years and the difference they have made to ensure that Londonderry continues to be a great place to live and grow.

Good ideas for the potential use of a renewed Lions Hall have been offered, including a

community center where citizen groups can gather like-minded people to share and enjoy common interests. For more than 25 years, the Londonderry Arts Council has been hosting such events at various venues around town with the goal of bringing community together to enrich our quality of life through the arts. The spaces we've had access to were adequate when available, our hosts welcoming, and their hospitality much appreciated.

At the same time, having consistent access to a centrally located, up-to-date facility that can accommodate a broader range and size of events throughout the year - not just for the Arts Council, but for other organizations as well - would benefit our community greatly. We are fortunate to have a beautiful town common and unique bandstand where we can hold Old Home Day activities and Concerts on the Common each summer. Considering the large number of Londonderry residents that benefit from these programs, a renewed Lions Hall as a year-round community and cultural center is a town asset worth preserving for future generations.

Larry Casey
Londonderry
Arts Council

Freedom Accounts

To the editor,

AMEN! Jim Green's take on Freedom Accounts. NH's version of DeSantis's take on education.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Deborah J. Manuel

Deborah J. Manuel, 62, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Tuesday Aug. 8, 2023, surrounded by her loving family in the Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Portsmouth, NH. She was born on Feb. 19, 1961 in Cambridge, MA, a daughter of William and Mary (Sullivan) Czar, and had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 25 years, formerly living in Somerville, MA. Deborah was a graduate of Somerville High School and Bunker Hill College. After college, she served in the US Army, stationed in TX. Deb enjoyed plants, gardening and was an animal lover.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 24 years, Scott Manuel, two sons, Chris Manuel, and Justin Harden; one daughter, Kristen Harden, a granddaughter, Cassandra; four sisters, Mary Anne Sturgis, husband Keith, Kathy Champoux, Husband Robert, Ellen Hogan, Husband Tom, Julie Wood, Husband Tom and one brother, William Czar Jr. wife Lisa as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by Father William Czar, Mother Mary Czar, sister Linda Harden.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday Aug. 16, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated privately by the family with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY, 10016-5337. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com



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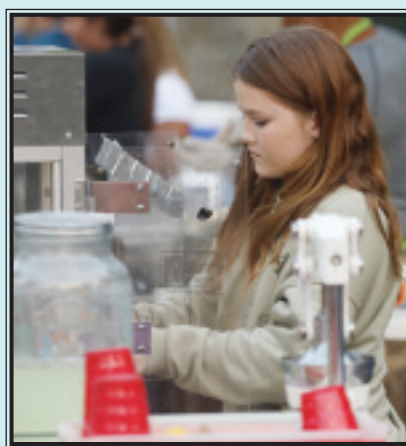
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The Music of the Rolling Stones Attracts a Large Crowd



The music of the Rolling Stones attracted a huge crowd to the Town Commons on Wednesday night, Aug. 9, as the band "19th Nervous Breakdown" took to the stage for the Concerts on the Common series. The popular series has been drawing crowd all summer long and has managed to avoid much of the rain the area has dealt with this season.

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Zoning Approve Special Exception For Liberty Utilities

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a proposal to grant a variable request for a special exception from the table of uses during the July 19 meeting.

Brian Frost, an engineer representing Liberty Utilities, explained that they were looking for a special exception to the table of uses to be able to have a public utility structure at the property located at 104 Harvey Road, which is in the Ind-II zone.

Frost said it would be for their metering and regulating station.

"It houses the equipment that we use to reduce the pressure and

measure natural gas that we feed the local distribution system," Frost said.

He explained that it would be a fenced in site for security and they typically have three different buildings, one for the natural gas piping, one for heating equipment for gas, and then electrical and communication equipment in the third building.

Frost said they wouldn't have employees there continuously and instead employees would come from time to time and would be monitored by their control system.

"Our employees visit it periodically," Frost commented.

When asked what other types of businesses are around the property, Frost stated that there is an electrical business next door and they're near the airport.

Frost added they would have multiple levels of safety included as part of the design.

"There's multiple levels of safety built into these sites," Frost said.

Frost explained that they are ultimately going to be re-enforcing the gas distribution system. He added that Londonderry is one of the fastest developing towns in their service territory, which is why they're looking to build it in town.

He said they looked

at other locations, but they felt Harvey Road would be the best location because it would be the least intrusive.

"That's what Liberty likes to look at when we're trying to solve these types of problems," Frost said.

Frost also noted that they don't see a heightened risk with the airport being close by to

the property.

It was also explained by Frost that they go through the state of New Hampshire and federal standards when it's constructed, and have other safety features like having the equipment off the ground.

"That's safety in itself," Frost said.

