

# Pinkerton Academy Announces This 2020's Top 10 Students

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Top 10 students in Pinkerton Academy's senior class of 2020 were announced recently. And although the Coronavirus has made things difficult for graduation it shouldn't diminish their accomplishments.

The students earning their spots in the top 10 of the class of 2020 start with the valedictorian, Vanessa Montgomery and the Salutatorian, Mikayla Emerson. Earning third honors is Michelle Sangillo, Fourth honors going to Derek Hiscox, Fifth honors awarded to Sydney Pratt, Sixth honors going to Aidan Pratt, Seventh honors going to Jamie Thompson, Eighth

honors awarded to Arielle Kotulak, Ninth honors going to Emily DiFonzo, and Tenth honors being awarded to Hesse Ames.

This year's Valedictorian Vanessa Montgomery was an AP student at Pinkerton Academy (PA) and was involved in her school's volleyball team for two years, as well as being a part of the FBLA officer team where she helped put on events such as Pinkerton's Got Talent. When asked what it took to be where she is today she credits "strong dedication to school work and an enthusiastic will to learn." Montgomery also thanks her friends for helping her get to where she is and is even more grateful for their time together in school.

Finishing your senior year is no easy feat even when you are not amidst a global pandemic. She is proud of the class of 2020 and states that "while it may not be the ending we had expected, it is one that will unite us as a class in our ability to overcome an unprecedented and extraordinary struggle that will forever be ingrained into our memories." As for Montgomery's future plans she will be taking a gap year before heading to Georgia Tech to study engineering.

This year's Salutatorian is Mikayla Emerson. When asked what she was most proud of during her high school career she listed something other than academics and was more

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# Hampstead Selectman Discuss First Responder Stipend Program

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Board of Selectman met on May 11. The first matter at the meeting was a public service announcement for town residents who wish to dispose of waste oil, car batteries, and thermostats. These items may be disposed of at the town garage on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Hampstead Memorial Day observance will take place virtually this year on May 25, at 10 a.m. and will be carried on the local cable channel.

The topic on whether or not to participate in the First Responders Stipend program was heavily discussed at this meeting. The town has the option to participate in this program, which would give money to employees of the police department, fire department, and EMS workers in the town. Hampstead contracts their ambulance service so those first responders would not be eligible through this stipend program. First responders who work full time are eligible to receive \$300/week and part time employees are eligible \$150/week. The period of the stipend to be paid is from May 4 to June 30 and it is up to the town to decide if it will participate in this program. The town is responsible to pay the taxes associated with the stipend, but it was also noted that any eligible expense incurred from the pandemic will be reimbursed either by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Governors Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR). The First Responder Stipend program would not cost the town anything extra.

Chairperson, Sean Murphy, made the motion to participate in the program

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T-BONES Great American Eatery on Crystal Avenue in Derry will be open with outdoor dining as the Governor begins to loosen its guidelines on businesses that can be open in the state.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

# Area Restaurants Open for Outdoor Dining

**CHRIS PAUL**  
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DERRY - As the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic gets beyond the two month mark, New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu has begun easing restrictions for certain businesses in the state, and allowing some to open with strict guidelines.

Last week golf courses and hair salons were allowed to open, and this week, restaurants can open for outside dining.

In Derry, Beverly Donovan , the

Derry Economic Development Director and The Derry Fire Department reviewed and signed off on temporary seating areas for a number of dining establishments in town. Those businesses include, Appolo Vineyards, Brookstone, Chen's Chinese Restaurant, Fody's Great American Taver, MaryAnn's Diner, On The Corner Grill, Romano's Pizzeria, Sabatino's North Italian Restaurant, Southside Diner and T-BONES Great American Eatery.

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# Wason Pond Parking Closure Still an Issue for Residents

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CHESTER - The Town of Chester Board of Selectmen held a virtual meeting this past Monday, May 11, and the parking ban at Wason Pond was the main issue on the agenda.

The pond, which had previously been open to the public, is now closed, along with the fields and the playground. The meeting consisted of a lot of back and forth between the selectman, Wason Pond Commission members, and the public with many people wanting to open the park back up but wanting to do it in the safest way

possible for everyone who uses the park.

There were many issues that were brought up in the meeting. The first issue brought to light is the safety of the first responders that work in the town. Due to the ability of the Corona Virus to spread increasingly fast, there is a high risk of first responders being hit hard. Eliminating the risk of contracting it by responding to a call at Wason Pond was a main reason for the closing.

There had been many sightings at the park of out-of-state license plates with people coming to use the facility from as close as Massachusetts and as far

away as Maryland. The only issue with people coming from out of state and using the facility is that it is during this pandemic and with stay-at-home orders still in place in most areas of the United States it increases the risk of spreading the virus. Not only was it a concern that people using the park were not from New Hampshire it is that they were not following the rules of social distancing and gathering in groups larger than ten people.

A proposed solution to the problem is to open again but only have limited parking. The idea being that limited parking would mean less people on the

beach and fields, and there would be less risk of spreading the virus. However, parking has been an issue in the past, because people park across Rt. 102 and walk into the park, which has been proven to be very dangerous. The concern with having limited parking available is that people might still park across Rt. 102 when the limited parking is full.

The idea of having anyone wishing to use the facility purchase a permit was also discussed. This is a solution that the New Hampshire State Parks are using to help limit the amount of people using state-owned parks. There

are problems with this solution for Wason Pond that includes the inability of the town to exclude non-residents from using the park and legal issues for the town regarding the collection of fees.

The importance of reopening the area for the betterment of people's physical and emotional states was also part of the discussion.

It is a place where people can go and escape their house.

It was also noted that the trails around Wason Pond were open and available for use by residents and non-residents of the town.

Some members of the public said that they would like Wason Pond open. The Board of Selectmen then moved to have another meeting after giving the Wason Pond Commission enough time to give their recommendation on the matter. Having made the decision to close Wason Pond, the Board of Selectman wants to include the Commission in any further decisions made about Wason Pond. Wason Pond is currently closed until June 15. The meeting was adjourned shortly after with the decision to reopen to be made at a later date.

## Sandown Selectmen Get Update on Covid-19 Relief Funds

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Board of Selectman met on Monday May 11, with updates on grants for Covid-19 relief being high on the priority list. There is a lot of confusion in the town of Sandown about the grants and eligibility dates surrounding COVID-19 relief.

Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell, was present at the meeting to help clarify much of the confusion. One of the grants the town is eligible for is from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which grants money to help through a declared State of Emer-

gency. The other grant, coming from the State of New Hampshire, the Governors Offices Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR), will help to cover any eligible COVID-19 related expenses that the town might have incurred between March 1 and Aug. 31. Each town has been allocated a certain amount of money to help cover the costs of COVID-19 expenses that FEMA does not cover.

