

Derry Fire Chief Give Town Council COVID-19 Update

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the meeting of the Derry Town Council on Tuesday, May 5, Derry Fire Department Chief, Mike Gagnon gave council members an update on the state of the town in respect to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Gagnon told the council that fire personnel have been assisting businesses in the area with occupancy numbers that would comply with the governor guidelines on re-opening.

He also mentioned that the police department would soon be implementing an online service for reporting crimes. He said this should be available in the second week of May.

He added that both Fire and Police Departments have seen a reduction in call volume from the beginning of the year.

In regard to summer events, he told the council that the Town Administrator and Department of Public Works Director have been reviewing options on what may or may not be taking place. No final decisions have been made on Fireworks, or the use of Gallian's Beach or the Splash Pad.

Police have had seven members quarantined; due to COVID-19 concerns and Derry Fire have had 15 people quarantined. Those 22 members have all gone back to work.

Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores asked Gagnon about the recent news of a local nursing home that was reported to have a large amount of infections with both patients and workers, and asked if the authorities knew anything about the situation.

Gagnon responded that they were aware, and they have been in close communication with all elderly housing establishments, saying, "We are monitoring all of the Assisted Living facilities as well as Long-Term Care facilities."

When asked how local citizens could be tested he told her that people

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Wason Pond Parking Closure Continues to Aggitate Residents

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CHESTER - During the Thursday, May 7, meeting of the Chester Board of Selectmen, members heard from the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission, the chief of Police and a number of residents, on their disagreement with the Selectmen's decision to close parking at the Wason Pond Recreational area until June 15.

The meeting was conducted through videoconference again last week, because of the social distancing protocol still in place.

Selectmen's Liaison to the Wason Pond Commission, Chuck Myette, gave fellow Selectmen an update of what the commission thought of the decision.

Myette said the commission had met that week, and overall they were surprised by the decision and certainly weren't in favor of what Selectmen had decided to do.

He added that the commission was also not in favor of a permitting program out at the park, and suggested that the board hear from an outside source on what other communities are doing in response to the pandemic.

Selectman chairman Jeremy Owens questioned Myette as to whether the commission had a plan, since they had tasked them to come up with a solution over a year ago.

Myette responded that the group was in favor of more ranger time, law enforcement and security cameras.

Selectman Steph Landau added that he had attended the meeting, and thought that the commission had a lot of misinformation. Firstly, who made the motion to close parking

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Derry Town Councilors recently discussed the proposed sale of Vintage Grace location as transitional housing for county inmates.

Council Upset with Inmate Housing at Vintage Grace

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NUTFIELD NEWS

During the public comment section of the Derry Town Council meeting on Tuesday night, May 5, Counselor Brian Chirichiello, told fellow members that he not only learned about Rockingham County Commission's intent to purchase Vintage Place, at 12 Peabody Road, for \$575,000, but he also had in his possession the letter of intent from the Rockingham County Commission stating it would be used as a rehabilitation Center for former inmates.

Vintage Grace is an adult day care center, and is located adjacent to Pleasant Valley Nursing Center. The facility is also located within a residential area of town near homes and condominiums, and is located very close to two Derry schools, Gilbert H. Hood Middle School and Grinnell Elementary School.

Chirichiello stated, "It's really troubling me. We all know the old Vintage Grace that the Town actually gave

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Hampstead Selectmen Discuss Police Lieutenant Salary

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During the Monday night, May 11, meeting of the Hampstead Board of Selectmen, the board continued to try and come up with a solution to the salary discrepancy that was voiced by Lt. Robert Kelley during the Selectmen's previous meeting.

At the previous meeting, Kelley told the board that it wasn't clear to him what the salary was before accepting a promotion from Sergeant to Lieutenant, and he asked Selectmen to adjust it to a rate higher than what he was making in his previous position.

At this week's meeting, the board resumed their talk with Kelley in hopes that they would be able to come to a solution.

Most of the discussions were planned to take place during a non-public section of the meeting, but

Chairman, Sean Murphy allowed fellow Selectman Chad Bennett to ask Kelley a few questions in order to clear up some issues that were brought up previously.

Bennett questioned Kelley on whether it was correct that he said he had no knowledge of what his salary would be before he accepted the position of lieutenant, even though the board was told that it was not the case.

Bennett said, "You said, you were disappointed to find out at a later date, the price you were offered by the Board of Selectmen."

He said he disagreed with Kelley's recollection of the offer. He added, he was offered the job, with the price and was given about two weeks to think about it to accept the position.

Kelley responded, "On Feb. 24, I was told that the board accepted me as the

Lieutenant, that was on a Monday night. A discussion was had with me and the Chief on that Monday night. What's the pay gonna be, we had previous discussions about pay in general, and his response to me, on Feb. 24 was, I'll get you an answer." He added that the following day the Chief said he had spoke with Bennett and the pay is \$74,276 and was non-negotiable. Take it or leave it. He added that he was never told the final number until that point.

Bennett also asked if Kelley had seen the posting for the position, which had the pay range on it, at the Police Station, which Kelley said he did not.

Bennett then questioned whose idea it was to come to the board for a raise after he accepted the position.

Police Chief Joe Beaudoin then interjected, "That was my comment to the Lieutenant, the bottom

line was that I didn't think it was reasonable that the person would be making less than he did as a sergeant, so I told him if he did not take this position, he would not have an opportunity to take this position, we would be offering it to someone else." He added, "I told him, I would take that position, and then we'll try to negotiate with the Board of Selectmen."

Bennett followed that up with asking the chief if he thought that was fair to the other two candidates, with Beaudoin saying that if one of those candidates were unhappy with the pay amount, one of them would be at the meeting, doing the same thing.

Bennett also asked the Chief why the idea of renegotiation never came up before the position was accepted the Chief fired back, "When someone says to you, this is the number, take it or leave it,

that ends the conversation as far as I'm concerned."

At that point Bennett said, "I feel like we're chasing our tail again. We came up with a number, the whole board approved the number, gave it to you (the Chief) he took the job, and ever since it's been a discussion coming back to us."

Bennett explained that he thought that the position the Selectmen were are being put in sets a dangerous precedent, and that anyone they hire from this point on could renegotiate after they are hire.

Beaudoin added that he thought the number being offered was too low to begin with. But Bennett defended the position of the Selectmen saying that the person who set up the matrix for deciding on a number, can't be expected to whittle down every position in town. It would cost the town too much.

Murphy finally stop-

ped the discussion, and said that they would continue the discussion in non-public.

As the meeting continued, during the liaison reports, Bennett was opposed to giving up his position with the police department, even though the chairman decided that he wanted the position.

Bennett added that he only the position for nine months, and wanted to finish with the next contract. He didn't feel that it was fair that Murphy has been the only selectman to deal with the contracts over the past several years.

Murphy assured Bennett that all three Selectmen would be part of those negotiations.

