

Town Revises Nuisance Law, Allows Brewer Samples at Farmers Market

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DERRY – At the Tuesday, April 7, Derry Town Council meeting the Council officially adopted a revision and amendment to the Derry Zoning Ordinance.

The meeting was conducted with some of the members attending electronically, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The amendment concerns definitions and efforts to properly resolve differences between a private and a public nuisance, primarily with regard to livestock and fowl.

Planning and ordinance teams have been working on the revision since last year. This Town Council meeting was set for the final public hearing, questions and a vote to approve the updated ordinance.

Specifically, The Town Administrator and Town Council had charged staff to look at the Ordinance with the intent of protecting the town from becoming involved in what might be defined as private nuisances. Over the past summer, there were issues that came up, specific to the Livestock Ordinance, between neighbors that are very subjective and hard to enforce. Residents had raised complaints concerning livestock to the Town Council. Staff was requested to review the Zoning Ordinance specific to the Livestock section.

As outlined by Planning Director, George Sioras, “The purpose of the amendments is to broaden the definitions so that something would need to rise to the level of a public nuisance before the Town would become involved. With a private nuisance, there would be legal recourse for a resident to take action if they felt necessary.”

According to Director Sioras, “The Town’s attorney reviewed the revisions and has stated that if a small, discrete number of property owners are complaining, that

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Sandown Depot Celebrates Train Depot Heritage

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SANDOWN – Several years ago, Jonathan Wells, a railroad man who works for the Boston and Maine railroad, heard about the last train depot left standing on a famous route between Worcester, Mass. and Portland, Maine.

Wells is now the President of the Sandown Historical Society and Museum and he invites all to come to Sandown - when New Hampshire residents can leave their homes safely - to visit the train depot, museum and historical society. When you visit you will experience important New England history including train legacy in person.

Wells is focused to help preserve this heritage of the railroad line that went through Sandown. Wells says, “This train line was known at one time to be the busiest single track, non-signalized railroad in the country, and we jokingly say that they had the wrecks to prove it.”

Wells tells, “I became a locomotive engineer in 1987 for the Boston and Maine and now I’m in my 32nd year. I have love and passion for the railroad that I got from my older relatives. We at the Sandown Historical Society and Museum want to share this passion with others.”

A couple of years ago Wells and some good folks in Sandown were able to save the Sandown train depot that was built in 1874. It had fallen upon hard times. The depot is now alive and well and has a reestablished life as the town museum. The historical society says, “the museum and train depot bring the past to the present for the future.”

The idea of the depot museum is also to preserve and showcase much of the

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COOKING AGAIN After three weeks of being shut down due to the COVID-19, the Sonshine Soup Kitchen is up and running again serving dinners. On Tuesday, April 21, a group of volunteers and board members prepared dinner for the drive through. The kitchen is open Tues. and Thurs. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Pictured is Christian Grover cutting peppers. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Plans for Farmhouse at Spring Hill Put on Hold

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CHESTER – During the Thursday, April 16 meeting of the Chester Board of Selectmen, members of the Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee met with the board to discuss the possibility of updating the farmhouse to be used by the general public, or as a COVID-19 quarantine site for the town’s first responders.

The meeting, which was once again being held remotely because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, had Spring Hill Farm Committee Vice-Chair of Agriculture Cindy LeBlanc suggesting that the farmhouse be better utilized for events, such as seminars or workshops. “Just on the first floor.” LeBlanc said.

Selectman chair Jeremy Owens responded to the inquiry by saying, “It sounds like it would

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history of the Boston and Maine railroads along with the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division mainline for the railroad.

At the Sandown Historical Society Museum, there are exhibits on local history about the town of Sandown. Visitors are able to enjoy displays about the Boston & Maine Railroad's line through the town, and to climb aboard railroad equipment that train crews would have used to clear snow and to inspect the tracks.

The Sandown Historical Society has recently been awarded a small grant of money as part of its revival; this will be used to help keep things going, as this is an important historical site. The Sandown depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Once things open again in the state, the museum and depot plans to open its doors to the public again. The museum is typically open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. from May through October and admission is free. They do however appreciate donations to support the maintenance for the operation of the museum.

Wells who lives in Maine, came to help save the Sandown train depot almost as his destiny. As he was visiting his brother-in-law, who lives in Londonderry, several years back, he heard about the Sandown depot and wanted to

visit it.

But Wells found it hard to connect with the Historical Society to visit the depot. After an effort, he found that historical society needed help. Wells decided this was a mission for himself and several other Sandown folks from the community.

This railroad man and other locals then helped restart the Historical Society and Museum. And now there are quite a few new society members and this has sparked attention. The Boston TV Show "Chronicle" has even paid a visit and produced a show about the museum, depot and Sandown's history dealing with the railroad.

Wells invites more local folks to become volunteers and to join the historical society and help support the museum. There are some historic treasures to know about that are owned by the museum, including vintage documents written by famous people that are so rare, they are kept at the Police Station under lock and key. Check out their Facebook pages and the Town's Historical Society's website at: www.sandownnhdepot.org/museum/depot/

There is a wonderful history from the train depot to learn about. The first trains started traveling down this famous line and through Sandown in 1874. Due to the cost of construction, the small railroad company that built the depot had to reorganize in 1883. With debts mount-

ing, the independent railroad company was absorbed into the Boston and Maine's growing regional railroad system in 1886.

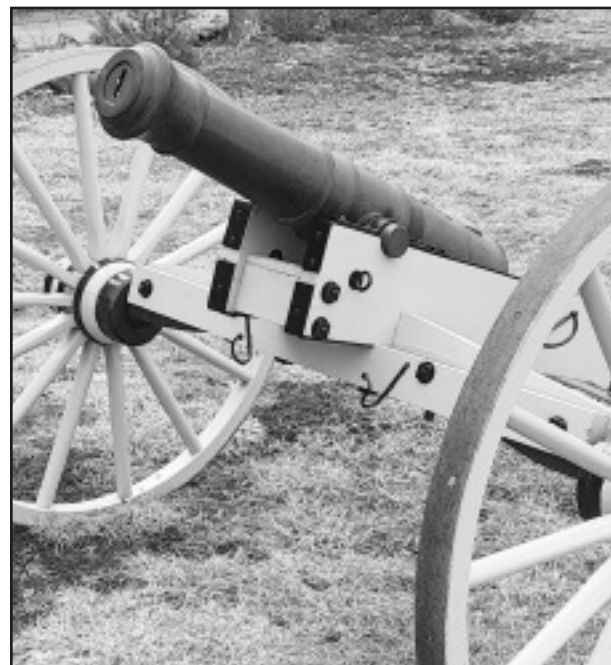
The Sandown Depot became the center of the community with the arrival of the railroad during these times. The railroad facilities included the passenger depot, a post office, a freight house and a railroad siding that could hold 62 cars. In the depot there was a telegraph office for the station's agent, as well as separate men's and women's waiting rooms.