The town of Sandown was allocated \$152,159 to help with relief funds of any expenses due to the pandemic. Blaisdell stated that "the Finance Department will do a lot of the filing, and we just need to get started on who the contact

people are." GOFERR also needs the requests for reimbursements in the three separate groupings. The due dates for filing each request are June 15, July 15, and Sept. 15. The June 15 deadline will cover any eligible expenses incurred from March 1 to April 30, the second deadline of July 15 will cover May 1 through June 30, and the third deadline of Sept. 15 will cover the rest.

The Board of Selectman is not worried that they will not have enough money to cover all the expenses incurred because of the Pandemic. Blaisdell stated, "We don't have a huge expenditure as a town and will most likely not

come near the \$152,000." Board members and Blaisdell are also aware that they do not have an idea of what the Governor's orders will be going forward or how long the state of emergency will last. The amount the Town will receive is based on the final decision of FEMA and GOFERR. Blaisdell said, "It has to be cost related to the local government actions taken in response to the emergency, and the economic support of employment related losses due to any business interruptions."

The town has raised questions and is still awaiting answers from the Municipal Association and Department of Revenue. The main goal of the town is to submit what they have so far for March and April and

let FEMA and GOFERR determine what is and is not eligible for reimbursement.

Another topic of discussion during Monday's meeting was the first responder stipends that are supposed to be given out. In an effort to help stimulate cash flow the state is offering eligible first responders stipends. The state will write the check and the towns will disperse the money. Under that program full time first responders will receive \$300 a week, \$150 a week for part time employees, and \$50 a week going to firefighters without EMS certifications. The town will be held responsible for the tax on this stipend but it should be covered by the grants. The town has not come to a definitive decision on how

to distribute the stipends but would like to do it in two lump sums over an eight-week period.

Cathy Howard was also at the meeting to speak on behalf of the Sandown Public Library. Giving the update that the Library will be moving to Phase 2, which includes bringing back two employees into the building but remaining closed to the public. Next phase would include the offer for curbside book pick-ups.

There will be another meeting on the May 22 with town Department heads and elected officials to review and discuss their individual plans for opening back up again. All plans will be reviewed on an individual basis based on what makes the most sense for each department.



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# Sandown Commission Looks at Much Needed Trail Overhaul

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - During the Sandown Conservation Commission meeting held on Thursday, May 14, member Mark Traeger shared with the board some of his thoughts on getting some much-needed work done at the Conservation trails and fishing lot near the intersection of Fremont and Odell roads.

He explained to the board, by phone, that during the pandemic he's had a lot more time on his hands, and with that time

he's spent much more of it on conservation trails in town.

Traeger said that the lot, which was originally built as a Boy Scout project, "Is full of opportunity." Meaning that there were lots of items needing some attention.

He told the board that originally the intention was to build steps down to the river and the possibly build benches on the riverbank where residents could observe the old mill site. He said that trees have come down over the years, as well as branches that

need to be cut back, and two small pines need to be cut down to open up the view again.

Traeger went on to say that there is also a large tree that slit in two, and hung up on trees, making it dangerous to get near, a project that was beyond his skill-set, and too big for his saw.

He was told members that the chairman Brian Butler, was looking into having the tree taken down professionally, but wasn't sure what that cost would be.

Butler shared with the

board that he had a couple contractors in mind, but had no idea what the cost would be, adding, "Maybe 30 years ago, I might have tried this myself, but where it is, it's not worth it for any of us to even think about it."

Butler agreed with Traeger's assessment, saying that it is something that needs to be done, and that the whole area needs a little TLC.

He suggested that volunteers would be needed to accomplish some of the smaller projects in that area and was hoping com-

mission members had some ideas.

The Green Trail was another area that needed the commission's attention, saying that it was improperly drained when the road went in. That trail could also end up needing quite a bit of volunteer work.

Traeger then mentioned that as he has walked through many of the paths in the Town Forest, he has noticed many more new trails spurring up by people taking shortcuts from one trail to another.

One example was a

trail that was created to avoid getting wet from the existing trail. His thought was to try and make it easier for hikers by widening the path and having folks use that one during the wet season.

Commissioner Jillian Winmill suggested the better solution would be to just do away with the portion being avoided, saying that it would have less impact on the wildlife.

The consensus was that commission members would take on some of the smaller projects in the near future.

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gram and pay out the stipend to eligible first responders in one lump sum at the end of the period, but it was not seconded and the motion was tabled. Selectman, Joseph Guthrie, stated that he needed to see the contract and get more questions answered before backing up the motion. Guthrie also believes the Municipal Association should be standing up for the town and he would feel more comfortable if there was more flexibility with who they could give the money to (i.e. people who also work at the town offices). The matter is not currently time sensitive and the motion was tabled for further discussion until the next meeting.

Also on the agenda for the meeting was the decision to backfill the School Resource Officers (SRO) shifts during the summer.

Chief Joe Beaudoin proposed that they allow the position to backfill this summer because the town refused this idea last year. The SRO can assist in patrol and other work at the police department. The argument put forth by the

Chief to backfill the position is so the Police Department is not down two officers if the SRO decides to take a vacation or is off on a certain day. The town agreed to backfill the SRO shifts during the summer. The only confusion with

this was to determine what date to use for when summer begins since the kids are not in school. The school district does not pay for the School Resource Officer when they are not in school, leaving it this payment to the town. The

SRO has been working at the Police Department since the closing of the school due to the current pandemic. The motion was then made to define the summer as starting when school closed due to COVID-19, rather than the

normal end of the school year. The pandemic is the reason for this change in order to cover the work of the SRO.

The Board continued on to finish the discussion on the agenda and the meeting was adjourned.

## OBITUARY

### Harold Braman Chase, Jr.

Harold Braman Chase, Jr., 92, of Chester, NH, died Friday May 8, 2020, in Hackett Hill Nursing Home, Manchester, NH. He was born in Whitinsville, MA on Sept. 1, 1927, a son of the late Harold and Miriam (Blanchard) Chase. Harold Raised his family in Chester, NH and was employed as a teacher, bookkeeper and auto mechanic. He was a dedicated family man and a talented musician. He had a sharp wit and an unstoppable sense of humor.

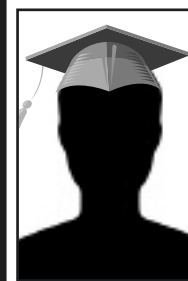
He is survived by his son Daniel Chase and his wife Louise Chase of Chester, two daughters; Deborah Chase of Chester, Melinda Murphy of Manchester; (4 grandchildren); Harold is predeceased by his son, Allan Chase, his first wife Nancy Chase, his grandson Daniel Griffin and his second wife, Doris G. (Bowley) Chase.