The discussion ended with Bennett saying that if Murphy is going to take Police he would take the Fire liaison role. To which Murphy then responded, "Nope," and ended the discussion.

Sandown Selectmen Get Updates from Town Administrator

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the Monday night, May 11, meeting of the Sandown Board of Selectmen, the board got some updates on from Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell on a number of issues in town.

First, she discussed a small maintenance issue at town hall, where the door

handle needed to be replaced, after there were issues with people getting into the building without workers letting them in.

She also explained that the town is beginning the process of bringing staff back into the building. The plan is that all individual doors will be shut at all times, and business will be conducted with folks

speaking from the hallways. If people need to come into the building, Blaisdell said that they would ask for them to wear a mask.

She also went over the town hall painting project. She explained that the vendor tentatively scheduled it for June 8. She told Selectmen that one of the biggest decisions that need to be

made is what color to paint it. She asked for suggestions from the board on color.

She also discussed the 'No Through Trucking' issues that involve Ferguson Lane and Olden Road. With construction going on in the area the roads are being damaged. She told Selectmen that they have the authority to regulate No Through Trucking. She suggested holding a public

hearing on the matter at the Selectmen's next meeting, which would be on June 1.

Members of the board commented that the roads are already in pretty bad shape and stopping through trucking would help.

Blaisdell also brought up the State Municipal Aid that the town had received in 2019. It totaled \$67,000, and was suppose to be used for a Salt Shed that got

voted down as a Warrant Article.

She asked state agencies whether the grant money could be used for something else, and she was told yes. She was told it could be spent on anything but a Salt Shed.

The only question she still had out was whether another public hearing had to take place once they determine how the wish to spend the money.



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Rick Metts, Featured in Faces of the Rotary Series

Derry Village Rotary Club Celebrates one of their members Rick Metts, a long-time Rotarian, was featured in their Faces of the Rotary series.

Rick was born in Derry at the old East Derry Hospital and attended Derry schools, graduating in 1976. While studying at Plymouth State College, he married his high school sweetheart, Sue. Initially, his plans were to teach Physical Education at Pinkerton, but life changed for him in March of his senior year when the manager of McDonald's asked Rick join him as First Assistant Manager. He

worked five years in Derry and then moved on to locations in Billerica and in Lowell. After a bit of time, an acquaintance reached out about an opportunity to run his own place in Derry - Clam Haven. Rick has owned and operated Clam Haven, a Derry landmark, for 33 years.

In 1990 Derry Village Rotarian, Steve Dente, asked Rick if would be interested in joining the Rotary. At the time, he was acquaintances with Bill Gardocki and Charlie Crompton, both of whom were (and still are!) Rotarians. He thought it would a great way to connect more to the community.

He has held different offices within Rotary over the years, with his most recent being Treasurer. Rick has been the recipient of Rotarian of the Year, an award given by his fellow Rotarians, and the Paul Harris Award. Rick believes that his involvement has opened his eyes to situations that are not always known to the public. "Rotarians are situated to help and once you're involved, you become aware of other organizations needing help." Like most Rotarians, Rick likes to roll up his sleeves and do any labor needed, such as building the Boys & Girls Club Pavilion. When asked why he has

stayed with Rotary all these years, Rick succinctly states, "it's given back way more than I've given."

Rick and Sue, who had been working as a medical office manager until about three years ago, decided recently that it was time to hang up the aprons. They worked with a business owner in Derry to assume the role that they had cultured and grown over the years. They have high hopes of enjoying their four daughters, Jamie, Becky, Bethany and Megan and their five grandchildren this summer. Rick states that his house is affectionately known as "the black hole."



Rick and Sue Metts

He says, "You can't escape for all the hard work and the comfort of our home." the 30 years of dedication to the DVRC. Nothing could make him happier. Thank you, Rick,

Wason Pond

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at the park. He said, "I was the one that made the motion, mainly because we hadn't gotten anything back."

He when on to say that since the Wason Pond Commission is charged with making up the rules on how things are handled at the park, let them bring something forward on how to better deal with the problems there.

Landau finished by saying, "Please come up with a solution, if the solution is that you don't want to do anything, great, I'm happy with that, I don't need to go there. But if the idea is that you want to do something there and it works out within our budget, ok, thank you."

Selectman Stephen D'Angelo added to Landau's comment by asking Police Chief Aaron Berube to comment on exactly

what the issues are as the town heads into the summer months.

Berube told the board, that as the weather gets warmer, the same problems will occur that have been a problem for over 12 years. "When we've asked in the past to put more resources down there, it was always no, we didn't have the funding for it." He added we had to have a solution to combat this moving forward, anyway we do it, it's going to cost us money to fix this issue.

Recreation Director Corinna Reishus reminded the board the issue of drugs at Wason Pond is a completely different issue from the parking restrictions that have been put in place. "The community and the public are upset that they cannot enjoy Wason Pond today." She was confused as to whether the park was closed due to COVID-19 or the drug problem being

sighted.

D'Angelo stood by his decision to close down the park saying most of the people he had seen out at the park weren't from the area, they were from out of state.

D'Angelo added "I don't know why we should do anything to encourage people to come to our town when all the other town's around are closed."

The board took comments from the public, and although there were a number of people logged on, only two commented verbally.

Resident Jack Cannon was the first to comment, he suggested the installation of a gatehouse, where the town could restrict access to the park, charging people from out of town, and allowing local residents free access.

Landau said at that point that he didn't have a problem opening the park

before the June 15 time frame, as long as the Wason Pond Commission came up with a solution.

Resident Joe Parsons, who told the board he has a special needs child, that

the decision to close parking further inhibits his ability get outside with his child and enjoy the park. He also mentioned that there are a number of people complaining that with

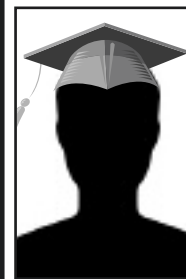
wheelchairs, closing the parking makes it impossible to use the park.

The park remains closed as Selectmen continue to discuss solutions to the problems there.

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Editorial

Something To Be Said About A Smile

I guess the people who bother me the most are the ones who seem to think the world owes them something just because, well, they exist. It's as though they feel that they are the "chosen few," the only ones on earth who have a right to be where they are when they are there.

Try going to any busy spot, and just sit and watch people. So frequently it appears that no one seems to care about the other people. No one seems to even think that the other person might be going through the same things they are. It seems like no one reaches out a hand to help anyone else unless they think it's going to result in something good for them.

Being kind to a person isn't difficult. Being kind isn't a sign of weakness. No. Being kind is probably just the opposite. Being kind to your neighbor, friend, family member or a complete stranger is more a show of strength than anything else.