Unfortunately, with three routes to Maine - the Boston and Maine didn't see the need to maintain this line - so this route to

Portland ceased to exist in 1925 and trains stopped running through Sandown in 1934.

In 1977 the Sandown Historical Society and Museum was formed to restore the depot to its once charming appearance. The site began to be used as a museum. This depot is the last remaining station from a train route in its original location and has not been heavily altered.

The Sandown Historical Society has also restored other historical pieces such as a very special cannon that has been rebuilt that is now situated in front of the police station. When you get the chance come visit Sandown.



This historic nearly 100 year old Canon was recently restored and sits at the front of the Sandown Police Station. *Courtesy Photo*

Chester, Sandown Senator Jon Morgan's Message About the Pandemic

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NUTFIELD NEWS

We recently contacted NH Senate District 23's Jon Morgan who supports Chester, and Sandown as well as Brentwood, Danville, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Fremont, and Kingston.

We asked Senator Morgan about what he is doing to help his constituents during this pandemic and business crisis. Here is what the State Senator provided as his message for his constituents, including our readers in Chester and Sandown:

"As your Senator, I have made it my responsi-

bility to take every call, email, and message to heart and to leadership in the State to ensure our communities are being heard and our issues are addressed quickly. This has included working to find shelter for our homeless populations, ensuring retirement benefits remain in place for first responders who have stepped up and back into the workforce, and tracking the delivery and timing of PPE across the state."

In early March, through my conversations with health care professionals, first responders, town managers, and the community at large, I called on the Governor to issue a shelter in place order and the next week the state was told to stay at home.

While the Legislature may not be in Concord at this time, we have established remote communication and workflow to continue our efforts in protecting the safety and health of the Granite State. If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 I encourage you to call the hotline at 2-1-1. You can find many state specific Covid-19 resources on my website at jonmorgan.org/covid-19-resources or reach out to me directly at jon@jonmorgan.org.

The NH community based website, Citizens Count is a nonpartisan and independent monitor of our NH State Leadership and provides an overview of Senator Morgan's record. According to Citizens Count, Senator Mor-

gan has exhibited a 100% attendance record and has a 100% voting participation during official roll calls. Morgan has also sponsored 12 prime bills.

Those interested, can find precisely where their State Senator Morgan stands on the issues and learn more about what he is doing by checking out Citizens Count. This resource is a NH based website that supports tools to provide information so all NH citizens can have a seat at the table about their NH political leadership in the State, as well as about those who represent us in Federal government rolls. The link for Senator Morgan is: www.citizenscount.org/candidate/jon-morgan#comments-anchor

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Chester Academy Optimizing Remote Learning Plans

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On April 15, New Hampshire Governor Sununu held one of his most important press conferences thus far regarding the state's response to the pandemic, business challenges and about the state of remote learning across school districts in NH.

At that time, the Governor issued a declaration that the state's students would not go back to school building classrooms and that Remote Learning across school districts would continue for the remainder of the school year.

Sununu also overviewed models that are being considered for supporting remote learning summer school programs and he touched upon models for the upcoming academic school year that will begin

late summer. The Governor's specifics about actions for summer and next year are work in progress, but these plans will undoubtedly be an important discussion across NH school districts.

Chester Academy's school officials have been working overtime to help students in the community keep their education efforts going in the best way possible for this time. The academy has proactively reached out to parents, students and community leaders with consistent communications, surveys and has made adjustments for this remote learning initiative. Refer to the Academy's web site to stay in touch with the most recent actions that are taking place <https://ca.sau82.org>.

Chester Academy's Superintendent, Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D. had this to say about the Governors

declaration this week, "While we know that this announcement does not come as a complete surprise, we also recognize that for many this comes as a disappointment. Please know that our staff has been preparing for the possibility of this decision for some time. We are prepared to continue Remote Learning and will continue to discuss and examine innovative ways to maintain educational services and nutritional services. In addition, we recognize the need to provide opportunities to celebrate milestones."

Lockwood continued, "In the weeks to come, we all know we will need to find ways to recognize our 8th grade students, return materials and belongings to all students from their classrooms and lockers, create a plan and process for the return of chrome-

books to the district, register kindergarten students for next year and hire staff for open positions. This by no means is meant to be a complete list, but rather a smattering of ideas to let you know a few of the things that we are already contemplating."

The community should be aware or have already participated in the academy's most recent formative survey - part two for Chester Remote Learning feedback for the academy. This survey is available at the following internet address: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnenrFwECZl_L8pt162ebFQLcKlc598EPREGIcMg80riym7Q/viewform

The Superintendent points out that - with the Governor's announcement, input on the survey has become even more important. Feedback will assist the academy's team and

officials with long term planning to fully align remote learning over the remainder of this year.

The Chester School Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 6, and Lockwood says he will be recommending a revised school calendar at that meeting - including a new last day of school for students for the Boards approval. Please stay in touch with the Academy's web site and communications as the school is hoping to have that information distributed to residents by May 8.

Lockwood stated in his most recent online letter to the community, "Our priorities remain the safety of our students and staff, clear communication with parents, guardians and community members, and maintaining as much of a degree of normalcy as possible."

In related communications, it should be noted that the academy's food service will continue to offer breakfast and lunch. Those interested can check out the Academy web site where the Headmaster has outlined details for different needs within the program.

Chester Academy buildings and grounds continue to be closed to the public but will continue support for a limited group of authorized personnel. The closings include the Playground Equipment and Outdoor Basketball Court areas, as the school is not able to keep up with cleaning these areas daily and wants everyone to stay safe.

Lockwood continues to keep his door and communications open and says, "Please do not hesitate to send me an email at lockwoodd@chesteracademy.org.

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require bringing the whole house up to code if you use it for anything other than a single family dwelling."

Bunker said, "If you're not gonna be using the second floor, than you don't have to do anything there."

Selectman Chuck Myette asked if the committee had put together a list of the things that need-

ed to be done to get the house ADA compliant.

LeBlanc explained, That when she had talked with Myrick Bunker, the town's Building/Code Enforcement Officer, he indicated that they would need to hire an engineer, and he would go through the house and indicate all the things that would need to be done to make it ADA compliant. "It's not just us supplying a list," She

added.

Bunker also said, "It's too much liability for the town to just guess at what is correct, and what is not."