It was noted by Zoning Administrator, Nick

Codner, that the use is allowed in other zoning districts in town.

No one spoke for or against the applicant during the meeting.

It was noted by Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, that they would also need to get site plan approval before they could move forward.

The ZBA ultimately approved the exception.

Background

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portation of America before resigning from his position last month.

Slater said he has spent a lot of time in the last couple of weeks talking to human resources to get a better understanding of how the procedures work.

"The district follows federal guidelines, plain and simple," Slater said.

For bus drivers, Slater stated that they follow a two tiered system with one part being able to get the CDL endorsement needed on their license in order to be able to drive buses. They also have to pass a criminal history back-

ground check, which is handled through the NH Department of Education.

"They go through that check before they can even get their CDL," Slater said.

Slater explained that the state in recent years took over being in charge of background

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Auto Auction Looks to Construct Additional Parking Lot

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Wednesday night, Aug. 9, Planning Board meeting, a future plan was discussed as a conceptual discussion for a

site plan to construct a parking lot at 4 Nashua Rd., for the purpose of employee parking and associated site improvements to the Auto Auction of New England business.

Matthew Routhier, who was representing the applicant Steven DeLuca, said they were looking for input about building a parking lot on the property.

Routhier explained

that the property currently is the site of Coldwell Banker and they would be looking to have a cross easement between the two lots.

"The intent would be to enter from the smaller parking lot adjacent to the Coldwell Banker," Routhier said.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said they would have to look at zoning relief potentially because of where the parking lot would be located in comparison to the residential buffer.

"We will have to review that in further detail," Caron said.

One question that will likely need to be addressed, Caron noted is what conforming uses they have on the site now and what's not conforming.

Caron said some of the comments Director Of Engineering & Environmental Services, John Trottier, had was for the driveway permits for Londonderry Road at Nashua Road to be updated, and that the town of Derry would need to weigh in on the proposal as well.

Planning Board Assistant Secretary, Lynn Wiles, asked what the parking lot would be for.

DeLuca explained, "It's for the auto auction, for employees off-site parking." The auto auction is held on Thursdays and once a week they bring in extra employees who park off-site currently. He added that they are trying to get closer off site parking so it takes less time for the shuttles to pick and drop

off the employees.

In terms of hours, DeLuca noted, that it would mainly be once a week and that they usually start around 7 a.m. and are there until approximately 3 - 5 p.m.

Planning Board alternate member, Tony DeFrancesco, mentioned that he didn't see any problems with the plans so far.

"I don't see much conflict at all in that area," DeFrancesco said.

Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg, said it will be essential for them to talk to neighbors and to continue to talk to staff. He added that the main things that will need to be determined is what's conforming on the site and what's not, and what variances, if any, may be needed.

Background

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checks for bus drivers noting that because of it drivers are able to drive in multiple districts.

With the CDL licenses and having the background checks done for bus drivers through the state, it means they are checked every five years, instead of just the initial time.

Slater said he also spoke with Police Chief, Kim Bernard, to see if there was anything else that could be added. He

said the only thing Bernard said could be added would be a polygraph test, which he didn't recommend.

He told the board that he took comments made about looking more into their procedures to heart.

"I didn't take lightly some of the information that came from our community," Slater said.

Slater noted that he is appreciative of the information and suggestions that have come forward from the com-

munity.

"It raises flags and I appreciate people bringing those," Slater said.

In personnel news, the School Board accepted a number of resignations during the meeting. It included Paul Biron, Assistant Principal South School, Chris Childs, a Support Staff employee at Moose Hill, Charlie Clement, a Dining Services employee at the High School, and Debra Tanguay, Support Staff employee at the High School.