You see, it doesn't take much for a person to get angry. There's no self-control or discipline involved in blowing up or taking your frustrations out on someone else. In today's world, that seems to be the norm. In today's world, it's more about doing unto others as they did unto you rather than do unto others, as you would have them do unto

you. The golden rule seems to be a thing of the past.

A strong person learns how to control his or her emotions. It takes courage to step out from the shadows of everyone else and do something different. It takes strength to see the world from another person's point of view.

Just because someone stepped on your foot, doesn't mean you have the right to step on someone else's. Just because someone closed the door in your face, doesn't mean you shouldn't hold it open for someone else.

How about walking out of a restaurant and having a complete stranger greet you with a smile and say hello, or someone passing by saying good day. It is not a grand gesture just a simple pleasantry, it does not take anytime or effort. Still, that act of kindness sets a tone for how people react.

Being kind isn't difficult. Being kind doesn't even have to take time away from your busy schedule. So the next time you are out and about say hello, give a smile and say good day to a stranger - you just might change that person's day. Why not share a smile instead of your frustration and anger. Be kind to your neighbor. It might just become contagious.

Letters

Numb to Commericals

To the editor,

Once you have made your point, pumping more money into commercials is just throwing it away. Too many commercials and we become numb, and we just block them all out. Bloomberg topped Half a Billion Dollars in his Campaign Advertising, and where did it get him? He needed to have practiced more articulating his message in debates instead, so he could shine there. The money could have been better spent on something to help all of mankind, like funding medical research

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ing the charge to end childhood cancers is one of the most noble causes there is. This is one issue almost everyone agrees upon. Something that will benefit all mankind. I have stage 4 cancer, Giant Cell Sarcoma Undifferentiated Soft Parts. I have lived a life, but many kids with sarcomas, for them life has just begun, and is already about over. Sarcomas affect only about 1 percent of adults with cancer, but make up 20 percent of all childhood cancers. Let's put an end to all childhood cancers NOW!

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DMV Expands Appointment-Based Services to Three Locations

The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announces the expansion of appointment-based services to three additional locations. Starting Monday, May 11, Salem, Nashua, and Keene will open for appointment only services, in addition to Concord, Dover, Manchester, Newport, and Twin Mountain. The following appointment only services will resume on Monday, May 11:

- Motorcycle permit testing – by appointment only. Call 227-4000 to schedule an appointment.
- Motorcycle testing –

by appointment only, limited to the Concord location. Call 227-4020 to schedule an appointment.

- Motorcycle Rider Training classes. Call 227-4025 to register for a class.

- In-person driver license renewals are available for customers whose licenses have expired or will expire by June 30, 2020 – by appointment only. Call 227-4000 to schedule an appointment. Customers are encouraged to renew at www.nh.gov/dmv, if eligible.

- Customers transfer-

ring a license from another state – by appointment only. Call 227-4000 to schedule an appointment. The DMV offers the following important service reminders: Driver Licenses

- Non-Commercial Driver License driving road tests are not currently being conducted.

- All Commercial Driver License related transactions can be conducted by appointment only. Call 227-4000 to schedule an appointment.

- Customers whose licenses have expired or will expire by June 30, 2020 may apply for a 6-

month license extension. Call 227-4020 to apply for the 6-month license extension over the phone. Customers are encouraged to renew at www.nh.gov/dmv, if eligible.

- The REAL ID compliance deadline has been extended until October, 2021. REAL ID transactions will not be conducted for the duration of the Stay at Home Order. Vehicle Registrations

- Existing vehicle registrations are renewed by your city or town clerk's office. Please visit your town website or call your local town clerk's office

for vehicle registration renewal options.

- NH DMV 20-day plates as well as NH authorized dealer 20-day plates, issued on or after February 26, 2020 have been given an automatic extension through May 31, 2020. Residents are encouraged to reach out to their local city or town clerk's office for permanent vehicle registration options.

- Walking disability placards or license plates may be issued 6-month extensions without meeting the in-person application and medical certification requirements.

Drop box services are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. at the following locations: Concord, Dover, Manchester, Newport, Twin Mountain, Salem, Nashua, and Keene. For all other transactions, please call DMV customer service at 227-4000 to determine the availability of services. Customers should take advantage of the DMV's online services, including online driver license renewal for those who are eligible; ID renewals, and online ticket pay at www.nh.gov/dmv

Derry Fire Chief

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should contact the Primary Care Physician, or go to a Convenient-MD location, as the have partnered with the state for testing.

Gagnon added that there has been 138 active cases reported in Derry, and over 50 percent of those cases were from Long-Term Care facilities.

The Fire Chief assured the council members that it's no longer

tough to get tested, doctors have relaxed their guidelines on who get tested. He said, the newest figure on active cases was up because of the fact that more residents are being tested.

Gagnon stressed that the best thing people could be doing at this point to keep the virus from spreading is to stay at home, and when you do go out to wear a mask.

Gagnon's fear is that there has been so much information out there on how to take precautions; the people are desensitized to it now. He added that he is concerned, moving into the summer months that there is the likelihood of resurgence.

Also during the meeting Town Administrator Dave Caron told the board that the Governor recently announced the states would have \$40 million at their disposal through the CARES Act,

and Derry is eligible for up to \$785,000 for eligible expenses accrued because of the Coronavirus. He gave examples of what the town could use these funds for. They varied from signage need to software and equipment upgrades for videoconferences as well as shortfalls in town expenses due to tax revenue decreases.

Caron added that the governor also announced stipends would be awarded to first responders of

\$300 per week from May 4 to the end of June.

There was also a fairly long conversation about the use of public areas in Derry once restrictions start to loosen up, and one area of concern was the Slash Pad at Humphrey Park. It was suggested that the area be limited to New Hampshire, or Derry residents only. Caron and Public Works Director Mike Fowler both agreed that would be difficult, as it would involve erecting

six-foot fences, a gate and added personnel.

Councilor Jim Morgan suggested looking at whether the CARES Act could be utilized for that sort of funding, since the work would need to be done to make the park safer.

Caron responded that they would be continuing to look at these opportunities to help with funding such projects, but no definitive answer was given.

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Chester Academy Will Hold Drive-In Promotion Ceremony

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Chester Academy School Board meeting that was held on Wednesday, May 6, Principal Karen Lacroix announced that staff members at the school have been working on setting up a Drive-In for the annual eighth grade promotion ceremony.

The annual event is usually held under a large tent on the ball field near the school, but because of the social distancing guidelines currently being followed,

that sort of ceremony will not allowed.

Lacroix told the board, that one of parents of an eighth grade student, Mrs. Archer, has offered her services to create a video of a virtual promotion this year.

Lacroix continued, "The video would then be displayed on a large screen, similar to a Drive-In Movie, the sound would go through their radio, and kids would be able to see this on a 35-foot wide screen."

The screen would be set up in the parking lot of the school, and the amount of

guest would need to be limited to the amount of spaces in the parking area.