Selectman Steph Landau then chimed in with what he described as one of Landau's flaming ideas.

He suggested that over the years people have discussed a wide variety of things that could be done with the property, and one of the ideas was to con-

struct a building across the street from the farmhouse to house antique equipment.

"I can tell you, if you start changing things around, it's a never ending battle," Landau said.

He suggested that if the town were going to do something, with the grants that are available, they could erect something with proper bathrooms. He also suggested that the

funds needed could come from state grants, tractor clubs or fund raisers.

He ended by saying, "I'm afraid it's gonna tie a lot of cash onto an ancor, and it's gonna sink deep into the cesspool of we want to modernize, just the first floor."

Owens ended the discussion by saying that it would seem at this time, that the farmhouse could not be utilized as a quarantine site, and that further talked would need to take place to figure out how the house could be best used.

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Editorial

Earth Day Every Day

April 22 is Earth Day, the annual event when we're reminded to think about where we live. Not our town or even our country, but the environment of the entire planet Earth.

Outdoor celebrations are currently on hold, which is a message we should all be taking to heart by now. Earth Day is celebrating its 50th Anniversary after its start in 1970. The main message of the celebration is that caring for the only home we have is not something we can do just one day of the year.

Hopefully, we have all incorporated earth-saving measures into our daily lives. Preserving our environment has taken on more emphasis lately as global climate change continues to make headlines. Like most things, change really does begin at home.

Much of that change involves simple things. All of us can do a few such as; When you shop bring along cloth or paper bags rather than using plastic bags to cart home your groceries, (if you do use plastic repurpose them) (Unfortunately we are not able to practice this one during the Covid-19 pandemic), When your meals are done, recycle and compost to minimize the trash going into landfills, Instead of buying water in plastic bottles, use your tap water, filtered if you choose, and take it with you in a non-plastic container. You'll keep the chemicals in the

plastic from building up in our landfills and in your bodies and you'll also save money.

Plant a garden, and consider raising it organically. Not only will you have fresh food, you're more likely to eat in a more healthy way. If a garden is not possible because of time or living arrangements, shop at farmers' markets. Food sold close to where it's grown, in season, usually means fewer chemicals are used in processing, and less fuel is used to get it to you.

Our towns had town-wide cleanup days scheduled, but since we are all staying home we can at least make an effort to do the roadside cleanups in front of our own home. Spend a little time picking up litter and keeping our roadsides tidy. Our towns will be prettier places if we make this small effort.

We can all do our part, whether it's by using energy saving light bulbs, reducing air conditioner use in summer, getting all your errands done in one trip to save gas, and driving the speed limit for fuel efficiency. Making these small changes will do far more than attending a rally on Earth Day.

Earth Day celebrations are reminders and many of the things I mentioned should already be a part of our daily lives. We cannot depend on the government or others to do it for us. "Lead by example".

Letters

Fishing Derby

To the editor,

The Derry Lions have canceled the annual Kids Fish Derby at Hood Pond that was scheduled for May 2. We plan to be back next year in May 2021. We wish to thank the many participants and merchants that support us each year. We hope to see you all next year.

Pete Marcotte
Derry Lions
Co Chair Kids
Fish Derby

To New Hampshire Educators

Thank you for your continued great work on behalf of our New Hampshire students. Our state has won universal praise for our shift to remote instruction, and I could

not be prouder of the way in which New Hampshire educators, parents, and students adapted to a new way of learning.

As you know, Gov. Sununu just announced that we will be continuing with remote instruction through the end of the academic year. When we began the shift to remote instruction in March, we knew this would be a difficult task. It turns out this is a marathon, not a sprint. Now that we know we will not be moving back into school buildings this year, it is vital that we run through the finish line.

Knowing they won't be back in the school building, it will be tempting for some students to think that their summer vacation has started. It's important that we keep them engaged in their

learning. School is still in session.

Because of the tremendous work you've already done in response to this unprecedented disruption, I know you are up to the challenge. This public health crisis will pass, and we will get through it together, knowing that New Hampshire educators stepped up for New Hampshire students.

Thank you again for your dedication, past and future.

Remember, remote instruction plus remote support equals remote learning for our New Hampshire students.

Keep up the great work. Our kids are counting on you. #nhlearnsremotely

Sincerely,
Frank Edelblut
Commissioner
of Education

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is likely a private nuisance and the property owners would seek legal redress. If a neighborhood is being adversely affected, that becomes a public nuisance and Code Enforcement would become involved."

Sioras continued, "The purpose of the amendment is to avoid Code Enforcement becoming involved in situations that can be very subjective in nature and not necessarily resolved at the town level. These changes are specific to Article 20, Livestock and Fowl."

During the public hearing, Fode Enforce-

ment officer Bob Mackey presented the changes of the ordinance to the Town Council supported this effort and the amendment to the ordinance is now officially adopted by the Town.

At this meeting the Council also granted authorization to Doire and Daydreaming Brewing to supply free samples of alcohol at the Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisan Market, pursuant to the authority provided to the council.

In addition, the Council adopted a general resolution that authorizes wine manufacturers, beverage manufacturers, nano breweries and brewpubs to provide samples for tasting at a farmers' market, contingent upon

written authorization by the Governing Body of NH. Specifically, the State Legislature is considering an expansion of its authority to include beverage manufacturers as may be authorized under RSA 178. This resolution will help clear the way for a more efficient approval process for such types of events when the State Legislature acts accordingly.

At this time, Daydreaming Brewing Company and Doire Distilling are hereby authorized to provide alcoholic samples during all Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisan Market events, contingent upon compliance with all applicable state statutes and Town of Derry Ordinances.

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“Stonedust” Artist Corrine Dodge is On a Road Not Taken

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Given these challenging times, it is good to turn a light on contributors in our community who bring us smiles and connect us to the arts. Corrine Dodge, of Derry, also supports exhibitions in Londonderry, is one such artist. Dodge works in a variety of paint and graphic mediums. Her primary media focus is with Pen and Ink, Watercolor, Graphite, Acrylics, and Colored Pencil.

Her genre subject matter is also quite varied - beach rocks, trees, and water are favorites for her. Other subjects for this artist include landscapes, portraits, and occasionally, abstract works.

Dodge has received numerous awards from the Greater Derry Arts Council, Manchester Art in the Park Fine Arts Festival, NH Division of Parks and Recreation, Londonderry Art on the Common, and Monadnock Area Artists Association.

Dodge has embraced Derry's famous Poet Robert Frost and is participating in a special fine art touring exhibit that was inspired by the poetry of Robert Frost. The

exhibition is named after Frost's poem - "The Road Not Taken."