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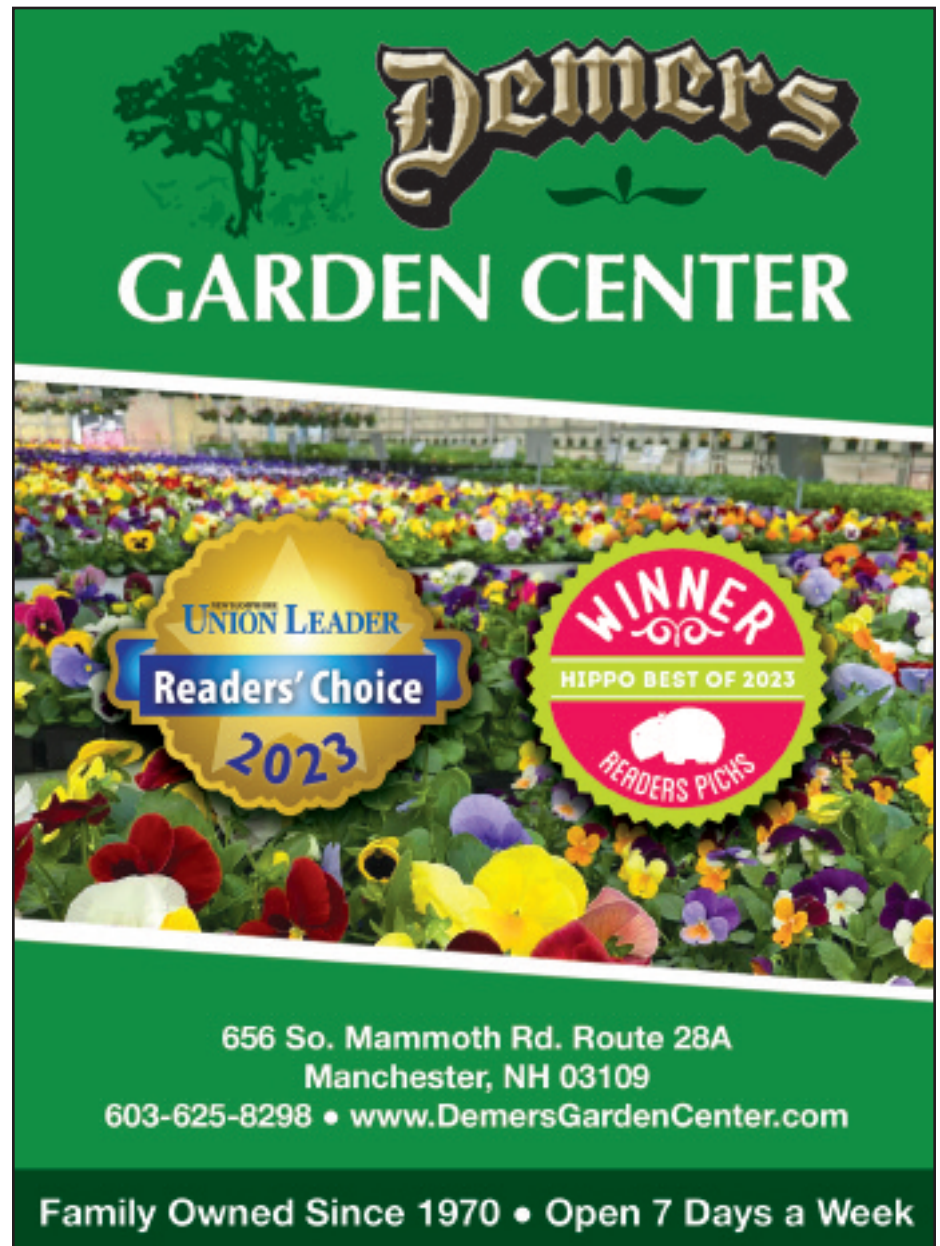
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Lightning Thief Musical Takes the Opera House Stage



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stay open until after the
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attendees to all Friday

night events please stay
off the closed LHS
sports fields.

The Fireworks Night
Concert will begin at 7
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Spradling Band at the
Londonderry High
School Track. The 12-

piece band is a 2023 Best
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(or dark) Fireworks dis-
play by Pyrotechnico
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from behind LHS. The
Rain date will be: Sun-
day night, Aug. 20.

Saturday - Aug. 19

Starting on Saturday
morning, Old Home Day
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bration for the commu-
nity to connect.

At 8:30 a.m., the 2023
Baby Contest will kick
things off from the Town
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thew Thornton Gym. Pre-
registration is required.
See details on page 16).

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At 10:15 a.m. the Old
Home Day Parade will
step off from the Central
Fire Station along Mam-
moth Road to Mack's
Apples. This is a Rain or
shine event featuring
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pants along with this
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Mammoth Road will
be closed from London-

derry Middle School to
Mack's Apples starting
at 9:45 a.m. for the dura-
tion of the parade. Pills-
bury Road (coming from
High Range Road) will
be closed at the
entrance to Moose Hill
School from 9:45 a.m. - 4
p.m.

From 10:30 a.m. - 3:30
p.m. the Londonderry
Historical Society opens
the Morrison House
Museum and Grounds to
join the Historical Soci-
ety celebrate and learn
about the town's past.
See additional details on
page 18.

From 11:30 a.m. - 3
p.m. the annual Touch-a-
Truck event will take
place at the Moose Hill
School parking lot. See
additional details on
page 20.

Starting at 11:45 a.m.
- 4 p.m. Booths will be

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The Fireworks Night Concert featuring The Scott Spradling Band will begin at 7 p.m. at the Londonderry High School Track.

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Continued from page 10 set up on the Londonderry Town Common. There will be over 60 booths set up featuring local businesses, organizations, artists, and crafters with food, prizes, games, races, giveaways, and more. There are also a number

of events scheduled on the Bandstand Stage throughout the day.