Following cremation there will be no services at this time. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Editorial

## Remembering the History of Memorial Day

The last weekend of May, all throughout America, we mark the occasion of Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a solemn day on the calendar. This is a time when we honor and recognize the men and women who died while serving our country in the military.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed and observed in 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. However, before the end of the Civil War, there is evidence of an even earlier day of remembrance from records of the decoration on the graves of Confederate soldiers placed by women's groups in the South. By 1890, the day, originally called Decoration Day, was recognized by all northern states, while the South honored its dead on a separate date.

Then came World War I, and the day changed to a time of remembrance throughout the country for all who gave their lives in military service to the United States. Many more wars have taken the lives of American servicemen and women since then, including the war in Afghanistan the current war on terrorism.

Everyday, we are thankful, and grateful for the tremendous sacrifice and selfless commitment of individuals who fought to protect our nation and our freedoms. We also thank their loved ones as well, whose strength and resilience are beyond measure. We wish to honor and

thank you our veterans, as well as all of the men and women currently serving in the military who continue to fight for our freedom and keep us safe.

Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer, a time to open the pool, plant your gardens, fire up the barbecue, and get together with friends. The transformation to warmer weather and sunny days, but most of all it is a day of patriotism. The sacrifice of those who died in service for our country should be remembered. We should all take a moment from our day to reflect upon those who died for our freedoms and explain to our children what the day really means. It is an important tradition that we must all remember and respect.

In these changing times ceremonies in our towns will happen, but there will be fewer people; all wearing mask and standing six feet apart, a sign of these present times. An eerie unsettling feeling as we continue our traditions in town centers, at the cemeteries and statues, with flags and wreaths. This May 25 on Memorial Day we'll be thinking about the new enemy, one we can't see, marking a new era.

This Memorial Day, we encourage you to take time and reflect on your life, be thankful, be strong and have hope. At the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m., on Memorial Day take a minute to pause from what you are doing, to reflect on the limitless reasons to be thankful for the ultimate sacrifice of our nation's fallen soldiers.

## Chester Town Meeting Gets Rescheduled Once Again

Due to the ongoing issues involved with the Covid-19 Pandemic, Chester Town Moderator, Michael Scott has postponed the Rescheduled May 16, Chester Town Meeting to June 20.

Scott released this letter last week:

Dear Town of Chester Voters,

In light of the second Extension (see Order No.

2020-08), of the Governor's Emergency Order No. 2020-04, the current reported COVID19 conditions in New Hampshire; and in consultation with the Chester Board of Selectmen, I have decided to postpone the rescheduled May 16, 2020 Chester Town Meeting to June 20, 2020 at 9 a.m.

All questions concerning the rescheduled

Chester Town Meeting can be referred direct to me (via the following e-mail: mscott@scttandscottpta.com), or to the Chester Board of Selectmen.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these extraordinary "times".

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Scott  
Town Moderator,  
Chester,

## Greater Derry Youth of the Year

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry youth of the year, Adrianna Buccieri is competing in the State Youth of the Year competition. She just finished her interview with a panel of judges through zoom. We are incredibly proud of Adrianna. We have watched her grow from a shy five



Adrianna Buccieri

year old to a confident, enthusiastic individual who is an outstanding leader in our club to all of our members. She is attending Merrimack College in the fall and plans on becoming a forensic toxicologist. We wish Adrianna the best of luck today and in the future!

## Community Can Project is Reborn

DANIEL R. LOVE  
SUBMISSION

Have you been driving down Crystal Avenue and wondering what happened to the old can trailer?

Have no fear. The Knights of Columbus took the old and faithful can trailer out of service as it fell into a state of disrepair.

"That old trailer served the community of Derry very well. For the past 2 decades she sat in the parking lot of what is now Crystal Plaza, collecting cans for charity. Through that old trailer, the Knights of Columbus raised over \$50,000 for charity. For a long time, half of the money raised from the can trailer went to the food pantry at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Now all of the funds raised will go to the STA food pantry" said Dan Love, Grand Knight of the Knights of

Columbus, St. Thomas Aquinas Council 3023.

The "new" trailer is mostly recycled and repurposed metal. The trailer itself was once a boat trailer which was cut, welded and painted. Cages were then fabricated along with new input and output systems to complete the assembly. Knights of Columbus Council Chancellor and Membership Director Glenn Cabana and his neighbor Peter Raffi worked tirelessly on the project.

The cage on the trailer used to be two dog cages. Both the trailer and the cages were donated by neighbors of Cabana.

The stairs and deck were constructed by Past Grand Knight John Berner.

The redesign makes the trailer more easily accessible and there is an eco-friendly trash barrel for trash bags.

"I find it very fitting that our recycle-able can trailer is made mostly from recycled or repurposed metal. Can Trailer 2.0 should last quite a while. Let's see if it raises more money that the old trailer did"

The can trailer has always been a community supported project. In fact, during the few weeks that we were without a trailer, we received many inquiries from the people of Derry asking where to donate their cans. People called the church and some contacted the main office of the Knights to inquire about our trailer" Mr. Love said.

We thank all of the people in Derry who have supported our can trailer project and ask for their continued support."

For more information on the Knights of Columbus visit their website [www.kofc3023.org](http://www.kofc3023.org).

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# Top 10 Students

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proud of her personal growth saying "in more recent years I have become more aware of what kind of person I am. That is what I am most proud of I think." Emerson was involved in PA's Latin club, where she credits the small, tight knit community as one of her favorite memories of high school. Helping Emerson find the ability to finish out her senior year online are books, "they keep me

refreshed and ready to tackle online classes." Emerson plans on attending The New School located in New York City where she plans on being a part of the Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management program and taking up a minor in creative writing.

Earning Third Honors for Pinkerton Academy's class of 2020 is Michelle Sangillo. Sangillo adds that the willingness to challenge herself and her dedi-



Vanessa Montgomery is the Class of 2020 Valedictorian.



Mikayla Emerson is the Class of 2020 Salutatorian



Class of 2020 Third Honors went to Michelle Sangillo,

cation to her schoolwork has helped her get to where she is today. As for her proudest achievement in high school she is proud that she made it out of bed

every morning at 5:30 a.m. Sangillo was involved in PALS, the Classical Society, and the Outing Club, which she co-founded with her best friend during her sophomore year. Helping her find the motivation to finish out her senior year online is the decision to move her desk in front of a window, "I can look out at the gorgeous pond behind my house and watch my cat

make a fool of herself as she runs back and forth across the backyard." Sangillo plans to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall to study physics.