Dodge is one of three Derry N.H. artists, along with Ingeborg V. Seaboyer and Judy Krassowski who are involved with the "The Road Not Taken" showcase. This exhibit has been making the rounds at libraries, community venues, and nature centers throughout the state of New Hampshire for the past three and one-half years. The presentation features approximately 28 works that reflect a variety of personal interpretations of the most famous, as well as some of the "less traveled" works of one of America's most inspiring poets who made a name for himself in Derry; Robert Frost.

Images in pen and ink, watercolor, acrylics and oils are accompanied by the selected verse which inspired each individual image. Originally the exhibit was created to support the grand re-opening of the Public Library in Derry, in September 2011.

Since that time, the exhibit has been continuously touring. Additional scheduling is still under-way to present "The Road Not Taken" exhibition - with a goal of reaching all

of the public libraries in the state. For more information check out this online link: www.poticfrostart.com

A few years back, Dodge was a feature artist at the Beaver Brook Fall Festival of Art in Hollis, NH, where she first publicly demonstrated her unique "stonedust color" technique. Dodge has discovered how to extract color from stones to create her own watercolor paint. The resulting watercolor media are then used to create paintings of multi-colored stones and rocks. Children who came to that festival were invited to work with Corinne to create a "stonedust" painting of their own. Those creations were auctioned off at a subsequent festival to benefit the children's education program at Beaver Brook.

The technique for her "Stonedust" color painting is quite interesting. Stones are dipped in water and then rubbed onto a larger flat stone which becomes the artist's pallet. The resulting watercolor paints are then used to create paintings of multi-colored stones and rocks.

Dodge says, "I have recently experimented with grinding mica from



Artist Carrine Dodge displays her 'found gift of the Earth - Stonedust Art'

granite to add a soft sparkle to paintings. I have found that adults in general are curious about this creative process, but children are absolutely fascinated."

Dodge told us, "Because teaching children has been my life's work, I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing this creative process with children. Children are often very unfamiliar with the creative concept of making a useful item with the 'found gifts of the Earth' rather than going to a store to purchase the item. Creating watercolor from a found stone to

paint a picture is an interesting and exciting experience for many children.

Outdoor excursions to collect just the right stone for a painting also provides children with a new respect for the natural environment."

Dodge is a retired teacher, having taught children with multiple and severe disabilities since 1970. She worked in the Derry School District and in 1992, while teaching in Derry, she participated in the 7th grade art curriculum along with her students. It was then that she first discovered her interest and

abilities in drawing.

She later took art courses at the N.H. Institute of Arts and Sciences, E. W. Poore, and the College for Lifelong Learning. She worked for a number of years under the mentorship of Pamela Kennedy, a well established Pen and Ink artist now residing and working on the West Coast.

Corrine Dodge can be reached corinnedodge@hotmail.com. Her work and scheduling for "The Road Not Taken" can be seen online at corinne.dodgefineart.com.



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NH DCYF Solicits Proposals to Expand Services for At-Risk Families

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to expand its system of community-based voluntary services for at-risk children and families.

The RFP seeks to build upon the success of DCYF's existing system of community-based services in order to promote safe, stable and nurturing families and communities. Supported by Governor Sununu and the legislature in the most recent budget, the new service array will advance

DCYF's efforts to support children and youth and strengthen families before abuse or neglect occurs.

"We want to offer services that span across our entire child- and family-serving system to support children, youth and families in a preventive, proactive and holistic way, so that they can be healthy and strong without our intervention," said DCYF Director Joseph Ribsam. "We have seen the stress that the COVID-19 emergency has placed on families, and we anticipate an increased demand for services once we are past the crisis point. It will be

as important as ever to make sure our families have the tools they need to be successful, and we look forward to working with our community partners to strengthen our services so that all New Hampshire families can thrive."

In October of 2019, DCYF sought input from stakeholders across the child- and family-serving system, including service providers, youth, parents and relatives, foster parents, advocacy groups, mental health providers and other nontraditional stakeholders. Feedback from 38 respondents informed the RFP, which

includes features such as authentic family engagement, flexibility of services, performance improvement, and adequate funding for service delivery.

Responses to the RFP are due by June 4, 2020. In order to follow guidelines for social distancing issued by the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, DHHS has taken measures to protect the health and safety of respondents. A virtual vendor conference will be held by video and phone via Zoom on May 7, 2020 to answer questions. Respondents must RSVP by midnight on May 5. Potential respondents

may register for the conference by visiting www.eventbrite.com/e/nh-dhhsdcyf-vendors-conference-for-community-based-voluntary-services-rfp-registration-1028047-13666. To read the RFP, please visit www.dhhs.nh.gov/business/rfp/rfp-2021-dcyf-03-commu.htm.

DEA's Drug Take Back Day Cancelled During Pandemic

Due to the Stay at Home recommendations related to COVID 19, the spring 2020 Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Take Back Day has been cancelled. In its absence, the Raymond Coalition For Youth, The SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth and our regional public health partners of The Seacoast and South Central Public Health Networks, covering a combined thirty three towns in this part of New Hampshire, have come together to share important medication safety information.

Why do these agencies care about where your medication is? Medication safety, your knowledge of what you need and don't need anymore, storage and safe disposal play a very important role in substance misuse prevention and accidental usage in a household.

Prevention is another

way to think about keeping the people you care about safe: your children, grandchildren, their friends, and other adult friends and family members.

Never throw pills in the trash or flush them down the toilet. This can harm and contaminate our water supply and is dangerous for the environment. We have created safe disposal at home tips on our social media pages that include the use of coffee grounds or cat litter.

If you use alternative medications, such as therapeutic cannabis, keep these products safely stored and out of sight. Some of these products can look like enticing candies or treats to a young child. Please keep the local poison control number close by or on your fridge, Northern New England poison center 1 (800) 222-1222.

These groups recom-

mend residents talk to children about medication safety. Make sure that they know to never take any medication not provided to them by a parent or trusted adult. Talking about substance misuse can be difficult but it is important.

For talking tips folks can visit one or all of the organization websites listed below for helpful information. They can also check them out on social media to stay updated and informed. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover.

Visit these websites for more information: Raymond Coalition for Youth: www.rcfy.org/; SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth: www.sorocknh.org/; Seacoast Public Health Network: <http://www.seacoastphn.org/>; and South Central Public Health Network: <http://southcentralphn.org>

Derry Man Arrested for Having Child Abuse Images

According to a recent press release, officers from the Derry Police Department arrested a local resident, alleging five counts of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images (Class A Felony). On Thursday, April 16, at 3:30 p.m. Marc Anderson, 28, of 18 Jefferson Street, Derry, was arrested for the counts.