A Kidz Zone is just outside the common in the Londonderry Town Forest. This carnival-like zone is for kids of all ages with free games, activities, live animals, and more.

An Adult Zone will be set up at the Lions Hall

Pavilion and Grounds.

The 603 Beer Tent will be set up for thirsty adults (over 21). Also available: axe-throwing, lawn games, food, and lots more.

The Sons of the American Legion will be selling commemorative bricks to raise money for the patio at the American Legion Hall.

Activities in the adult zone will also include: D.J. Connexions, cornhole, a mini obstacle course, and games hosted by the Londonderry Lancer Basketball Club.

The day finished at 6:30 p.m. with the annual Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K & Brewfest at the Londonderry Athletic Field Association Complex.

A 5K race in the center of town, combined with a concert, brewfest with 15+ breweries, and a bonfire. All ages welcome and advanced registration encouraged. Race Registration ranges from \$10 for kids 11 and under to \$40 on the day of the event. The concert will be \$30 the night of the event.

More details and event maps available at londonderrynh.gov



There will be a Colonial Era cannon being fired off by David Welch hourly at noon, 1, and 2 p.m. at the Morrison House Museum.



At 10:15 a.m. The Old Home Day Parade will step off from the Central Fire Station at 10:15 and move down Mammoth Road to Mack's Apples.



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Four Generations of Family Members Celebrate 77th Birthday



Lifelong resident of Londonderry, Harold Estey, celebrated his 77th birthday on Saturday, Aug. 12, along with four generations of family members on his families original farm and now what is Estey's Country Store and Sawmill. The family has been on that property since 1939. Tom Estey, who runs the store, is pictured above at right, cutting the birthday cake for Harold, standing at left.

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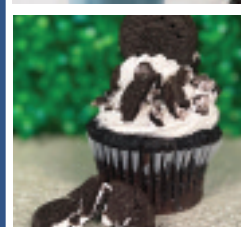
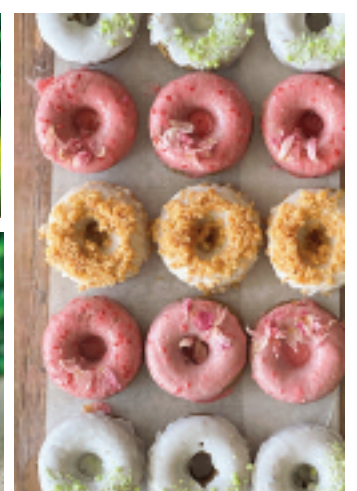


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Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K Race Runs Again on Saturday Night

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The annual Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K race will be held on Saturday night, Aug. 19, as one of the final events of the Old Home Day celebration.

The race, which has been run in Londonderry since 2015, took the place of the long-standing Lungren 5K a few years ago, will include a Brewfest after the race.

The event starts and ends at the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association (LAFA) Complex starting a 6:30 p.m.

Last year's race had over 800 runners with about 150 of them being from Londonderry.

The races overall winner was Ryan Dodge, an 18-year-old Bedford runner, with a time of 18:34.2. Coming in second, at 18:51, was Chris Connelly, 28, of Quincy, Mass., and Nathan Binda, 16, of Auburn was the third competitor to

cross the finish line at 18:59.2.

The first Londonderry runners to finish were: Jake Donnelly, 22, at 19:21.5 placing eighth overall; Mason Turek, 15, in 16th overall at 20:31.9; and Bob Courtemanche, 54, in 43rd place at 22:03.9.

The first-place female runner to cross the finish line last year was Mary Klene, 39, of Manchester. She finished in fourth place overall with her time of 19:03.7.

In second place for the female racers was Jennifer Mortimer, 40, of Bedford. Mortimer finished with a time of 19:55.6 and was 14th overall. Stephanie Burnham, 41, of Hudson was third with a time of 20:33.9.

The top three female Londonderry runners were: Laura Zube, 44, in 56th place overall at 23:08.5; Micho Ahern, 33, at 24:20.8; and Cari Hogland, 53, finishing with a time of 26:06.8.



Local Batter Makes Waves in Mass

Londonderry resident, Nathan Kearney, recent graduate from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Mass., led the Raiders baseball team to the Merrimack Valley Conference title. Kearney finished the season with a batting average of .417 including three homeruns and 26 RBIs.

Kearney was the Valley Conference Large School Division I Player of the Year and was selected as a Boston Globe All-Scholastic; Boston Herald All-Scholastic; and Eagle Tribune All-Star.

This past summer he lived in New York and played summer ball for the Horseheads Hitmen of the New York Collegiate Baseball League (NYCBL).

He had 99 at bats in 27 games played. He batted .434 for the season, which was the second highest batting average in the league, and was selected to the All-NYCBL Team for 2023.