Pinkerton Academy also participated in Light Up the Night, where they lit up the athletic fields in celebration of the class of 2020 from 8 - 8:20 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29.

## PA JROTC Recieves Distinguished Unit Award

Pinkerton Academy has been selected as one of 79 of 890 units to receive the 2019-2020 Air Force JROTC Distinguished Unit Award. This award recognizes Air Force JROTC units that have performed well above and beyond normal expectations, and that have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their school and community while meeting the Air Force JROTC citizen development mission for America.

The objectives of the Air Force JROTC program are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills; promote community service; instill responsibility, character,

and self-discipline through character education, and to provide instruction in air and space fundamentals. Enrollment is open to high school students who are in the 9th - 12th grade.

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For more information contact Lt Col Howie Steadman at the Air Force JROTC department at 603-437-5200, ext. 1112.



### MAY IS WATER SAFETY MONTH

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## How do I apply?

To receive an electronic copy of our application, click here. Please return applications to [derryrecreation@derrynh.org](mailto:derryrecreation@derrynh.org) or mail

to Attn: Derry Parks & Recreation 31 West Broadway, Derry, NH 03038. Currently the main Recreation office is closed to the public and we cannot take copies of applications in-person. If you would like to reach us to ensure we receive your application, please call (603) 432-6136. Please include three professional or academic references.

## What jobs are currently available?

- Parks Seasonal Labors: Responsible for semi-skilled and unskilled work in the care and upkeep of all Town parks and recreational areas. Must be at least 18 years of age. A valid driver's license and previous experience is preferred. Pay range based on experience: \$12.51- \$18.17 per hour
- Waterfront Lifeguards: Responsible for maintaining safe and precautionary procedures at

waterfront facilities as well as supporting the enforcement of all safety procedures. A valid lifeguard certification is required. Applicants who only have pool certifications are encouraged to apply. Must be at least 16 years of age. Pay range based on experience: \$11.42- \$15.13 per hour

- Park Attendants/Concession: responsible for administering quality customer services at a specified park location. Good communication skills are required. At least 15 years of age. Pay range based on experience: \$9.05- \$11.86 per hour

- Volunteers/ Community Leaders in Training: We expect that over the course of the next few months, volunteers will be critical in supporting the department as we support the community. Volunteers should be no younger than

13 and must be mature and responsible. Volunteers over the age of 18 are also encouraged to apply.

- Fitness/Program instructors: Fitness Instructors/coaches wishing to offer small class sizes of clinic like programming are encouraged to contact the department. These services are anticipated to be suspended until July 2020. Some virtual programming may become available sooner. Must be at least 18 years of age and have all required licensures and certifications. Pay range varies.

## What should I expect after I apply?

All applicants are encouraged to contact the office at (603) 432-6136 to ensure we received your completed application. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and based on the number of positions still

available. Applicants who submit incomplete applications will not be contacted. Interviews will be done virtually or by phone unless an in-person interview is necessary. All hiring documents will be emailed to the applicant if they are selected for the position and an appointment will be made for the applicant to drop off the documents prior to the first training/work day. Masks are required to be worn by all applicants for in-person appointments.

## Why are we open and/or planning to open some facilities in summer 2020?

We believe the power in parks and open space.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has flagged mental health as a top concern associated with the COVID-19 outbreak. We recognize that physical dis-

tancing may take a toll on our mental health, especially during high-stress and anxiety-producing global public health emergencies. We also know that parks provide a connection to the outdoors and green space as well as opportunities for physical activity which studies demonstrate reduces stress and improves mental health.

We believe that many parks, trails and open spaces can continue to be used in a safe manner that allows people to enjoy the mental and physical health benefits these spaces provide. In all instances, we recommend people follow local, state and national ordinances and guidelines regarding the use of these spaces and recognize that these vary from community to community." - The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

## Taxpayer Assistance - Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief

The Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program [www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm](http://www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm) was designed to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax on certain at-risk taxpayers.

An eligible applicant for the Low and Moderate

Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; or
- Married or head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Educa-

tion Property Tax; and

- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

Applications for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief [www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm](http://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm) are accepted only during the statutory filing

period - after May 1, but no later than June 30. The law allows 120 days for processing from the date of

receipt of your completed application. Click here [www.revenue.nh.gov/publications/press/docu-](http://www.revenue.nh.gov/publications/press/docu-)

ments/low-moderate.pdf for special information on extended tax return filings in relation to the COVID-19 virus and the Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program.

Click here [www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm](http://www.revenue.nh.gov/assistance/low-moderate.htm) for general information and Frequently Asked Questions

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# Resturants

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A letter was sent to those businesses in order to open with the clear understanding that they would adhere to the Governor's orders to reopen.

The letter read:

Dear Derry Restaurant,

The Town of Derry has been working diligently to be able to assist you with the new Temporary Outdoor Dining allowed use that is set to begin on May 18, 2020. The attached application needs to be completed in its entirety for staff to be able to review and approve your request.

We have attached the Temporary Outdoor Dining Application, which coincides with orders set forth

by Governor Sununu. Please make sure to review all materials thoroughly and begin preparing your location with signage, guidelines for sanitation and social distancing as noted in both the application and in the Governor's order, Stay at Home 2.0. Once we receive the completed application, we will schedule a review and approve it as soon as possible.

Regarding potential locations, the Town of Derry will strive to be flexible and will consider neighboring parcels, parking lots and parking spots. However, for safety purposes jersey barriers or other approved safety barriers, will be required where deemed necessary. You will need to provide a dimen-

sional design with details requested on the application. If considering adjacent land that has a private owner, please reach out to them for permission before submitting your application. A letter/email from that owner must accompany your application to be deemed complete.

Again, staff is looking forward to working togeth-

er to make this a smooth process for everyone.

This is new to all of us and we appreciate your patience as we work to help you re-open with the option of expanded or additional outdoor dining.

Please refer to the most recent outdoor dining Governor's Order: [www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/stay-at-home/documents/20](http://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/stay-at-home/documents/20200501-restaurants.pdf)

200501-restaurants.pdf

Thank you, Beverly Donovan, Economic Development Director

The businesses were also asked to supply the following information:

Please provide the following:

A dimensioned site plan is attached to this Application depicting the following: the existing conditions, including a depiction of public infrastructure such as curb lines, light poles, bike racks, street trees, tree grates, manhole covers, meters, licensed A-frame signs, adjacent on-street parking and loading zones, adjacent accessible sidewalk curb cuts and the like, the proposed table/chair layout plan for outdoor dining dimensioned routes of travel within the outdoor dining area and on the adjoining public sidewalk, as well as detail sheets for the proposed enclosure system, tables, chairs, trash receptacles, and the like. If outdoor sanitary facilities are to be used, please note the location on the site plan.