Marc Anderson

Anderson was arrested at his residence after being notified of a warrant for his arrest. The warrant was obtained by

Derry detectives after an investigation that began with a cyber-tip to the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task

Force of which the Derry Police Department is a member.

According to the release, additional charges may be forthcoming as the investigation is ongoing.

Anderson was arraigned at the Rockingham County Superior Court on Friday, April 17. He was held on Preventative Detention (no bail) pending his next hearing. That hearing has not yet been set by the court.



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Derry State Leaders Connect with the Community About the Pandemic

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

This is part of a series of messages from Derry's state and town leaders. We recently contacted NH House Representatives from Derry's District 6 and asked them about what they are doing to help their constituents in the face of the pandemic and in this uncertain business climate.

Here is the response and message for the Derry com-

munity from Mary Eisner, Derry State Representative.

Eisner says, "My efforts are to help our community stay healthy, and this includes reaching out to individuals, associations and groups to ask their help to make face masks in order to protect our health-care workers and fellow citizens in the community."

Representative Eisner says, "If anyone is interested in making facial coverings, here are some sites

with directions on how to make proper face masks that are recommended. The youtube site listed below has instructions for making a protective mask that does not require a sewing machine."

Here are Eisner's recommendations to check out for making masks for protection from the Covid-19 virus:

CDC: Recommendation Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Coverings, Especially in Areas of Significant Community-Based Transmission - www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

The following link is also for individuals to get

mask-making help that does not require sewing. https://youtu.be/5cAm-dlgYI_E

For additional local health and safety information, Eisner recommends residents also check out: dartmouth-hitchcock.org

She says, "When we protect ourselves, we protect others. Additionally, I have been in contact with friends and neighbors to check to see how everyone around me is doing."

In order to meet the financial needs of businesses and individuals resulting from the COVID-19 virus, the U.S. Congress recently passed the \$2 Trillion CARES Act. Eisner says, "These federal fund-

ing provisions that include financial aid to NH citizens and businesses may offer help to her constituents. For example - the Paycheck Protection Program, that will provide financial assistance to small businesses and keep workers on the payroll, expanded unemployment eligibility and benefits, and payments to working families."

Rep. Eisner says, "If you would like updated information on COVID-19, go to the State of NH web page, click on COVID-19. If you have questions on unemployment benefits, go to the State's web page, under State Agencies, click on NH Employment Security. Be safe and healthy."

John Potucek, State Representative from Derry told us: "I've given this message request a good bit of thought. Here it is."

"As everyone is well aware, all of us in the NH Legislature are 'house-bound' like all other NH residents. But, we are communicating with our constituents in the best ways we can. I have two email addresses, both of which are being used by my Derry folks to contact me. I am also very active on both Facebook and Linked-In, and, obviously, I can be

"Googled."

Potucek continues, "I've fielded a number of constituent requests for specific information and have forwarded specific information to these folks. I am presently forwarding news and top down information that I get on a daily basis. This is going to constituents who are requesting this 'general' information; I have received many thanks for doing so. I've also taken specific constituent requests and recommendations to the Leadership, to be forwarded to Gov. Sununu for his perusal, and possible action."

"Locally - here in Derry - I'm walking my neighborhood, checking with and talking with neighbors to make sure that all is 'okay' and generally chatting about everything else, just as a 'mental health' break."

"Business-wise, I've spent a bunch of dollars in our local businesses, who are now limited in their operation. I now have a 'bunch' of Gift Cards to use when 'normal' returns. I have also gotten more 'take-out' than normal and 'checked in' with some local business owners from time to time, to see if there is anything I can do for them, or if there are any issues I should be aware of."

OBITUARY

Donald A. MacCord



Donald A. MacCord, 79 of Derry, NH died Tuesday April 14, 2020 at the Hackett Hill Nursing Home, Manchester, NH. Donald was born in Lawrence, MA on June 7, 1940, a son of the late Donald and Emily (McBride) MacCord.

He had resided in Derry for the past 27 years, formerly living in Northwood, NH.

He was educated in Lawrence schools. He worked for 30 years at Honeywell building and testing computers. He was head of the Safety Committee and taught First Aid and CPR classes while employed there. While in Northwood he served as an EMT on the Volunteer Ambulance service. He spent most of his life as an avid Ham Radio Enthusiast holding the call sign KB1XI. He was later employed at Getronics as a customer service Rep then finished out his career as a Security Guard at Securitas.

He is survived by his wife, Anne (Colby) MacCord of Derry, one stepson, Bryan Delaney of Chester, NH, one stepdaughter, Colleen Delaney of Derry, NH, one grandchild, Lilly Delaney of Chester, NH, one brother and sister-in-law, James and Sharon MacCord of Hampstead, NH, a niece Colleen Young, three nephews, James, Scott and Greg MacCord, three sisters, Virginia Rodier, Patti MacCord, and Valerie Landis, and many cousins locally and in PA. He was predeceased by his brother, William MacCord of Salem, NH.

Following cremation, memorial services will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family. Donations to the Cancer Society in Don's name would be welcomed. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARY

Judith (Feinauer) Hamer



Judith (Feinauer) Hamer, 80, a lifelong Derry resident went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 17, 2020. She was born in Derry, NH on Aug. 5, 1939, a daughter of the late Harvey and Margaret (Peirce) Feinauer. Judy was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, Class of 1957. She took great pride in her home and yard as well as enjoyed gardening and feeding the wild birds.

She is survived by her three daughters, Pamela Cooper of Raymond, NH, Sandra Amabello of Manchester, and Kristina Zins of East Derry; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two brothers Harvey Feinauer of Derry and Timothy Feinauer of Tennessee, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Channing A. Hamer in 2000.