Kearney will be playing baseball and studying Business at Stonehill College in the fall.



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School District Propose Policy For Social Media Comments

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board heard a proposal from the Communications Committee regarding a new policy for school district social media platforms.

"This policy arose because the Committee thinks we needed to more formally define the purpose and how the Social Media presence of the School District should function," Superintendent, Dan Black, said. "The Communications team did a great job

last year, but more formalizing how the presence will work was necessary after running into a few issues with posts and comments that were made with our lawyers."

He explained that through the formal policy they will be able to have a clearer vision of what the regulations are, along with a "much better set of rules for public comment than we have now."

Black said when it comes to public comments, their lawyer said if something is able to be said during a public com-

ment then they generally can be posted on Facebook comment sections.

He stated for example if a staff member was named during a public comment then that wouldn't be allowed so it wouldn't be allowed on Facebook comments.

"The Communications Committee really wants to turn the comment function back on because that increases the engagement and reach we get with Social Media," Black said.

As part of the proposed policy, it lays out what the guidelines are

for public comment.

It includes reasons why the district would be able to remove postings including ones that are:

A. are abusive, defamatory, or obscene;

B. endorse any product, cause, political party or political candidate in conflict with Londonderry School District Policy KJ;

C. target, disparage, or discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, race, religion, sexual preference, age, sex, or disability;

D. constitute a specific or imminent threat;

E. contain spam, ad-

vertising, solicitations or include links to other sites;

F. contain confidential information;

G. are in violation of any intellectual property right of another;

H. are in violation of any law or regulation;

I. are in violation of any District policy;

J. are off-topic or do not relate to the posted topic; or

K. are in violation of the guidelines of the social media site.

The policy explains that the district social

media platforms would be regulated.

"Official District social media platforms will be regularly monitored," the proposed policy reads. "Staff members responsible for monitoring content may remove posts based on viewpoint-neutral considerations in accordance with this policy, administrative regulations, guidelines, and protocols after consulting with the Superintendent or designee."

The School Board approved sending the proposed policy to a second reading.

School Board Gets Briefed On Special Ed Info System

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the July 25 School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was a presentation by Director of Pupil Services, Kim Carpinone, regarding the NH Special Education Information System.

It was explained by Carpinone that the program was rolled out by the Department of Education during the 2005-2006 school year.

"It replaced an earlier version of data entry called SPEDIS. NHSEIS is a 'comprehensive special education information management system that allows for the creation of IEPs and related documents, compliance tracking, service logging, financial tracking and reporting,'" Carpinone wrote in a memo to the School Board.

She explained that the main reason for the

system is to support the State Performance Plan and financial management for special education aid.

"The SPP monitors federal IDEA compliance on certain indicators at both the district (LEA) and State level for OSEP," Carpinone said.

Carpinone stated that while they have used the system from the beginning, one of the components the district doesn't use is called "Easy IEP."

"EasyIEP is embedded in NHSEIS as a software-based IEP writing system. At the time, and several times thereafter, the Londonderry School District has reviewed their own electronic IEP in comparison to EasyIEP," Carpinone said.

Carpinone said that the Department of Education can't mandate a district to use it.

"EasyIEP was mod-

fied significantly from the original software program used in other states rendering it not user friendly and problematic," Carpinone said. "Over the years the State has worked with PGC to update and improve the system. EasyIEP is a better document today than it was just four years ago."

Instead the district uses its own format, which generally has the support of various stakeholders, including parents and teachers.

"Having parents be-

ing able to follow it and understand it better and then also having teachers be able to read it and use it and understand it better," Carpinone added.

Carpinone noted that their template meets all of the compliance requirements.

"Our IEP template has all required components for IEP compliance," Carpinone said. "It is a user-friendly document that parents, teachers, advocates and attorneys have all complimented. Using our IEP template does require case managers to enter additional data in

NHSEIS to be compliant. This has been streamlined to take very little time."

One concern raised by School Board member, Amanda Butcher, was about how the documents are being shared saying that she is concerned things could be changed or deleted from a word document.

"It could be as much as a comma added that changes the meaning of an entire section," Butcher said.

She noted that Easy IEP generates a PDF document.

"I worry that it's a potential liability," Butcher said.

Carpinone said typically they are being exported as PDF documents and there is training going on now to do so.

"That's a procedure moving forward," Carpinone said.

While she continues to find their template as being more user friendly it was noted by Carpinone that there have been some talks about moving to the Easy IEP format in the future.

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Experienced Organizer Returns to Host Annual Baby Contest

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2023 Old Home Day Celebration will feature a return of the town's annual baby contest, celebrating the newest baby miss and masters of Londonderry. Mandy Harrison of the Old Home Day Committee also volunteered to oversee the event after running the contest for the past three years.