After speaking with the Technical Review Committee in town, they felt all that was needed was a police detail to control traffic.

Lacroix told the board that the video being shown would be made up of a number of segments, including a baby picture slide show.

She added that the staff members were still working out the logistics, such as only allowing grade-eight parents being allowed in with a ticket.

During the event, family members will be confined to their cars, and a limited amount of staff members would be in the parking lot conducting the ceremony. At the end of the promotion video, cars would be directed out, and students would receive diplomas as they exit the parking lot.

They noted that there are 142 slots for parking and there are 54 eighth graders and two cars would be allowed for each student.

The Promotion Ceremony will be taking place on Thursday night, June 4 according to the school's website.

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603.437.5200 x1141 so we can explain the program that will realize tens of thousands of dollars in tax credit for some companies here in the state. Again that number is 603.437.5200 x1141 for no-cost assistance that could provide thousands in tax credits. Please leave your name and phone number so we can return your call and assist you with your tax filing.

This program will remain in effect for 2 more years; so tax credits could be realized for future Career and Technical Education partnerships, as well.

From all of us in Education here in New Hampshire, this is our way of saying "thank you" for your company's continued support. "

OBITUARY

Nancy Ann Eurieck



Nancy Ann Eurieck, 62, of Derry, NH, died on May 6, 2020, surrounded by her children at Portsmouth Regional Hospital in Portsmouth, NH. Nancy was born on July 21, 1957, in Rochester, NY, to Roy & Margaret (Uschold) Pommerening, who have predeceased her. She is the youngest sibling of two sisters.

She leaves behind her partner, her four children, siblings, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, & many friends.

Nancy grew up & attended school in Rochester, NY, & in 1991 moved to Derry, NH, where she raised a family. Her greatest joy in life were her four children for whom she lived for & wholeheartedly dedicated herself. Her energy & boisterous laugh will remain forever imprinted in the hearts & minds of so many as Nancy exuded a love & vibrance to others that extended not just to her family & children but to her friends & the friends of her children.

She was a natural caretaker, welcoming anyone into her home, often inviting them to stay for dinner which almost always was a home cooked meal made from the heart. She loved to cook, entertain, & would dance & sing around the house.

Nancy was creative & enjoyed crafts, sewing, & decorating her home. She loved talking & social events & her disarming smile & playful teasing would make those around her instantly comfortable.

Her innate inclination to care for those in her life extended to that of her mother, in her later years, & to her older sister, Karen, with whom she loved to be around & had been caring for & living with for the past several years, with the help of her partner.

Nancy was a "mother" in every sense of the word & will be missed by so many. She is survived by her eldest daughter, Emily MODOONO & husband, Matthew, & their two children, Stella & Dominic; her daughter, Megan Eurieck & fiancé, Stephen Trask; her eldest son, Dustan Eurieck & fiancé, Nicole Sobel; & her son, Stephen Eurieck & fiancé, Chelsea Demers, & their newborn son, Easton. She also leaves behind her beloved partner of 14 years, Robert "Bob" Matson, with whom she has shared many laughs, her 2 sisters; Karen Pommerening & Diane Yitsis; her niece Andrea Alge & family & nephew, Gregory Yitsis & family.

Following Cremation, there will be a ceremony that will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Vintage Grace

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OBITUARY

Carl F. Zajicek



Carl F. Zajicek, passed away due to complications from Covid-19, on Sunday May 3, 2020, at the age of 70. He was surrounded by his family who loved him. Carl was born on Dec. 24, 1949 in Lawrence Massachusetts. He was a son to Frank & Adeline (Sweeney) Zajicek. Carl spent his childhood in Lawrence & graduated from Greater Lawrence Technical High School in 1967. He quickly joined the United States Air Force in 1968 & served during the Vietnam War as a Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Specialist.

After serving his country, Carl met Diane Troianello & the two were married on Aug. 17, 1975. After starting his family in their first home on Bedard Ave., Derry NH, Carl helped build his final family home in 1990 on Overledge Dr., Derry. Carl made his living as a machinist, & spent his free time riding bikes & camping with his 3 daughters or on woodworking projects in his downstairs workshop. Carl also had such a love for music, he could pick up any instrument and play it. The accordion & organ were his favorites.

Carl loved taking vacations with his family, up to the mountains, to Germany, or down to Disney World and he rarely missed a year. He would always visit his twin sister Carol in Florida, they loved to sit and talk out on her patio, or watch horror movies together. Like Disney, Carl rarely missed the annual Oktoberfest & everyone there new him by name in his signature green German hat. Carl loved any reason to go out, whether it be an Air Show, Rib fest, or even a play, if it was going on he was calling his daughters to take him. Carl loved telling stories to anyone who would listen, & he had the biggest laugh.

In his later years Carl took a job at the VA Hospital in Manchester NH, where he spent 5 years until he retired in 2012. In retirement Carl loved spending time with his family & grandkids, he frequently had all his daughters & their families over for dinner, & enjoyed his trips to the Old Salt at Hampton Beach with his wife Diane and sister in law Vina. He also loved helping his Daughters with projects around their houses & fixing their cars. There was nothing he wouldn't do for his girls.

Carl is survived by his wife Diane Zajicek (Allentown NH), his twin sister Carol & husband Bill Graham (Kissimmee Florida), His 3 daughters & their families: Kim & Dan Dufour & their children Lukas, Jakob, & Makswell (Allentown NH). Kristin & Danny Reynolds & their children Jameson, Josephine, & Juliette (Goffstown NH). Kara & Shawn Webster & their children Isabella, & Parker (Oak Bluffs MA).

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, private family services will be held & will conclude with burial at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is handling the arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

"Years ago, the town worked with the Derry Housing Authority to purchase the property, and the property was purchased with Federal HUD money." The Derry Housing Authority was required to maintain use there in a use similar to what Vintage Grace operated.

Derry Town Manager, David Caron, stated that the Derry Housing Authority, while his knowledge of this issue was "second hand, (had fulfilled the requirement (for the sale and) has expired. He has notified Derry Housing that the Housing Authority is free and clear to dispose of the property as they see fit."

Counselor James Morgan commented, if it's not going to be used for the original intent, could the town execute a "claw-

back?"

A "clawback agreement permits either party to demand the return of (the property)" writes corpgov.law.harvard.edu. Morgan also said, "(There are) a lot of unanswered questions. We may need to investigate."

"This is just wrong, and smells bad," continued Chirichiello. "We, as seven counselors, need to chime in. They meet next Friday, (and) if there is a vote, this goes to purchase and sale, per the letter of intent."

As a result of their discussions, the seven Derry Counsel members signed a letter in objection to the sale of Vintage Grace to the Rockingham County Commission stating "The identified location is questionable at best, deserves time for the Derry Com-

munity to better understand the proposal and decide on the suitability of the location"

In addition, "To our knowledge, Rockingham County has not surveyed the area to confirm that the intended purpose of re-integrating former inmates in a congregate setting is appropriate, and that the Derry Counsel had not been consulted."