Include all existing lighting for the proposed dining area on the above dimensioned site plan. The amount of lighting will help staff determine the hours of operation for safe-

ly conducting business outside.

A copy of their license from New Hampshire Liquor Commission if applicant intends to serve alcohol.

If using private property, include an email/signed letter from the property owner giving permission to use their property. Please include all special requirements set forth by said property owner including certificate of insurance naming them as an additionally insured.

They also needed to contact the State of N.H. Liquor Commission via email to let them know they will be "serving alcohol and food outdoors in compliance with the Governor's Orders".

In the case of locations on public property, proof of liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 listing the Town of Derry, and its employees, officials, agents, and volunteers as an additional insured.

If use of a tent is contemplated on private property, the applicant must comply with appropriate Life Safety Codes and NH Fire Code Regulations to receive the Place of Assembly Permit. Use of a tent in public rights of way are not permitted.

## OBITUARY

### Josephine (Pinieri) Cammarata



Josephine (Pinieri) Cammarata, at age 88, of Londonderry NH, formerly of Boston's North End, Somerville and Stoneham on May 17, 2020 Beloved wife of the late Joseph "Shoes" Cammarata.

Devoted mother of Jennie Lopez and her husband John of Malden, Diane Cammarata of Malden, Anthony Cammarata and his Partner Linda McCarthy of Saugus, and Roseann Wilson and her husband William of Pelham NH. Dear sister of the late Louise Grogan and the late Mary Papagni. Josephine was cherished by her 9 loving grandchildren, the spouses of her grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and her late grandson Nicholas who passed in 2015. Also survived by many loving in-laws, nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on social gatherings due to Covid-19 all services will be private.

Josephine was born and raised in Boston's North End. Over the years she had several types of employment, and after retiring worked part time in the cafeteria at Windham Middle School where she got to share her love of providing food with her love of children. Josephine enjoyed spending time with family and friends and loved playing Mahjong, bingo and her occasional trips to the casino. She loved to travel and especially treasured her trips to Alaska, where she landed by helicopter on a glacier, and Europe, where she climbed to the top of the Acropolis in her 70s. She will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Londonderry senior center (535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053) or St. Patricks Food Pantry. (12 Main St., Pelham, NH 03076) Interment will be in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. Please leave a message or share a memory in our guestbook at [www.Buonfiglio.com](http://www.Buonfiglio.com).

## OBITUARY

### Robert J. Pollock



Robert J. Pollock, 79, of Derry, NH, died Friday May 8, 2020 in Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry. His beloved wife of 56 years, Marie C. Pollock predeceased him on Jan. 28, 2020. He was born in Dubois, PA on June 5, 1940, a son of the late Robert G. and Frances (Irwin) Pollock, and had been a resident of Derry and Londonderry, NH for many years.

He was a graduate of Nashua High School along with Boston College and New Hampshire College. Bob was a US Army veteran serving in Africa 1963. He was employed as an accountant for Sanders Associates in Nashua, NH for 36 years. Bob enjoyed motorcycling and RV-ing with his late wife Marie. One of his greatest past times was watching his grandchildren grow.

He is survived by two sons, Jim Pollock and his wife Pam, and Dan Pollock and his wife Chris; his daughter, Jolene Santoro; his grandchildren, Ashley, Bryanna, Diana, Brian, and Jessica; his sister Martha Fraser and Roger Bucknam and his self proclaimed "brother" Pete McKenzie.

Following cremation, a private graveside service will be held in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Londonderry. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Volunteers Continue Their Effort in Providing Residents with Veggies



Donna Foote and Jean Gagnon and other volunteers have been busy planting and preparing the Outreach Garden at Chester Congregational Baptist Church over the past few weeks. For several years now, church members have been building on the churches effort to supply fresh vegetables to community members. As vegetables are ready, they pick them and set them out for people to enjoy, but they ask people to leave the picking to them. Foote and Gagnon also ask that if people in the area have gardens with excess veggies, that they can also share them by leaving them at the wagon set up outside the garden.

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# Chester Looks for Proposals for Renovations of Town Hall

CHESTER - The Town of Chester is accepting Proposals for the renovations of Chester Town Hall.

All responders shall submit one signed original proposal, five copies of the original, and a pdf copy on a thumb drive, all in a sealed envelope plainly marked:

Chester Town Hall Renovations RFP 05-01-2020

Debra Doda, Town Administrator, 84 Chester St., Chester, NH 03036

All proposals must be received no later than Friday, May 22, 2020 at 3 p.m. (time period may be extended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen) to be considered. It is the sole responsibility of the responder to have the packet at the designated location prior to the deadline date and time.

Proposals will be opened at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

The Town reserves the right to modify or cancel, in part or in its entirety, this RFP. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

Responders who submit Proposals do so entirely at their own expense. There is no expressed or implied obligation by the Town of

Chester to reimburse any individual or firm for any costs incurred in preparing or submitting a proposal, for providing additional information when requested by the Town of Chester, or for participating in any selection interviews. The selection of the Contractor shall be made without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or political affiliation.

All questions concerning the RFP or to schedule an appointment should be directed to Myrick Bunker, Building Inspector, at (603) 887-3636, ext. 101, or via email at [mbunker@chesternh.org](mailto:mbunker@chesternh.org).

The scope of work includes:

- It is the responsibility of the General Contractor to ensure that all new construction conforms with local, state, and federal codes and to obtain required permits

- All dimensions are to be verified in the field

- Any mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection work is to be completed per code and any required permits shall be obtained by the General Contractor

Timeline:

- Construction is projected to begin no later than Monday, June 15, 2020

- General Contractor shall propose phasing the

work to allow portions of the Town Hall to remain open during construction

- General Contractor should prepare and plan for the Inspector to review each phase of work prior to completion and expect that some "punch list" items may result and need attention

Demolition:

- The General Contractor is responsible for all demolition work required to complete all work in the contract documents

- Dumpster facility provided by Town

- The General Contractor is expected to recycle any recyclable items to reduce project waste Rough and Finished Carpentry:

- All new wall parti-

tions to be 2x4" wood studs with 1/2" gypsum wall board both sides, unless otherwise noted

- Reconfigure existing partition for new double door set

- Construct new partition at hallway near BOS AA office

- Where existing door units are removed, remaining walls to be left as cased openings

Doors and Windows:

- Remove existing foyer doors and frames. Retain accessibility hardware for re-use.

- Remove existing, original front door frame-work.

- Purchase and install door slab with transaction window at BOS AA office. Re-use existing lockset and jamb.

- Purchase and install new double door set, with windows. Provide crash bars and lever lockset.