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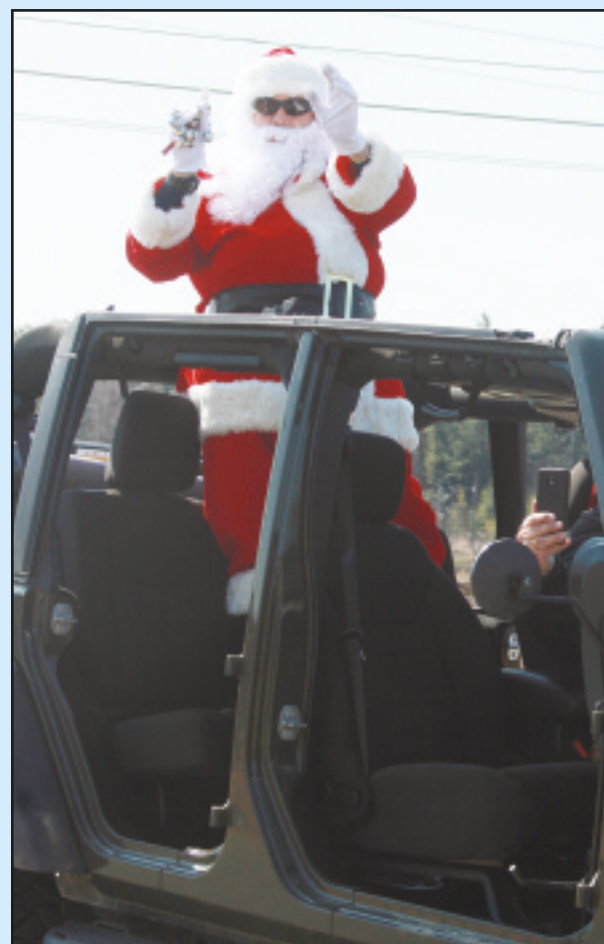
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DERRY SPORTS

PA Doubles Team Tonini and Marineau Win Tennis Title

With spring sports being shut down due to the Coronavirus the Nutfield News has reached into its archives to run the following story:

The following story originally ran on June 13, 2019

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Seniors Seb Tonini and John Marineau made history for the Astros tennis program on Thursday, June 6, becoming the first players from Pinkerton Academy ever to win a varsity Tennis Championship.

Tonini, who was the number one player for the Astros this season, and was one of the best high school tennis players in the state and Marineau, who qualified last week for the second round of the singles tournament, were only

seeded seventh in doubles entering the competition, which was held at Pinkerton Academy.

After advancing to the semifinals on June 2, they faced the number six seeds, Aidan Biglow and Evan Yang, of Hanover High School.

The Pinkerton double won the first set 6-3 and lost the second in the same score, before winning a dramatic tiebreak, 10-7 and punching their ticket to the final round.

There, the Astros faced the second seeded Ashton Meuse and Peyton Meuse, of Alvirne High School. The brothers easily won the first set, 6-1, but Tonini

and Marineau responded in the second set with a 7-5, getting their break in a perfect timing and going on to win another tiebreaker, this time 10-6 for the title.

Two days earlier, also at Pinkerton, Tonini, who was ranked second in the singles tournament, fell in the semifinals to the eventual champion, the third seed, Sam Goddard of Souhegan High School.

The Pinkerton player was dominant in the first set, winning it 6-1, but Goddard came back to take the second set 6-4, before controlling the tiebreaker 10-4 and winning the game.



Seb Tonini



John Marineau

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Connecting Multi-Denominational Faith and Compassion

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

In New Hampshire and across the country, the coronavirus has disrupted regular meetings and services for faith communities. Due to social distancing it is not safe for people to gather in groups to pray, worship or share meals and this means people cannot see their friends or meet directly with their spiritual leaders.

April 2020 was a time for many religions to celebrate important holidays of the year including Easter, Passover, Ramadan and more. However, this year will be remembered as a time where people were not able to attend services in person. And families couldn't even gather to celebrate together. However, churches in our communities have been connecting with their groups and families over the

internet and via video or teleconferencing.

Speaking with Rabbi Peter Levy of the Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry has mentioned that he has seen an uptick of people seeking religious compassion and community connection during this challenging period. The Rabbi said, "Our synagogue is using the zoom platform for services, meetings, and even Hebrew school. And we are finding that service attendance has actually been slightly higher than when we were doing services in person. But I am not sure if it is the novelty or the ease of attending. Time will tell. People are saying that they are grateful to have the connection to fellow congregants. But many also look forward to gathering together, at some point, under one roof again."

Synagogue services are occurring at there regularly

scheduled times. People should check out the website, etzhayim.org, to see all that is happening at this synagogue. Rabbi Levy says, "In addition to our regular religious programming and services, we also have a Hot Topics series that we are continuing to run."

Rabbi Levy also told us, "We are all in this together and maybe this pandemic will bring more of us together with compassion and also help us overcome some of the divisiveness that seems pervasive across many groups today." The Rabbi was pleased to tell us that his Synagogue continues to be involved with consistent "multi-denominational" meetings. In fact, the Etz Hayim Synagogue shares also an interfaith campus with the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration.

Rabbi Levy said, "Our long-standing relationship

with the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, next door, is still strong and thriving. We are continuing to run our Talmud study and Bible study together on Tuesday mornings. This is a long-standing study program that facilitates learning about and understanding of each other's faiths. We have actually had, just like services, a few new people taking advantage of the ease of joining to participate."

If you go to this synagogues website you will find that certain Church of the Transfiguration Episcopal Church meetings are

also on the synagogue's calendar: <https://www.etchayim.org/home>

The Rabbi pointed out, "I think we are all very busy trying to manage our own congregants. Now that we seem to be settling into some type of routine, I think it be time for more interfaith communication."

We spoke with Susan Noran over the past week who told us that her Mom, who lives in Londonderry, was able to celebrate Easter services at St Peters Episcopal Church via remote video internet services. Noran said, "This was

really important for my mom, and it's really powerful to see this happen in these times. That my Mom could hear the Easter music was a blessing for our family."

Rabbi Levy wants to leave everyone with a message for people to consider for these times. He says, "These times have highlighted concerns that people are reflecting upon. Too much energy is being directed toward divisiveness and not enough time is being dedicated for communication, cooperation, connection and joint participation."

Appreciation for Hospital Workers By Local Fire and Police Departments

Local police, fire, and EMS Agencies converged on Parkland Medical Center as a show of solidarity and support for the hospital staff on the front lines of battling the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Approximately 50 emergency apparatus lined up and at 2 pm, then paraded around the hospital before the emergency vehicles stopped and first responders applauded the hospital staff.

Participating agencies included: Atkinson Fire, Chester Police and Fire, Derry Fire and Police, Hampstead Police and Fire, Londonderry Police and Fire, Rockingham County Sheriff's, Salem Police and Fire, Sandown Fire, SENH Hazardous Materials Team, Trinity EMS and Windham Police and Fire.



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NH Small Businesses Suffer During COVID-19 Pandemic

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

As the situation with coronavirus persists and social distancing orders seem more and more likely to extend, many businesses are struggling with the impact. And granite-stater owned establishments are certainly no exception.

According to most recent data available from the New Hampshire Small Business Association, a subset of the National Federation of Independent Business, over 75% of NH small businesses have been negatively impacted by the outbreak of coronavirus. Out of these negatively impacted, 23% have been experiencing supply chain disruptions, and 54% are experiencing slower sales.