The letter also communicated Vintage Place was located "adjacent to a nursing home and in the midst of several residential neighborhoods as well as 1000 feet from

two community schools, including one which houses our preschool program."

At the Friday meeting of the Rockingham County Commission, all Derry members of the Rockingham County Executive Commission were present to express their concerns of the Derry Town Council.

The Executive Commission meeting concluded with no votes taken and all action regarding the Vintage Grace sale were to be held for a future date.

OBITUARY

Richard H. Carlson

Richard H. Carlson, 87, of Londonderry, NH, passed way Sunday May 3, 2020 surrounded by his loving family in the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. He was born on Jan. 10, 1933 in Arlington, MA, the son of Henry and Ruth (Potter) Carlson. Richard worked as a mechanical engineer for Raytheon for many years.

He is survived by his daughter, Brenda Demirjian of Sandown, NH; two sons, Doug Carlson of Valerica, FL and Glenn Carlson of West Virginia and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 58 years, Natalie (Stanford) Carlson in 2013.

There are no services at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held by the family at a later date when it is safe to gather together again. Memorial contributions may be made to Londonderry United Methodist Church, 258 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053.

OBITUARY

Robert A. "BJ" Bjorkman



Robert A. "BJ" Bjorkman, 90, of Derry, NH passed away on May 7, 2020 at Pleasant Valley Nursing Care of Derry. BJ was born Feb. 8, 1930 in Boston, MA and was a son of the late Harold and Anna (Gyarmati) Bjorkman.

He was a graduate of Michigan State University, with a B.S. degree in Biology. He had been a resident of Derry for many years.

BJ served in the US Army during the Korean War, serving primarily in Germany. He later worked as a Biologist and Arborist with the U.S. Forest Service for many years. He was one of the five founding members off the Abundant Grace Church of Derry. BJ was devoted to his faith and was known for his Christian handshake, (the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost) and his favorite phrase "Let Abundant Grace put a smile on your face". BJ will forever be remembered as a kind and gentle person who will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

Due to Corona Virus protocol restrictions, private services are being held and burial will be at Forest Hill Cemetery of East Derry.

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Rig-a-Tony's Suffers Damage During Friday Night Fire

At 7:03 on Friday, May 8, the Derry Fire Alarm received multiple 911 calls of a structure fire at Rig-a-Tony's Italian Takeout on 38 West Broadway, in Derry.

Derry Engines 3, and

2; Londonderry Ladder 1, and Derry Car 1 were dispatched. While enroute Car 1 observed a column of smoke from a half mile away and called a working fire. Derry Engine 1, Medic 1 and Ladder 4

were able to clear prior calls and respond.

Upon arrival crews observed heavy fire and smoke from the rear and basement of the building, heavy smoke from the first floor, and the fire

was wrapping around the building threatening an adjacent large multi-family dwelling. Initial crews also encountered arcing power lines that briefly delayed access to the rear of the building.

Crews made a rapid attack on the exterior fire from two sides, knocking that down and preventing the fire from spreading to an adjacent structure. Crews then entered both the basement and first floors to extinguish the fire. After extensive overhaul the fire was declared under control.

The fire was deemed to be under control by 8 p.m. according to the report from the Derry Fire Department.

The Derry Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau and the Derry



Rig-a-Tony's Italian Takeout on West Broadway suffered major damage during last week's fire.

Police Department are investigating the fire.

The Damage to property was extensive to the rear of the structure, the basement and the attic.

There were no injuries reported from the fire.

Mutual Aid to the scene was provided by the towns of Londonderry, Windham and Auburn Fire Departments.

Off-duty personnel were recalled to their stations while Manchester, Chester, Hudson and Salem Fire Departments provided station coverage.

During the Fire, recall personnel and mutual aid companies responded to three different 911 calls.

Derry Fire Battalion Chief Jack Webb Submitted this Press Release.

Chester Conservation Holds Dandelion Contest

This year the Chester Conservation Commission has followed the lead of the Pollinator Pathways in starting a contest for Chester resident with the most pollinator friendly dandelions in their yard. We think of dandelions as pollinator habitat!

Dandelions can actually play a key role for bees and other pollinators. Take time to check out the dandelions on a

sunny day and look at all the life on them. Once May is over, there are other sources for pollinators, but for now dandelions can be a great source of food for them.

Take a photo of the best dandelions in your yard and send them in. We will be taking in entries through Memorial Day, May 25. Send the picture to the Chester Conservation email at conservationcommis-

sion@chesternh.org along with your name and address. Feel free to update as the month goes on with new pictures.

We will have three prizes awarded. The winner will get 1st choice, then so on. Prizes will be listed soon so please stay tuned. Depending on how this contest does, we may be expanding it next year with different categories and competing with other towns.



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College Recruiting for Athletes Changes for Pandemic

KELSEY DERHAK
NUTFIELD NEWS

With stay at home orders still issued for most states, college recruiting looks a lot different from both the perspective of the athlete and the college coach.

Every level of sports has come to a halt during this pandemic. From professional sports to youth sports, everything has shut down. It has been especially hard for the seniors who cannot play out their last high school season. Some of those seniors, while it is hard not to be able to play their sport, are continuing their sport in college. But what about those players who are looking to get recruited during a pandemic? Your sophomore and junior seasons are important recruiting years.

A big part of recruiting is getting seen. You have to get seen by a coach or a coach has to see you play, either in your high school season, club season, or a prospect camp etc. With all those options on hold right now there are still things you can do for any sport to help yourself in the recruiting process. While there are a lot of things you can-

not do, here are some things you can do to help yourself get ahead as told by someone in college athletics.

Make yourself a highlight video. Gather all of the clips you have of yourself playing and combine them into one video. Make sure to have a title card with all of your information on it including: your name, the teams you play for, your hometown, your graduating class, your GPA, your jersey number, and your position for whatever sport you play. It is also important for you to point yourself out in each clip to make it easier for those coaches to know it's you. You can either spotlight yourself or pause the clip and make sure to have an arrow pointing towards you. The good clips usually show 10-20 seconds before you do something so the coach can see the play develop, or 10-

20 seconds after if what you did helped your team succeed in any way. Remember to keep the video between 2-10 minutes long, it is just to showcase your talent, not to display every game you have ever played in.

Send an email. Research the schools that fit what you are looking for in higher education. Keep in mind that you have to spend 4 years there not just playing sports but living there and taking classes as well. Once you have some schools in mind, send an email to the coaching staff. Introduce yourself and add a personal touch (i.e. why you are interested in the school). Make sure to mention where you are from, your graduating class, GPA, position, teams you play on, and contact information for your club and/or high school coaches.