"I grew up in town, and Old Home Day was my favorite thing each year!" exclaimed Harrison. The organization for the baby contest includes everything from making cookies for attendees to making sashes for the winners.

The baby contest has proven to be extremely popular, with around 25 babies entered every

year. Harrison sees no evidence that 2023 will be any different.

Local resident and father, Randy Williams, will be the master of ceremonies, while a panel of four judges will include "Miss Londonderry, Miss Outstanding Teen Londonderry, John Antonellis, our Grand Marshall in town, and Julie Bicchieri, a local in-home preschool teacher," said Harrison. Judges will choose a "Little Miss and a Little Master 2023, each winner will get a prize basket with toys, and gift cards."

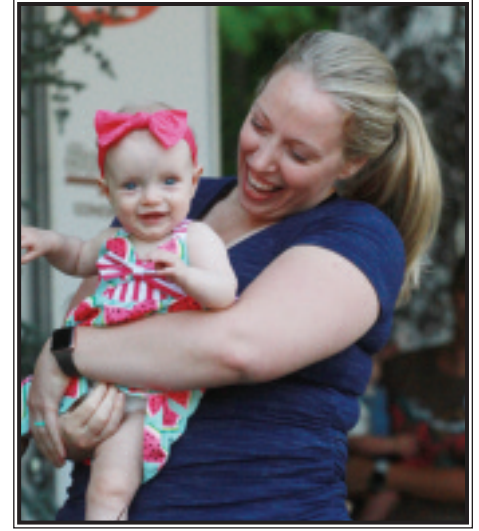
The seat for Miss Outstanding Teen is still open and will be chosen after the teen competition on Sun. Aug. 6.

Harrison has been working with the town for the past few weeks

organizing the event, gathering everything from prizes to chairs and tents for the audience. She and her fellow committee members plan to be there early.

All families entering the contest will get a small gift, plus a raffle ticket for a chance to win a parent's night out basket full of gift cards good at local Londonderry restaurants.

"We're collecting lots of gift cards, which is what I've done the last few years," said Harrison, referring to the ongoing process of gathering prizes. "There are lots of gift cards and products for house cleaning, car detailing, lots of coffee gift cards, 15 different restaurants have given me two, and I have someone who works for Discovery



Last year's Little Master and Little Miss Londonderry were: Max Robichaud, left, and Brooklyn Beattie.

Toys that has given me a bunch of things to put in the basket. Lots of local businesses have donated!"

The baby contest will be the first event of Saturday celebrations on Aug. 19, starting between 8:30 and 9 a.m., right before the parade.

The contest will be held on the main stage of the Town Common.

For interested families, registration will remain open for the next couple of weeks, with Sat. Aug. 12 is set as the last day to register. There is a \$10 entry fee to be collected on the

day of the contest. While only babies born after Aug. 19, 2022, are eligible to enter, families of all ages are welcome.

Interested parties can register online at: www.londonderrynh.gov/sites/g/files/vyh-lif4616/f/uploads/baby_contest_form_2023.pdf



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Historical Society Events Scheduled for Old Home Day

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House Museum is scheduled to open its doors again during the annual Old Home Day celebration with a number of fascinating activities for families to enjoy.

On Saturday, Aug. 19, members of the society will be on hand to answer questions about Londonderry's history, as well as help with the festivities taking place on the grounds from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The museum grounds are just a two-minute walk from the Town Common, at 140 Pillsbury Road, directly in front of Moose Hill School.

Events scheduled to take place are:

- There will be a Colonial Era cannon being fired off by David Welch hourly, at noon, 1, and 2 p.m. with audience participation.

- Blacksmith, Stephen Galperin, will be demonstrating his skills making items as they did in the colonial era in front of the Clark Blacksmith Shop.

- Corn Husk Dolls will be made by Bill Jenkinson, who will be engaging children in traditional doll-making.

- Colonial Surgeon, Greg Morin, will demonstrate how people were treated with colonial medicine and the use of historic instruments.

- Washerwoman, Jennifer Roy, returns to explain the clothing of Col-

onial Era folks and how they were washed and worn.

- Gunsmith, David Welch, will be demonstrating some of his many historic guns.

- Horn Smith, Charles Walker, will show folks how horns were the Colonial Era plastic.

- Tinsmith, Larry Leonard, will demonstrate the art of tin smithing.

- Flax Processing will be demonstrated by Michelle Parish and Gina Gerhard, an important craft used to make linen.

- Spinner, Jane Grady, will be displaying the art of spinning.

- Weavers, Caroline Morse and Diane Howes, will demonstrate the use of looms

in making many items.

- Kenny Joudrey will be back with a vintage Hit & Miss Engine being displayed near the Blacksmith Shop.