Nine percent of these businesses have also reported having employ-

ees take a leave of absence due to sickness. Owners of these establishments cite that these absences are due to cold or flu symptoms and are out of an abundance of caution, not necessarily due to the virus.

The NH Small Business Association states that many small business owners have already been seeking out financial help or are planning to do so in the near future due to the impact of COVID-19. According to the NH Small Business Association, "The outbreak will leave few, if any, owners unscathed."

While these figures and outlooks appear grim, there are measures that the public can take to support their neighbors' livelihoods. All from the safety of their own home, or at the very least their vehicle.

Most people have been opting to stock up

on grocery essentials and cook from the safety of their own home instead of eating prepared foods. This, combined with the order to stay at home have been keeping locally owned restaurants fighting to tread water while they remain open, since as food service they qualify for the essential business title.

Ordering takeout from a local restaurant will help to keep the lights on in the establishment during this turbulent time. Many restaurants report having safe hygiene practices already, but have been especially stringent during the pandemic. Nevertheless, washing hands with soap and hot water for twenty seconds before transferring food from carryout containers to a plate and then washing hands again before eating will help to protect against any potential

exposure.

For those who remain hesitant about ordering food prepared by others at this time, purchasing gift cards from local restaurants that offer these establishments afloat. Gift cards can be gifted to friends and family in need by leaving them in mailboxes, or saved for celebration when social distancing orders finally lift.

Some more technically savvy local shops may have their goods available for purchase online. A Google search for any favorite mom-and-pop location to see if their products can be bought and delivered is a great way to support these businesses.

Again, a purchase of a gift card is also helpful in keeping these places going and again can be gifted to friends and family or saved for shopping

when the stores are able to physically open their doors again.

Quite a few businesses that do not have online ordering capability have begun offering curbside pickup options. Customers can call a business and request certain items, give an approximate time of their arrival, and contact the business again when they arrive and have a masked and gloved employee bring the products to the customer's car.

Many people are likely cutting costs while furloughed or laid off, but keeping memberships to local historical societies, clubs, or other membership-based local businesses will help these establishments keep their heads above water while customers are not able to visit. Those who absolutely cannot afford to keep a full membership during this time can

consider making smaller monthly donations until further notice instead.

Just like larger corporations, small businesses have been doing their very best to adapt during these trying times. The best way to know how to support local businesses is by contacting establishments and asking what their new practices are, and how best to help support them. Though these days the community must remain apart, its members need not remain alone.

For more stories and information regarding New Hampshire small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.nfib.com/new-hampshire. For small businesses seeking assistance and resources during this pandemic, visit the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center website at www.nhsbdc.org.

Hampstead Public Library Holds Peeps Diorama Contest

For Hampstead 'Peeps' it is time to have fun and get creative. The Hampstead Public Library is approaching the final days to submit entries for the Virtual Peeps Diorama Contest.

Photos and entry information should be emailed to dvancuren@HampsteadLibrary.org by Saturday, April 25. Rules and details are available on <https://hampsteadlibrary.org/libraryupcomingevents.asp>, as well as in a Facebook Event on the Library's page.

If you don't have Peeps, don't worry. A drawing or picture cutout of Peeps are acceptable in the diorama. Instructions to vote for the People's Choice award will be available soon.

There is one local museum that is still open, America's Stonehenge, an outdoor museum in north Salem, NH. The Hampstead Public Library can now offer email delivery of the pass to cardholders. This pass allows free admission for a family of up to four people. Use the

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Local Residents Growing More Gardens, Raising Chickens

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Garden centers are considered essential services in NH during this emergency. Some of them have moved access to their inventories online or are offering easy pickup of soil, vegetable seeds and transplants, as these companies are seeing demand spikes due to food fears over coronavirus-related food shortages. More time at home also means there is more time to nurture seeds into meals.

We spoke to several of the suppliers of seed and chickens located in our local communities. Kari Allard from Shady Hill Greenhouse Nursery in Londonderry told us, "People are buying plants and seeds about a month

ahead of their regular planting time this year. We are already busy; with many people at home right now, folks are coming by to get mulch and compost for both landscaping and vegetable gardens."

Allard says that already they are seeing a significant uptick in blueberry bush and fruit tree sales, "And we are seeing lots of customers getting their cold weather vegetable plants from us right now. We are also selling a lot of pansies at the moment as they are hardy this time of year and people are looking for flowers to cheer things up at their home."

Will Lowenthal, Derry Conservation Commission member and Master Gardener told us he has been in contact with several seed suppliers and that they are

all seeing a run on seeds this year, even at this early date.

This could turn into short supply for certain popular seed varieties.

"We currently have a good supply of vegetable and flower plants," said Shady Hill's Allard. "People in the local communities may want to get their vegetable plants sooner rather than later this year though. We currently also have a good choice of seeds as we get our vegetable, flower and plant seeds from multiple suppliers."

Even though food supplies may be currently secure and are starting to be replenished at many stores, under stocked supermarket shelves are forcing shoppers to think about the sources of their food, especially fruits and vegetables

- often for the first time. Also there have been shortages of eggs and poultry. So, these concerns have led people straight to their garden center for seeds and plants and to their supply stores to order or purchase chickens and ducks.

"Growing vegetables and raising poultry is helpful to be productive these days and to connect with nature. This is something that's within our control in today's situation that feels entirely out of control," Jenny Doyle from Derry told us, as she was shopping at Blue Seal.

Erik Ferrel who works at the Blue Seal Store in Derry told us that the store is seeing an uptick in orders for chicks right now. He said there are starting to be some delays for certain types of chicks, but that folks interested to get

chickens can still expect to get them. Ferrel says, "We strongly advise folks interested in getting chicks to purchase multiple birds as chickens and ducks need to be together in flocks for them to be successful. By the way, the state of NH tracks bird sales from orders shipped to us to align order records for these fowl."

"I'm glad to see a huge surge in gardening and hope that when the pandemic ends, people will continue growing at least some of their own food," Derry's Doyle said. "It's significant that people are gardening and when people learn more about the food system through the act of gardening, they will become better informed food consumers. I also think that may help some folks to be more appreciative of the chal-

lenges farmers face in growing our food."

Crisis gardening and suddenly raising chickens is not a new thing during challenging times. Concerns about food security led to the "Victory Garden" movement in the US, Canada, Britain and other countries during WWI and WWII. Seed retailers like Burpee and Gurneys along with local greenhouses also saw sales spikes during the Great Recession that started up in 2008 and 2009. At that time the number of households growing their own food increased 11%. And the largest increases were among first-time gardeners who cited economic conditions as a major factor in their decision to start growing food, according to a National Gardening Association report.