Including contact information for your current coaches is another way for a college coach to have the ability to contact those coaches and get an idea of how you are as a player. This may provide information that your highlight video might have missed. At the end of your email is a good place to attach a link to your highlight video and if there are any times and places where they can see you play. You don't have to write a novel but make sure to include all the key information.

Keep up with their social media. All if not most teams have their own

social media accounts that they keep up to date with any information you might need. Their accounts might contain any links to prospect camps, summer camps, and play days they might have. Since no one knows exactly when these might be held nowadays it is good to follow their social media to stay up to date on when they will be taking place. Camps and playdays are a great way to be seen by college coaches and get coached by them first hand. The team social media accounts provide important recruiting information and will help you get a sense of the team in

general. They can show you what your day to day might look like if you make the team.

Keep in mind while you might be worried that no coaches can see you play right now, everyone is in the same boat. College coaches are also trying to find creative ways to recruit players while having limited resources. It is all about controlling what you can control and doing what you can do right now as a part of your recruiting process. More opportunities will open up, but in the meantime use these tips to help gain momentum in getting recruited.

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Hampstead Public Library Plans for Their Reopening

In recent days, the number one question asked of Hampstead Public Library staff is "When will you open?" The Library continues to follow the state guidelines and comply with Governor Sununu's Stay at Home Order. Therefore, the building remains closed to the public at this time.

"Your Library team is hard at work providing you with online resources, reference help, and virtual programming," said Director Rosemary Krol. "They are also working on a plan to reopen the library building, and it will go into effect when the Stay at Home Order is lifted."

It will be a phased reopening. The first phase is the return of checked-out materials. The second

phase is curbside pickup, and involves the use of the catalog or phone to request materials. Much like other businesses, patrons will pick up items outside the building when they are ready.

"Our main concern when starting in-person services is the safety of our patrons and of the Library team. We will do whatever is needed to ensure that the plan takes that into consideration first and foremost," said Krol.

Many guidelines need to be met before phase three, when patrons are allowed back in the building. Social distancing is important to the new arrangements. The staff is also working to secure PPE (personal protective equipment) and appropriate cleaning materials, all

of which are in short supply. The goal is to have enough of these items on hand, so that once opened, the Library can continue with uninterrupted service. At the start of phase three, it is likely the open hours will be different and there will be a limited number of people allowed inside at a time.

The staff strives to safely provide patrons with the services they need. That includes a Summer Reading program based on a virtual model with take-home activities. No events will take place in the building over the summer. Hopefully, the Library can return to indoor programs in the fall, when large groups may be permitted to gather.

"We continue to monitor the situation, adjust

procedures when guidelines change, and always keep the safety of the public and Library team paramount in our plans," said Krol. "We'll provide the community with more detailed information about the phased reopening as we get closer to implementation."

In the meantime, the

Hampstead Library team has been working hard on a new website. The project began last fall and it is now complete! The goal is to provide visitors with a more user-friendly visually-pleasing experience. The homepage highlights services and programs, and provides easy drop-down menus for finding

things to borrow, download, and learn. Please go to www.HampsteadLibrary.org and explore the new website (goes live May 14.) Comments, questions, and requests for assistance are welcome, and may be sent to circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org

NH DOE Files for 37 Million In Federal Grant Money

DANIEL LEKAS
NUTFIELD NEWS

On April 29 the New Hampshire Department of Education filed for funding under the Education Stabilization Fund to offer relief to public and non public schools during the Corona19 pandemic.

37.6 six million in funds have been allocated to NH 10% of these funds will be distributed to alleviate costs identified with remote learning in commu-

nities harder hit by the decision to educate students at home.

Schools have been advised to track additional expenditures not included in yearly budgeting incurred by Covid 19 such as additional network IT and specialized cleaning and disinfecting of schools.

In order receive the ESSER Fund allocation the State Education Agency must complete a certification and agreement

form the Chief State School officer or authorized representative with various information including information on how the funds will be used.

The grant application must be submitted by July 1, 2020 and could take up to one year for the funds to be distributed.

Distribution of the grant money will be overseen by the Department of Education based on the needs of the individual communities that were less prepared for the unforeseen costs associated with remote learning, with the intention of alleviating the financial burden these communities have incurred during this crisis.

For more information and details related to the grant refer to the education.nh.gov website and search "Certification and Agreement for Funding under the Education Stabilization Fund Program Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund. Here you will find the detailed application process, qualifications to receive funds.

I have enclosed 2 descriptions of the programs background taken from the website.

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TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC HEARING

The Chester Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 7:15 P.M. in the Meeting Room at the Municipal Office Building, 84 Chester Street to act on the following:

1. Site Plan Review Application of Jennifer Morin (Owner – Kerry's Dance Center) to operate a commercial dance center & yoga studio located at 8 Deerwood Hollow Road in Chester (Map 6 Lot 14).

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Planning Board will likely be meeting electronically under the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A. The meetings can be watched on Channel 20, and live on the Town's cable TV streaming service - please go to www.vod.chesterctv.com and click "Watch Now". If you would like to participate via the Zoom teleconferencing utility, please go to <https://zoom.us/j/92697843243>, or you may participate via telephone - dial 301-715-8592; the meeting ID is 926 9784 3243.

These documents can be viewed during regular business hours in the Planning Board's Office and the Town Clerk's Office at the Municipal Office Building. The documents are also available online on the Planning Board's webpages. Questions and/or comments should be directed to the Planning Board Office.

Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Opening Delayed and Season in Doubt

It is with a heavy heart that we are announcing that the opening of the 4th season of the Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market will not take place as scheduled on June 3rd. Equally distressing is that at this point we do not know when, or if, we will open for the 2020 season. We have decided as a Board that it will not be before July at the earliest and the possibility exists that it may not happen at all.

The safety and health of vendors, volunteers, market patrons and the community at large MUST be our first priority, even if that means not having a Market. While there are other markets in the region pressing forward, so many of the things that make our market unique are proving to make for immense challenges as we try to adapt to a "new normal". First and

foremost is that Derry has been and continues to be a "hot spot" for Covid-19 cases. As of a week ago we had 143 known active cases in Derry alone. Our Market location in the heart of a bustling downtown of 34,000 people and next to the Derry Rail Trail also presents distancing challenges. Unlike other markets that are in parking lots/pavement, being on grass does not make it easy to mark out 6 foot spaces for waiting lines. And finally, with our average market attendance last year running between 700 and 750 people, putting that many people or more in a fairly confined space over the course of four hours is a significant concern.

While we cannot say that we are overly hopeful, we continue to look, listen and explore options such as an alternate location that

might better suit today's circumstances. This is not an easy decision for anyone on our Board. The entire Board and volunteers have poured their heart and soul into this Market for 3 years and frankly, have enjoyed every minute of it and have been immensely grateful for the support the community has shown. We are so disheartened at the prospect of not holding a market this season and our hearts break for both vendors and the community should that be the final decision.