- Purchase and install new single door set, with window. Provide crash bar and lever lockset.

Finishes:

- Drywall: Finished smooth and paint ready

- Paint: All primer and paint shall be low VOC products

- All walls to receive one coat of primer (white)

Flooring:

- Install materials to maintain smooth floor surface in areas where demolition has occurred

- New rubber base throughout; color to match existing.

The Town of Chester is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



## TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing in accordance with NH RSA 674:40-a III on Thursday, June 4th, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Under the emergency provisions of RSA 91-A, this meeting will take place electronically and will be recorded. In order to participate, go to <https://zoom.us/j/770832311> Or participate via telephone +1 (929) 436-2866 Meeting ID: 770 832 311

The Selectmen will be taking input on the acceptance of the following road:

1. Ruth Ray Road (Off of Haverhill Road)

By Jeremy Owens,  
Chairman Chester Board of Selectmen



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# Eversource Reminds Customers to Remain Vigilant Against Scams

As part of Eversource's efforts to support its customers and communities during the pandemic, the energy company is reminding people to remain vigilant and protect themselves against scams. The COVID-19 outbreak has led to an increase in scam activity, with sophisticated scammers finding unique and intimidating ways to exploit people and steal their money during these uncertain times.

"We're always working to help our customers protect themselves against scams, which is especially important today as sophisticated scammers are trying to take advantage of the uncertainty and nervousness caused by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Eversource Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. "Eversource will

never demand instant payment over the phone nor ask for personal information in an unsolicited call, text or email. We urge customers to remain vigilant and always remember, don't panic and don't pay. If you suspect that you've been targeted by a scam, please call us immediately at 800-662-7764."

With the wave of scams related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Eversource is reminding customers about common signs to recognize a scam and specific pandemic-related scams to look out for, including:

- Threats of immediate power disconnection or demands for payment: Eversource representatives never ask for instant payment, and the energy company is not disconnecting any customers for non-payment during this emergency period.

- Callers asking for personal or account information or insisting on specific, unusual payment methods: Eversource will never ask for personal information over the phone in this manner and does not accept payments via gift cards, pre-paid debit cards or other common tools used by scammers.

- Requests for a deposit to exchange a utility meter: Eversource has suspended all non-essential work, including routine meter changes, during the pandemic. Meters also do not suddenly expire, so be wary of calls claiming payment is necessary for a new meter to be installed because the current meter is about to expire.

- Calls, emails or texts about government stimulus checks: The IRS won't contact people with information about stimulus pay-

ments, or to ask for personal information like a Social Security number or bank account number.

- Online offers for vaccinations and test kits: There are no products proven to treat or prevent

COVID-19 at this time and the only FDA-approved home test kit requires a doctor's order.

Eversource urges anyone who believes they are a target of improper solicitation to please alert local law enforcement and con-

tact the company directly at 800-662-7764. For more information on how the energy company is helping customers protect against scams during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit Eversource.com.

## Hampstead Public Library News

For a limited time, Hampstead Public Library patrons can view the Bill Millio's documentary Stories of Mt. Washington, for free, on their own device! The basis of this film is Dan Szczesny's, book The White Mountain. Dan narrates the documentary which gives a backstage look into the people and tales that have contributed to Mt. Washington's history and mystery. You can stream it any time now through midnight on May 30. To get the access code and instructions, email jarden@hamp-

steadlibrary.org.

The film includes video footage, interviews and photos compiled during the book's research period, including rare footage of legendary AMC Hut Girl Barbara Hill Richardson and of 97-year-old ultra-runner George Etzweiler. All hikers, history buffs, and those who love a good story will enjoy this movie. Watch it and you'll feel like you're there at Mt. Washington. Learn more about Bill Millio's work at [www.backlotfilms.com](http://www.backlotfilms.com), and Dan Szczesny's work at [www.Danszczesny.com](http://www.Danszczesny.com).

The Hampstead Public Library's new website launched. Users will notice the "My Account" access at the top of the page, and drop-down menus to find information about what to Borrow, Download, Learn, and more.

There is a new service offered under the "Borrow/What Do I Read Next?" page. It's called "Tailored For You," a personalized book-match service. Library cardholders share their reading preferences by filling out the questionnaire (the link is on the website.) Then librarians research titles and create a list of books, which they email to the patron. This service is a big help to people of all ages who are looking for their next great book to read. You'll be able to specify your preferred format, the number of suggestions you'd like, genres that interest you, and more.

If you missed the virtual event, 10 Low-cost, High-Impact Changes for Decorating Your Home, and are interested in seeing a video of the presentation, please email jarden@hampsteadlibrary.org or check the calendar description on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org).

Whether the library building is open or not, your Hampstead Public Library staff is always willing to help you with reference questions, book suggestions, and technical assistance. Email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org or leave a voice message on 603-329-6411, if you have any questions or concerns.

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## OBITUARY

### Norman Joseph LeBlanc



Norman Joseph LeBlanc, 65, of Chester, NH, passed away Saturday May 9, 2020 at Catholic Medical Center. He was born in Hartford, CT, Nov. 30, 1954 and was a son of the late Roger and Laurina (Cormier) LeBlanc. Norman was raised and educated in Chelmsford, MA and been a resident of Chester for the past 15 years.

Norman was a heavy equipment operator over the course of his working life and was a longtime operator with Deloury Construction. He was well known for his hard work and keeping busy. He enjoyed excavating and working with earth and will be forever remembered for his loving care of his family.

Members of the family include his wife of 27 years, Cindy M. LeBlanc of Chester, his son Kyle LeBlanc of Candia, NH, two brothers, Roland LeBlanc of Manchester, NH and Eugene LeBlanc of Haverhill, MA and his sister Lisa McLaughlin of Dracut, MA. Due to the current COVID-19 protocol, after cremation, the family will have a celebration of his life at a later date.

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# Relay For Life to Hold 'Hope From Home' Virtual Event

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the previously scheduled in-person Relay For Life events across Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire have been suspended through June. The American Cancer Society is offering volunteers and participants a way to fight back against cancer from the safety of their homes. The virtual event experience Hope From Home, is set to take place on Facebook on Sunday, June 7,

2020, the same day as Cancer Survivor's Day. Participants can learn more and register by visiting [www.relayforlife.org/HopeFromHomeENE](http://www.relayforlife.org/HopeFromHomeENE).

This online event will feature a mix of live and pre-recorded segments, plus prompts to post comments, photos and videos. It is all designed to celebrate cancer survivors and caregivers, to remember those who have passed away from the disease and to empower all

to continue the fight against the disease.