- High Strung Strummers Sarah Jane Nelson and Cathy Mason will be performing country music.

- Genealogist, Sandy Dahlfred, will answer questions about the family history of visitors.

The event gives residents an opportunity to see the grounds of the Morrison House Museum as well as experiencing life during the very beginnings of the town of Londonderry.

Residents can also get a tour of the Morrison House, the Parmenter Barn and the Clark Blacksmith Shop while on the grounds.



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Annual Touch-a-Truck Event Gets Kids in the Driver's Seat



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

What youngster doesn't like the feeling of sitting in the driver's seat of a "Big Rig" and on Saturday, Aug. 19, kids will have that opportunity during the town's annual Old Home Day celebra-

tion.

The annual Moose Hill Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Touch-a-Truck event is part of Londonderry's 2023 Old Home Day and takes place in the parking lot of Moose Hill School. A short walk down the hill from the

Town Common, and will begin at 11 a.m. and will end between 3 and 4 p.m., depending on attendance at that time.

After the parade, organizers have scheduled a number of vehicles that will make their way down to the Touch-a-Truck Event.

Some of the vehicles scheduled to be at Moose Hill School are:

- Turcotte Tree Service
- Palmer Gas & Oil
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- Cream Truck
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Moose Hill PTA President, Kaylee Esposito, said there is no charge

for the event, but "Donations are being collected to support the Moose Hill PTA during our upcoming 2023-24 school year."

The donations will be accepted via cash, check, and PayPal.

Performances Scheduled for the Town Common Stage on Saturday, Aug. 19

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| 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. | Newsies cast from Ovation Theatre Company |
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Free Meals

Free Community Meals Network in the area for August: Lunch on Aug. 19, from noon - 12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church located at 63 East Broadway, Derry, drive around to the back of the church, call 603-434-4767 for more information; Dinner on Aug. 20, from 3 - 4:30 p.m., Indoors at the Etz Hayim Synagogue located at 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, call 603-432-0004 for more information; Dinner on Aug. 25, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., go to the parking lot at back door, of the First Parish Congregational Church, located at 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 603-434-0628 for more information; Pick up Breakfast & Basic Needs Items at the Mercurio Family Masonic

Lodge Located at 58 East Broadway, Derry, on Aug. 26, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., call 603-475-3852 for more information; Lunch on Aug. 27, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Indoors, at St. Jude Parish Community, located at 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, call 603-432-3333 for more information.

What Happened in Concord?

Find out at the next meet & greet with your state Reps Ron Dunn & Kristine Perez. On Aug. 22 at the Leach Library, down sitars from 6 - 7:30 pm. Join for an update and Q&A to let them know how they can help you.

Legion Cookout

On Aug. 19, The District 4 cookout will be held from noon to 3 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd., behind the fire

station on Mammoth Rd.

Free PFOA Water Test By NHDES

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey (surveymonkey.com) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov, Phone: 603.271.8801

Green Team Meetings

The Green Team of Londonderry meet on the fourth Monday of each month starting March 29 through Aug. 28, at the Leach Library in the lower level. Socializing begins at 6 p.m., the meeting will begin at promptly 6:30 p.m., and will end at 7:45

pm. All welcome.

Ghosts and Legends

The Leach Library and Derry Public Library are teaming up to bring you Jeff Belanger's Ghosts and Legends program at the Derry Opera House on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. This event is free and

open to the public. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and refreshments will be available to purchase from the Friends of the Derry Public Libraries and the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. There will also be a Q&A and book signing at the end of the program. The Derry Opera House is

located at 29 W Broadway in Derry. Seating is limited to 350 people. Registration is required and opens on Monday, Aug. 21. For more information and to register, visit the Derry Public Library's event calendar at www.derrypl.org or call either library, Derry Public

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ALERT Scholarship

The Londonderry ALERT organization recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Adrian Espinal. Adrian is a 2023 graduate of Londonderry High School and will be attending Lakes Region Community College for a major in Fire Science. This ALERT scholarship is annually awarded to a graduating Londonderry senior with a 2.6 GPA or higher, entering post-secondary institution with plans to study in a public safety related field. Londonderry students who are interested in applying for the 2024 ALERT scholarship should contact the LHS School Counseling Department in the fall. Pictured, from left, Remi "Bill" Fortin, ALERT President; Adrian Espinal; Tim Vrettos and Scholarship Chairperson. *Courtesy photo*

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Aug. 7

7:04 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Holy Cross Cemetery on Gilcreast Road.

8:31 a.m.

Welfare Check conducted on Shasta Drive.

11:21 a.m.

Services rendered for Suspicious

Activity on Owl Road.

4:56 p.m. Peace Restored by five officers after a Disturbance at

Whittemore Road on

Mammoth Road.