We will continue to talk with other markets as well as watching conditions on the ground locally in the coming weeks. At this point we hope to make a final determination on the season sometime after Memorial Day. However,

barring some extraordinary circumstances, it is not looking good.

With the recent news of disruptions to the food supply chain, this decision is all the more difficult. Whatever happens, we will be doing whatever we can to support our vendors and we will be vocal advocates for the many advantages of supporting local farmers and sourcing more of your food locally.

About Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market:

Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisan Market is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, is registered with the NH Dept. of Agriculture and the NH Secretary of State's office and is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. It has been organizing

and operating the Market at 1 W. Broadway since 2017

Our Mission: Derry Homegrown's mission is to provide local farmers and growers, artisanal bakers, gourmets and craftspeople with a long term sustainable marketplace for Derry and surrounding communities. We intend to create a vibrant marketplace where the community can purchase locally grown produce, locally raised meats, eggs and poultry, organic and

grass fed dairy options, and the highest quality prepared foods and baked goods along with quality hand-crafted items from local artisans. We will also strive to educate the community on the many benefits of eating and buying locally.

For more info, contact Derry Homegrown at: info@derryhomegrown.org, 603-548-3935, derryhomegrown.org, facebook.com/derryhomegrown or instagram.com/derryhomegrown

OBITUARY

Everett E. Blake



Everett E. Blake, 92, of Derry, NH, died Monday May 4, 2020 in the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry. He was born in Augusta, ME on May 10, 1927, a son of the late Herbert and Ethel (Moore) Blake. He had been a resident of Derry for many years, formerly living in Salem, NH and Kittery, ME. He was a US Army veteran serving during the WWII era. He graduated from the Thompson School of Agriculture at UNH in Durham, NH.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel (Call) Blake of Derry; two daughters, Brenda Kuhfuss (husband John), and Carol Pelletier (husband Michael); two sons, Herbert R. Blake (wife Priscilla), and Raymond E. Blake (wife Mary); twelve grandchildren; and thirteen great grandchildren.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics New Hampshire, 650 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03101-2508.

OBITUARY

Marilyn J. Main

Marilyn J. Main, 80, of Derry, NH, passed away Sunday May 3, 2020, in Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry. She was born on Feb. 20, 1940 in Worcester, MA, a daughter of the late Harold and Eleanor (Chaffee) Main. Marilyn was a resident of Derry for over 40 years, formerly living in Worcester, MA. She was employed as an assembler at Hadco Corp in Derry for many years. Marilyn also enjoyed her time volunteering for the FBC Community Food Pantry in Derry.

She is survived by her four sisters and brothers-in-law, Judith and Richard Jurentkuff, Bonnie and William Linsky, and Wendy and Douglas MacDougall, all of Derry, and Ruth and James Cole of Spring Hill, FL, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Pleasant Valley Nursing Center for the wonderful care Marilyn was given in the last few years of her life.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, graveside services will be held in the Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry at a time in the future when it is safe to gather again in celebration of Marilyn's life. Memorial contributions may be made to FBC Community Food Pantry, 4 Crystal Ave., Derry NH 03038.

OBITUARY

David J. Devoid



David J. Devoid, 85, formerly of Derry, NH died Friday May 8, 2020 at the Salemhaven Nursing Home, Salem, NH. David was born in Burlington, VT on Feb. 10, 1935, a son of the late, George and Christine (Sprague) Devoid.

He served with the US Army National Guard during the late 1950's. He was an avid fan of NASCAR especially of Dale Jr. and Jeff Gordon. He loved his dog Teddy, and most of all he loved camping and spending his time with family and friends. He was a HERO to us all!

He is survived by his children, Pamela Stickney her husband Brian and children Dylan & Jaiden of Derry, NH, Kimberly Dimitroff and her husband Jim, Christine Stapleford her husband Scott and children Tyler, Zachary & Sara of Londonderry, NH, Christine Rhoades her husband Fran, children Peggy, Melynda, Joni of Brattleboro, VT, Darlene Leblanc and her husband Gary of Charlestown, NH, Judy Leblanc of Millbury, MA, Valerie Previe, Rama Dimitroff his wife Kelly and children Dacoda & Alexa of Manchester, NH, and David Leblanc his wife Lisa and family of Winchester, NH, 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, his siblings, George Devoid, Jr., Arthur Devoid, Dora Grant, Sylvia Devoid, and Laura Grant. He also leaves many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Priscilla A. (York) Devoid who died on Feb. 15, 2019.

Private burial will be held at Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Salemhaven Nursing Home, 23 Geremonty Dr., Salem, NH 03079.



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U.S. Attorney Scott W. Murray Recognizes Police Week

In honor of National Police Week, U.S. Attorney Scott W. Murray recognizes the service and sacrifice of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement. The week will be observed May 10, through May 16, 2020.

"There is no more noble profession than serving as a police officer," said Attorney General William P. Barr. "The men and women who protect our communities each day have not just devoted their lives to public service, they've taken an oath to give their lives in order to ensure our safety. And they do so not only in the face of hostility from those who reject our nation's commitment to the rule of law, but also in the face of evolving adversity – such as an unprecedented global health

pandemic. This week, I ask all Americans to join me in saying 'thank you' to our nation's federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers. Their devotion and sacrifice to our peace and security will not be taken for granted."

"Even in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, New Hampshire law enforcement officers continue to confront criminal behavior and keep our citizens safe," said U.S. Attorney Murray. "It is important for us to remember that they are true heroes who cannot retreat despite personal danger. Each day, law enforcement officers throughout New Hampshire place themselves at risk in order to maintain our safety, prosperity, peace, and freedom. During National Police Week, we extend

our sincere thanks to these heroic officers and their families for their public service and self-sacrifice. We also honor the memory of those who throughout the years have made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty."

In 1962, President Kennedy issued the first proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week to remember and honor law enforcement officers for their service and sacrifices. Peace Officers Memorial Day, which every year falls on May 15, specifically honors law enforcement officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

Each year, during National Police Week, our nation celebrates the contributions of law enforcement from around the country,

recognizing their hard work, dedication, loyalty and commitment to keeping our communities safe. This year the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored law enforcement officers' courage and unwavering devotion to the communities they swore to serve.

Based on data collected and analyzed by the FBI's Law Enforcement Officer Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) Program, 89 law enforcement officers died

nationwide in the line of duty in 2019.

Comprehensive data tables about these incidents and brief narratives describing most of the fatal attacks are included in the sections of Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2019 www.u-cr.fbi.gov/leoka/2019.

The names of the fallen officers who have been added in 2020 to the wall at the National Law Enforcement Memorial will be

read on Wednesday, May 13, during a Virtual Annual Candlelight Vigil. Because public events have been suspended as a result of COVID-19, the vigil will be livestreamed to the public at 8 p.m. (EDT). To register to view this free online event, please www.LawMemorial.org/webcast.