Collectively, these events are aiming to raise \$500,000 in total this year. This money enables the American Cancer Society to help cancer patients, a population vulnerable to COVID-19, to navigate their cancer journey during a pandemic. The Society offers advice on coping with cancer treatment side effects, answers questions about health insurance

and so much more. Donations fund a round-the-clock toll-free helpline, 800-227-2345, and live chat at [cancer.org](http://cancer.org); support research into cancer's causes, cures and treatments; and promote education to reduce the risk of a diagnosis and to detect cancer as early as possible.

"During this difficult time, cancer hasn't stopped, and neither will we," said Louise Santosuosso, executive director

for community development at the American Cancer Society. "Relay For Life is all about togetherness, but the safety of our patients, survivors, volunteers and staff is always a top priority. So, even though we cannot walk side-by-side right now, everyone around eastern New England can stand together with us online for Hope From Home. Everyone who joins will be inspired and entertained."

All are invited to join Hope From Home on Sunday, June 7 at 1 p.m. to become a part of the Relay For Life movement. Participating Relay For Life events from across the Granite State include the Relay For Life of:

Greater Concord-Manchester (In addition to hyper-local virtual event on Saturday, May 30) Greater Derry/Londonderry.

# The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918 Much Like Today

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It may feel like we're going through an unprecedented emergency at the moment as we deal with the current pandemic. It might be comforting to know that we have dealt with a surprisingly similar situation before, and promptly saw life return to normal rather quickly.

In 1918 we were involved with the First World War, the first major conflict since the Civil War. New Hampshire sons were dying on the battlefields, fears of spies and anyone who questioned the government was considered un-American. Sugar, along with other things were being rationed and the sale of liquor stopped.

News being censored, few locals had heard about the Spanish influenza killing thousands of soldiers. By the time it was over, it is estimated that this pandemic had killed

between 20 and 40 million people around the world.

The first cases of the Spanish influenza showed up in New Hampshire around September 19, 1918. At first the disease was dismissed as not being very serious and then more cases popped up around the state. The papers were now urging locals to avoid panic but seek medical attention, at the first sign of the flu.

Town leaders quickly shut down the schools. On September 28, the board of health issued an order closing all barbershops, bowling alleys, clubrooms, and movie theaters, churches and many other stores also closed. Residents were urged to avoid public places, isolate themselves, and cover their faces with handkerchiefs when coughing or sneezing.

Despite all the sickness, the towns did somehow continue to function. Some stores had to close but most remained open.

In October, the federal government sent gauze masks to be given out to doctors, nurses, and volunteer health care workers.

The Spanish flu probably did not originate in Spain, but that is where it was first widely publicized.

The spread of pandemic was not as clearly understood 100 years ago

as it is today. There were no effective vaccines or antiviral drugs to treat the flu during the epidemic's early stages.

A general quarantine was implemented by October 1, but local cases of the flu continued to increase.

During the peak of the outbreak several dozen new cases were reported daily and on some days

several people died. Despite the frightful toll of the outbreak, the worst passed suddenly as the numbers of new cases dropped quickly. Churches and schools were allowed to reopen around November 5, and stores opened once again, and the ban on public meetings was lifted. Residents were resilient and they quickly returned

to work, returned to school and resumed community life as they tried to re-establish their normal schedules.

There are lessons to be learned from the experience of the 1918 Spanish Flu a century ago: stay safe, follow the rules, offer to help others, try to remain positive. This too shall pass as it did in 1918.

## OBITUARY

### Joseph Francis Schultz IV



Joseph Francis Schultz IV, 85, of Derry, NH, died Friday May 8, 2020, in Derry Health & Rehabilitation, Derry. He was born in Boston, MA on July 31, 1934, a son of the late Joseph and Ida (Neidzwiecki) Schultz.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Schultz; seven children; Brenda McGrane, Joey McGrane, Roxanne Gillard, Patricia Sullivan and her husband Charles, Sherry Frazier and her husband Donnie, Tammy Fawcett and her husband Paul and Jody Bresslin; eight grandchildren and two great grandchild.

Following Cremation there will be no services at this time. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARY

### Constance A. (Macomber) Richards

Constance A. (Macomber) Richards passed away peacefully at Derry Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center on May 12, 2020. Formally of Londonderry, NH and Salem, NH, she was born in Providence, RI to the late Barbara (Macomber) Bridge and Lester Macomber on May 10, 1937.

After living in Bermuda for 17 years, she worked for Northeast Rehabilitation in Salem for 25 years.

She leaves a sister, Diane Johnson and her husband Fred of Londonderry; her brother, Robert Macomber and his wife Joyce of Kennebunk, ME; and a niece and several nephews.

Following cremation, a private graveside service will be held in the Pillsbury Cemetery in Londonderry. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium are assisting the family with arrangements.



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# Applying Lessons of Remote Instruction When We Go Back to School

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I recently spoke to a pair of high school juniors with very different perspectives on remote instruction.

Leslie (not her real name) was committed to keeping a strict schedule when schools shifted to remote instruction in April. Her pre-COVID routine included getting up early, focusing on class until 2:30, and a full load of extracurricular activities until 6:00 p.m. She also found time to socialize with friends.

Remote instruction has been really hard on Leslie. She misses her friends and her extracurricular programs.

“The instruction is

OK, but I miss my friends and my sports,” she told me.

She cannot wait to get back to her routine and life before it was disrupted.

The switch to remote instruction caught Melody (also not her real name) by surprise. She does not engage in extracurricular activities, and has an after-school job at a local pizza place. She has not been particularly interested in classroom instruction, finding it tiresome to repeatedly go over material when she was ready to move on. She would lose interest and mentally check out in class.

Remote instruction was another thing altogether. Melody is now engaging the material on

her own terms.

She says it’s going “really well. I get to set my own pace. If I need to re-review something, I can. If I want to move on, I can. If I need to get up and get a snack, I can, but the teachers would not let me do that. I can finish my work faster if I want and have more time for myself during the day and before I go to work.”

Melody does miss her friends, but they still stop by the pizza restaurant for takeout, where they arrange online hangouts. Melody’s GPA has gone up.

For well over a decade, New Hampshire’s central education philosophy is that students learn differently. We need an education system that recognizes

that. Personalized learning recognizes that students are not cogs in some elaborate machinery, but inherently curious learners full of potential. The role of education is not to fill them up with information, but to draw out of them all that they can be.

With this academic year almost over, we’re already planning for the fall, and a new meaning of “back to school.” We need to learn what this period of remote instruction has to teach us.

As we work to get things back to normal, it would be very easy imagine that the pre-COVID-19 instructional model functioned without any downside, while we know this to not always be the case. Two areas where this is particularly illustrated is with respect to student academic attainment and student social-emotional wellness.