5:13 p.m. Involuntary Emergency Admission transported to a hospital from Seminole Place.

6:20 p.m. Arrest made by four officers after a motor vehicle accident near Wilson Road on Auburn Road. Matthew Heighes, 46, of Derry, charged with Driving After Revoke/Suspension of license.

7:24 p.m. Six officers respond to an Overdose on Bartley Hill Road and assist with transport to a hospital.

Tuesday - Aug. 8

10:04 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by six officers on Kitty Hawk Landing.

1:16 p.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Harvest Moon Road.

3:09 p.m. Disturbance reported at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

3:34 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

3:39 p.m. Peace Restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Pendleton Lane.

5:42 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Market Basket on Michels Way.

7:33 p.m. Seven officers respond to Juvenile Offenses at Market Basket on Michels Way, resulting in subject being taken to Family/Guardian/Other.

10:05 p.m. Three officers respond to a report of a Prowler on Newbury Street.

Wednesday - Aug. 9

12:30 p.m. Peace restored on Alexander Road after Neighborhood Disputes.

2:03 p.m. Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:04 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Victoria Drive.

2:48 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Alexander Road.

5:38 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Adams Road.

8:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Isabella Drive.

10:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity at Game Changer Sports Bar & Grill on Orchard View Drive investigated by three officers.

Thursday - Aug. 10

10:14 a.m. Four officers investigate a Sudden Death by on Norwich Place.

12:16 p.m. Arrest made by five officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Sandstone Circle. Allan Foye, 60, of Londonderry, charged with: Disobeying an Officer; and Reckless Operation.

3:09 p.m. Suspicious

Friday - Aug. 11

2:47 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Efi on Innovation Way.

3:44 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Old Derry Road.

4:51 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Wyandot Circle.

9:56 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers on Heron Drive.

Saturday - Aug. 12

7:41 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Delta Drive.

9:15 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Pinyon Place on Auburn Road.

10:33 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:16 a.m. Traffic Hazard closes Mammoth Road by three officers.

7:33 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Sunday - Aug. 13

1:04 a.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by four officers on Rockingham Road at Perkins Road. Matthew Hyres, 38, of Derry, charged with: Reckless Con-

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Library at (603) 432-6140 or Leach Library at (603) 432-1132.

Pig Roast

On Sept. 10, American Legion Post 27 will hold a Pig Roast at 6 Sargent Rd., behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd. Food served at 3 p.m. and cost is \$20 per person. You can buy tickets at the Post or Venmo @SALPost27

Veteran Credit Renewal

Do You Currently Receive A Veteran Credit On Your Property? If you do, it is time to renew. Please come in to Town Hall and go to the assessing department to fill out a

renewal form, not able to make it in than call (603) 432-1100 X 135 and we will mail the form to you.

Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

Meet Your Neighbors

The Londonderry Women's Club brings diverse women together; creating an environment that nurtures friendships while encouraging community involvement through volunteerism. If you would

like more information about the Londonderry Women's Club or are thinking about joining a group that gives back to the community, check us out on Facebook, visit our website at www.londonderry-womensclub.org or email info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

NEA Big Read

Leach Library and the Londonderry Senior Center, in partnership with NH Humanities (NHH), will support the statewide National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) "Big Read" of a novel entitled *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak. *The Bear* offers readers an opportunity to join an unimaginable journey into a world both familiar and unknown as we consider what future we want for NH. On Thursday, Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center, Leach Library staff will facilitate a book discussion on Andrew Krivak's *The Bear*. An evening book discussion will also be offered at Leach Library



Helping with College

The Londonderry Women's Club (LWC) recently awarded scholarships to three Londonderry High School 2023 graduates to assist with college fees. Emily Crane and Karen Scott-Martinet of the LWC, presented recipients Alice Egorova, Max DeArville, and Caden Thomas with checks recently

Courtesy photo.

Police Log

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duct; Disobeying an Officer; Driving Under the Influence (Aggravated Attempt To Elude Police); Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and

Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

6 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:57 a.m. Sudden Death Investigated by four officers on Falcon Road.

on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Registration for the book discussion sessions is required and opens on Monday, Aug. 21. Participation is limited to 25 participants per book discussion. To register and pick up a copy of the book, please visit the Leach Library main desk or call

the library at (603) 432-1132. To further explore *The Bear's* survivalist theme, the Leach Library will welcome Jake King from Thrive Outdoors for a presentation on "Surviving in the Wilderness" on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Registration for the

event will open on Thursday, Sept. 7. For a complete list of Big Read partner organizations and more information about Big Read events in NH, visit www.nhhumanities.org/bigread, or contact NH Humanities at (603) 224-4071 or email info@nhhumanities.org.

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