To learn more about National Police Week and the virtual candlelight vigil, please visit www.policeweek.org.

Despite Less Traffic, NH Sees Spike in Traffic Fatalities

The Office of Highway Safety (OHS) urges all motorists to help public safety measures during the COVID-19 pandemic by keeping unnecessary hospitalizations down due to preventable crashes. To date, there have been 34 traffic-related fatalities resulting in a 70% increase from this same period in 2019. Pedestrian fatalities are also on the rise with eight adult pedestrian fatalities resulting in a 166% increase from this same period last year.

"Despite a drop in traffic volume, fatalities continue to rise. We are also seeing an increase in speeding. During this difficult time, OHS remains committed to traffic safety and will maintain coordinated

police monitoring activities between local, county and state law enforcement agencies," said Commander of Highway Safety, Captain William Haynes. He continued: "We will remain visible on the roads to ensure traffic safety and we will continue to support our local and state partners in the fight against COVID-19. Our commitment is to our NH citizens. We are all working together to ensure safety in all capacities."

Commander Haynes offers the following traffic safety recommendations:

For Motorists:

- Slow down and obey all posted speed limits
- Stay alert for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists

- Avoid all distractions
- Wear your seat belt in every position (front and back seats)

For Pedestrians:

- Obey all Walk/Don't Walk signs
- Use a sidewalk/crosswalk whenever possible, or as needed, walk facing traffic

- Wear reflective clothing/gear when walking at night

- Stay alert

OHS thanks the motorist public for their continued efforts in making good choices behind the wheel. Whether you are an essential worker traveling to and from work or driving to get essential items, please observe all rules of the road and #GetHomeSafely.

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DERRY

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren a selizab@urteachers.org.

Food Pantry Open

The Upper Room's Food Pantry is Open; Monday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Thursday 3 - 4 p.m. contact-free pick up at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Call 437-8477 x10 with questions.

Raising another person's child?

Upper Rooms Grandparent & caregiver support group is on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free, live on Zoom facilitated by The Upper Room. Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support. To access, visit: www.us04web.zoom.us/j/140218559, Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org.

Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

Raising a teenager?

Upper Rooms Parent & caregiver café (PaCC) is on Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies.

Yoga For Children

Do you have an active 3-6 year old? Upper Room offers Yoga for Children on Fridays from 9:45 - 10:15 a.m., May 8 - June 28. Free live on Zoom. Preregistration required, facilitated by the Childlight Education Company. Register at www.bit.ly/yogaconnect, Email skoza@URteacher.org with questions.

Caregiver Resource Line

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

Teen Talk

Upper Room offers Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18 yrs. On Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. A virtual place for teens to talk, connect, relate and support each other. To access, visit: www.zoom.us/j/111147286, Meeting ID: 111 147 286, Password: 694887. Contact: Nicole Smith Martin at nmartin@urteachers.org or call 437-8477 x29.

On My Own Teen Series

Upper Room's On My Own Teen Series, Learn Acrylic Painting Online, from May 6 - June 3 four video lessons followed by live discussions on Zoom. Free, facilitated by The Upper Room and PaintingParties.com for teens looking to learn new skills. This series includes four video painting lessons followed by weekly live discussions. Free art supplies are included. Register now to reserve your supplies. Contact Shelly at skoza@URteachers.org.

Building Skills

The Upper room is help-

ing individuals in recovery build skills, confidence and start a career Bridge to WorkReadyNH Tuition Free Online from May 11 - 29. This 1-3 week course is self-paced and easy to follow. The 6 modules are interactive and coupled with virtual meetings with the instructor. Self-Leadership, Communication, Collaboration, Organization & Time Management Getting Your Job Search Started and Personal Development. To enroll, contact Tim Jones at tcjones@ccsnh.edu.

Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30 a.m., facilitated by The Upper Room, weekly free remote support programs are available. To access: Contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

Couch to 5K

The Greater Derry Track Club is adjusting as well. We are trying to be optimistic about summer activities. We are hoping to schedule our Couch to 5K programs this summer. However, it's up in the air as to whether the associated race will be the Run for Freedom on July 4. Thank you to those of you who sponsored the 2020 Couch to 5K program. We are grateful and hope to provide this program within the year. If you have any questions please send me an email: fdlay@gdgc.org

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 following 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.

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.

HAMPSTEAD

Congregational Church

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 hampsteaducc.org

Storytime Online

Hampstead Youth Services Librarian Devin continues to post Storytime videos on the Library's Face-

book 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.

Online Spinning & 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.

Library Cards By Email

Hampstead Public Library staff can remotely set up new library cards for Hampstead residents in need. This can be particularly useful to students who now need to do more work from home. It is also good for Hampstead adults who have never had a card before, or who need to renew their card. All can email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org to find out how to accomplish this. Cardholders get free access to many online services.

SANDOWN

Rabies Clinic Cancelled

Due to the ongoing stay at home and social distancing requirements and for the health and safety of the community, the Sandown Fire Department's rabies clinic is

cancelled for this year.

Mother Goose On The Loose

Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose, will be held on May 11 & 18, 10 - 10:30 a.m. Taking place on Monday mornings on YouTube this event has movement, reading, rhymes, and songs for ages 0-36 months. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. The Sandown Library will post the link to the day's YouTube 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

Messy Mondays At Home

Looking for something to do with your child? Join us for a child-centered, creative exploration on May 11, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program and you can leave the mess for us! The Sandown Library will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy.

Story Time

This is a virtual story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more VIA Zoom on May 12, 19 & 26, from 10 - 11 a.m. The Sandown Library's themed story and craft suggestions are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required and class size is limited. All registrants will be emailed a link to join the Zoom Video Conferencing. This is a unique link, and should not be shared. The program will be locked at 10:05 a.m., so please do not be late, or you will not be allowed into the program. Tricia Thomas pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

Food For Thought

The Sandown Library's Cookbook Club is available online on OverDrive on May

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Virtual PJ Storytime

Join the Sandown Library live on FaceBook at 6:30 - 7 p.m., every Wednesday night,

May 13, 20 & 27, for Virtual PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Sandown Library Facebook Page. Adrienne Skora youth-services@sandownlibrary.us.

Virtual StoryTime

While our in-person story times are on hold, join the Sandown Library each week for a virtual story time Time on YouTube May 14, 21 & 28, 10 - 11 a.m. Book readings, songs, creative movement and games will be included. Our themed stories and craft suggestions are designed to

encourage the development of early literacy skills. These virtual story times will be released at 10 a.m. each Thursday on the Library's YouTube channel, Simply Stories. You will also find an archive of previous story times recorded to watch on demand.

REGIONAL

Livestream concert

Saint Anne Parish will host a Livestream concert series via the parish website every Saturday night at 7 p.m. during May and June featuring a number of our talented

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Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrk-dias@aol.com

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