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Helpful Tips on Dealing with Toxic Products:

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- Give leftovers to friends and neighbors.
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Keep flammables away from heat, sparks and flames

For more information about hazardous waste in your home, visit:
<http://www.derry.nh.us/environmental/pages/links-and-documents>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. **Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send submissions to nutfieldnews@nutpub.net.

DERRY

Virtual Story Time

Virtual story hour by Taylor Library will happen again on, April 24, and May 1 at 10 a.m. The Library has decided to make this a regular segment while the library is closed. Please tune in this Friday at 10 a.m. for the next one to Facebook.

Taylor Library Closed

Taylor Library Closed For the safety of all patrons the Taylor Library will be closed starting Sunday, planned to re-opening on Monday May 4. Any fines/late fees during this period will be waived. Please monitor the website for any updates during this time period. Thank You Linda Merrill Library Director

Touch A Truck!

Free family event offers hands-on opportunities for children to Explore, Climb, and Touch trucks, emergency response vehicles, heavy machinery, and other equipment. On June 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at West Running Brook Middle School 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry. A kid's fire muster will be held on the rear field hosted by your very own Derry Fire Department Prepare to be Amazed by the BMX Stunt Show who will be promoting helmet safety and showing off their BMX skills. Don't forget to pick up your Free all-purpose helmet provided by the Derry Police Department and get sized by Derry PD Officers with assistance from Derry Cooperative School Staff Members! Jump in line early - helmet sizes and numbers are limited. BMX Stunt Shows will take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Horn/siren free hour is 10 - 11 a.m. (for sensitive ears). Overflow parking is located at the fol-

lowing locations: Derry SAU Office: 18 South Main St., and Derry Village School: 28 South Main St. A free shuttle will be provided to and from the event at each above location.

Derry Garden Club Annual Scholarship

The Derry Garden Club is pleased to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduated or soon to graduate New Hampshire student who plans to pursue a career in Environmental Studies. This could include Botany, Landscape Design, Forestry, Horticulture or a variety of other subjects. Application and Procedure information is available on the Derry Garden Club webpage www.derrygardenclub.org or in the scholarship information available to students at Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School. Materials are due by May 1, to Kathy Lane, 51 Drew Woods Drive, Derry, NH, 03038.

Annual Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club's annual plant sale has a new location this year at the Robert Frost Farm, Route 28, in Derry on May 30 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. This event is our biggest fundraiser for the year and all proceeds go toward improving Conservation efforts in town and supporting our community projects. The plants come from our members' gardens as well as those donated by nurseries and our supporters. Our plants are guaranteed to be "clean". We make every effort not to transmit diseases and abide by all good gardening practices. We have knowledgeable gardeners on site to answer any questions you may have. Please join us on May 30.

Derry Lions

The Derry Lions meet on the first and third Tuesday of

each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center at 39 West Broadway, Derry. The Derry Lions are part of one of the largest civic organizations in the world. We are looking for new members to enable us to continue our support of the community. For decades, we have provided eye exams and eye glasses for needy members of the community. For more information contact us at derryliionsclub@gmail.com or google Lions International. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.

CHESTER

Senior Banquet Canceled

The Chester Lions Club Senior Banquet scheduled for April 25, has been canceled.

HAMPSTEAD

Online Services

Hampstead Congregational Church will be holding online services on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Streaming on Facebook Live all information can be found on our website hampstead-ucc.org

Storytime Online

Hampstead Youth Services Librarian Devin continues to post Storytime videos on the Library's Facebook page as well as the Library website. This has been a great way for toddlers to continue to connect with

Devin and add to their budding reader routines. Upcoming Storytime themes include rainbows, butterflies, bugs, and dragons.

Storybook Walk

The Hampstead Public Library has put out their Storybook Walk on the Library's front lawn. The featured book is We're Going On A Bear Hunt. It starts near the stone-wall. Thanks to the Hampstead Mothers' Club for funding this project. The page-poles are at least 8' apart and should allow space for families to take turns, if more than one should visit at the same time. The Library will try to keep the story-walk up for a couple of weeks, but the book pages may be taken down on rainy days, and put back up for sunny days. If a pole falls down, don't worry, we'll get there and fix it.

Virtual Peeps Diorama

The Virtual Peeps Diorama Contest is underway and photo entries will be accepted through Saturday April 25. Participants submit pictures and entry information via email to dvan-curen@HampsteadLibrary.org. Rules and details are available on <https://hampsteadlibrary.org/libraryupcomingevents.asp>, as well as in a Facebook Event on the Library's page. Don't have Peeps? No worries. A drawing or picture cutout of Peeps are acceptable in the diorama. A link to an online ballot will be available soon, so the public can vote for the People's Choice Award.

Online Spinning and Knitting

Librarian Nancy has taken her Spinning and

Knitting group to Facebook. She created the Island Pond Knitters & Spinners group. Members share inspiration and photos of their latest creation. Look for it on Facebook, and ask to join. All needlework crafters are welcome.

Staying Closed

The Hampstead Library will remain closed to the public until at least May 4. Thus, April and early May meetings and events are cancelled. As for items checked-out, patrons should keep the materials for now because the book drop is closed. No late fees will be generated during this time. Librarians continue to reach out to the public in virtual ways, utilizing phone, email, and social media.

EBooks

Hampstead Library cardholders can access hundreds of titles via NH Downloadable Books Consortium/Overdrive, and using computer, tablet, or smart phone. There are ebooks and audiobooks for children and adults. Now Overdrive's new Deliver Later feature helps manage reserves better. For example, if you're not ready for a book when it becomes available, choose the Deliver Later option. The title will go to the next waiting patron, but you won't lose your place in line. Hampstead Library patrons, who need help with downloading books or have questions, can email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org.

Bonus Borrows

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Online Media

Hampstead Public Library cardholders can access free entertaining and educational resources 24/7 via www.HampsteadLibrary.org. This includes links to free digital downloads of books (Libby and Hoopla,) magazines (Flipster and Libby,) newspapers including the Eagle Tribune and Union Leader (NewsBank,) art and craft videos (Creativebug,) educational classes (Trans-parent Language and Universal Class,) and more. If Library patrons have any questions or need assistance using these services, they are welcome to email staff at circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org

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SANDOWN

Drop-in Playgroup

Parents and those caring for children ages newborn to 5 are invited to take part in a drop-in playgroup on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Ed Garvey Recreation Facility located at 25 Pheasant Run Drive, Sandown. Meet up with other parents for some adult conversation; let the kids play, do a simple craft

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Presbyterian Church

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