Student assessment results reveal that many students do not reach proficiency targets we have for them. This is particularly true for economically-disadvantaged students, minority and English language learners, and students with individual education plans. While it is appropriate that we consider learning gaps for students that may have manifest as a result of COVID-19,

persistent and inequitable learning gaps existed pre-COVID-19.

For some time now, schools have been working to support the social-emotional health of students. Pre-pandemic teen suicide, substance misuse, and a host of other mental health issues were on the rise and reaching alarming levels. The circumstances of the pandemic are likely to have exacerbated these issues. Yet some students report lower anxiety levels outside of a peer-dependent environment, reduced stress levels as they exercise increased control over their schedules, and even deeper engagement in learning. Parents report that students with behavioral issues in the structured instructional environment are more engaged in a less structured, more fluid, and student-driven learning model.

As we all search for our equilibrium and new-normal resulting from this pandemic, it is important that we craft a way forward that captures the strengths of an education system that has served us for decades, but also captures the opportunities presented.

In his recent Forbes article, Paul Leblanc, the president of Southern New Hampshire University states, “American higher education cannot respond to the current crisis with a calcified industrial production model of learning.” This same approach applies to our K-12 system. New Hampshire students deserve nothing less.

The Department of Education is constituting a School Transition Reopening and Redesign Taskforce (STRRT), similar to the committee working on opening the economy. This group of stakeholders from across our educational systems will make recommendations to the Governor, the Department, and local school districts about how to responsibly move education forward. We see this work as a community conversation and, as part of the work, will be conducting public input surveys and encourage age participation.

The COVID-19 virus forced us to an unprecedented shift to remote instruction, and New Hampshire educators, parents, and students adapted admirably. But it also reinforced that all students learn differently. Let’s take that lesson to heart as we work to build an education system that supports all learners when they come back to their school buildings this fall.

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## DERRY

### Plant Sale Cancellation

Derry Garden Club regrets that our annual plant sale to be held this year at the Robert Frost Farm May 30th has been put on hold this year. We are planning to do some activity in the fall at the same location but plans have not been finalized yet. Check their website later this summer for an update. [www.DerryGardenClub.org](http://www.DerryGardenClub.org). If you would like to see our Children's Garden in progress, drive by the Boys and Girls Club on Hampstead Road in East Derry. For more information about our cancelled plant sale please call 396-0053 and leave a message

### Veterans BBQ Postponed

The Rotary Clubs of Derry have long supported the veterans in our community. Over the past several years we have proudly kept up a tradition of hosting a Memorial Day barbecue for our veterans. We are extremely disappointed that the Covid-19 outbreak has forced us to postpone the Memorial Day event this year. We want the veterans to know that they are very much in our thoughts and we salute them for their service and sacrifice for our country. We remain hopeful that we will be able to hold the event in late summer or early fall to maintain our tradition of personally sharing our gratitude for their service.

### Taylor Library

The Taylor Library is currently closed for patrons, but people can call with a list of books and librarians will check them out and meet them in parking lot. They are also offering curbside pickup. Call 432-7186.

### Change Political Party

Registered voters can confirm their current party affiliation using the State of New Hampshire Voter Infor-

mation Look Up [www.app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx](http://www.app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PartyInfo.aspx) or by contacting the Town Clerk. Tuesday, June 2, is the last day registered voters may change their party affiliation prior to the Sept. 8, 2020 State Primary. Voters affiliated with a party can vote in that party's primary. Voters who are undeclared can participate in a primary by selecting that party's ballot when they check in with a ballot clerk at the polls. Due to the current state of emergency, the governor has suspended the requirement that changes in party affiliation be done in person. Voters may change party affiliation by completing the Application to Change Party Affiliation [www.derrynh.org/sites/derrynh/files/pages/application\\_to\\_change\\_party\\_affiliation\\_fill-in.pdf](http://www.derrynh.org/sites/derrynh/files/pages/application_to_change_party_affiliation_fill-in.pdf) and returning it to the Town Clerk before Tuesday, June 2, at 5 p.m. The Derry Municipal Center is not open to the public at this time. You can utilize the drive-through window for transactions that must be done in person. The Town Clerk office is available to answer questions by phone at (603) 432-6105 or email at [townclerk@derrynh.org](mailto:townclerk@derrynh.org).

### Touch a Truck Cancelled

Touch A Truck 2020 has been cancelled. The town regrets to announce that this year's Touch A Truck event has been cancelled.

### Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at [selizab@urteachers.org](mailto: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'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](http://www.us04web.zoom.us/j/140218559), Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at [selizab@urteachers.org](mailto: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](http://www.bit.ly/yogaconnect), Email [skoza@URteacher.org](mailto:skoza@URteacher.org) with questions.

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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](http://www.zoom.us/j/111147286), Meeting ID: 111 147 286, Password: 694887. Contact: Nicole Smith Martin at [nmartin@urteachers.org](mailto: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](mailto:skoza@URteachers.org).

### Building Skills

The Upper room is helping 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 opti-

mistic 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: [fday@gdctc.org](mailto:fday@gdctc.org)

## CHESTER

### Voter Registration

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, June 2 from 7 - 8 p.m., in Town Hall at 84 Chester Street. You can register to vote or make changes to the checklist or change party affiliation. This is the last opportunity able to change your party affiliation prior to the Sept. 8, State Primary Election. If you do wish to change your party affiliation you may also do it by completing and returning the new Application To Change Party Affiliation form which is available on the Chester web sit at [www.chesternh.org](http://www.chesternh.org), the Town Clerks office or email [diannacharron@comcast.net](mailto:diannacharron@comcast.net), [kburkerealor@aol.com](mailto:kburkerealor@aol.com) or [lpackard@comcast.net](mailto:lpackard@comcast.net) and we will email a copy to you. Mail the completed form to: Town Clerks Office & Supervisors of the Checklist, 84 Chester Street, Chester, NH 03036

## 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](http://hampsteaducc.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.

### 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](mailto:circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org) to find out how to accomplish this. Cardholders get free access to many online services.

## SANDOWN

### Plant Sale

The Sandown Garden Club is working diligently to host its annual plant sale. The main street location will not be possible this year in order for us to maintain safe social distancing guidelines. At this time, we are looking at a member's residence as the plant sale location and spreading it out over several weekends in June. We are also seeking plant

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# Calendar

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## 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 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.

## 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 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

## 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 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.

## Food For Thought

The Sandown Library's Cookbook Club is available online on OverDrive on May 13, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Do you like to cook and try new recipes? Join us for our monthly gathering where we make various recipes from different chefs, cooking methods, ethnic or regional areas or other new ways to cook. Cathy Hassard call 887-3428 or email chas-sard@sandownlibrary.us

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