

Chester Selectman Have Full Agenda During Vitual Meeting

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Thursday night, July 9, meeting of the Chester Board of Selectman was once again held via videoconference, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it was well attended due to some social media hype that involved roadwork money allocation from the Capital Improvement Projects.

To start the meeting, Emergency Medical Director, Phil Gladu, told the board he was on the state Emergency Management call the day before, and the state did not have a lot to say this week. There are only 24 hospitalizations

state-wide, but more people are getting tested.

On that subject, Recreation Director Corinna Reishus summarized an email she provided to Selectmen concerning town facilities remaining to be reopened. Reishus noted that she would recommend ancillary buildings like Stevens Hall and the Community Center remain closed through the month of July.

Reishus added that holding of community events, such as meals, with at-risk residents is not recommended. She said a majority of users at Stevens Hall fall into that category and the manpower to disinfect the facilities is an issue.

Reishus said she spoke with Primex, and recommendations were not encouraged for small buildings like the Community Center and Annex/Clothes Closet that did not have a lot of room, and cannot provide social distance.

She added that athletic fields were different guidance, soccer camp was proposed for the end of August and there are new guidelines for how games are allowed to be played.

Selectman Steve D'Angelo asked if the tent was set up by the Boy Scouts behind Town offices Reishus indicated it is and the Building Inspector inspected it today. D'Angelo then asked if it would

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Sandown Conservation Commission Discuss Hoyford Hills Vernal Pools

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Conservation Commission met on Thursday night, July 9, and the main discussion centered on the Hoyford Hills site plan and the commission's concerns over the vernal pools that are on the property.

Bill Hall, with Civil Design Consultants, was at the meeting to explain some of the plans the company has concerning conservation of the wetlands on the property they are planning to build on. There is a plan to develop 48 two-bedroom residential units on an 80.6 acre parcel

of land off of Ferguson lane. There are ten vernal pools among the wetlands on the property. Within the building proposal for the property there plans for open spaces to provide minimal impact to the wetland resources. Out of the 80.6 acre parcel, about 53.2 acres will be left as open space, accounting for about 66% of the land on the parcel. Hall also mentioned that included within the design are the NH DES standards, and those standards have been submitted for review by DES.

Within the site plans there are three wetland crossings that are necessary to access the site. These crossings would provide a migration opportunity for the wetland creatures in the area. One of the concerns from the conservation commission is an area between the wetland crossings 2 and 3, as shown in the site plans. In the site plans it appears that some unit buildings are located very close to the wetlands. The commission wants to confirm that this issue is addressed and there is a safe amount of space between the building and the wetland.

Other concerns noted during the presentation were that they use eco friendly products for the removal of ice and snow during the winter months

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Barn Raising Andrew Chisolm, his neighbors, and workers from Country Carpenters of Hebron Conn. hoisted the post and beam frame structure on what will soon be a Maple Sugar Shack in Chisholm's yard on Main Street, Hampstead. See story page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Derry Conservation Commission Discuss Broadview Farm Work

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DERRY - The Derry Conservation Commission held a virtual meeting on Monday night, July 13, and discussed a number of items, but the main topic focused on the Broadview Farm Conservation area.

The meeting was held

via videoconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and commission chairman Jim Degnan began by giving fellow members an update on a few plans, and then the commission discussed the mowing contract for Broadview Farm and how the area would be closed for a few days in August while it is being mowed.

The idea of the project is to mow back areas that are currently starting to have tree growth on them. They intent to knock back this growth initially, and then monitor the area to keep it as it is currently.

A press release on the projected stated: The Derry

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Hampstead Zoning Board Makes Decisions on a Variety of Variences

KELSEY HERHAK
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The Hampstead Zoning Board of Adjustments met on Wednesday, July 1 where they approved a number of variances, but also denied the construction of a house on Kent Farm Road.

The meeting started with one of the items on the agenda being withdrawn. Brian and Kelly Montmarquet withdrew their request to permit the construction of an addition and a garage too close to their rear lot line on Holiday Lane.

The board voted unanimously to grant the withdrawal.

In the first case that was heard that evening, Diana Olmstead of Bailey Sign out of Maine was requesting a Special Exception to permit a roadside sign to exceed what is allowed by the town's zoning. Olmstead was representing a Citgo Gas Station located at 304 Sandown Road that wanted to enlarge their current sign 75 sq. foot sign. She was requesting a 114 sq.

foot sign that would be about two-feet taller than the existing sign.

She explained that there would be a number of other businesses included in that number as well as gas pricing on the sign, which will be forcing the higher sign. The new sign would be 24-feet high.

With no public comment, the board voted unanimously to grant the sign change.

In the second hearing of the evening Jim Ryder was requesting a variance to permit the construction of a garage too close to the side lot line at 258 Kent Farm Road.

Ryder presented the plans to the board, saying that it would be a two-car garage with a game room above the garage.

Members quickly pointed out that Ryder could most likely be able to legally build the addition at the back of the existing home, which would not require a variance, but the owner said he didn't believe it would work and require additional paving for the driveway and make an ugly house.

He added that it would also be very close to the Septic Tank and Leach Field.

The biggest issue from the board at the hearing was that if the granted the variance they would be making a conforming lot, and making it a non-conforming lot.

One neighbor spoke on the plan saying that although he was not a direct abutter, he wouldn't be apposed to the construction.

In the end, Ryder failed to convince the board that there was a hardship on the property that would not allow him to construct the garage inside the buffer zone, and the board voted 3-2 to deny the request.

The third hearing that evening was a request by Paul McKinnon and Kelly Hamel who were requesting a variance for the construction of a deck at 130 Mills Shore Drive that would be too close to the rear lot line of the property.

McKinnon presented the plan to the board, and explained that all the two were looking for was to put a 12x12-foot deck on the back of their home and would only be chest-high.

McKinnon had a letter from the abutter, Camp Tel Nor, that would be affected by the plan, and he said he had no problems with the deck.

The house plan that McKinnon showed the board showed that the

home was already too close to the abutting property and granting the variance would bring it 18-feet closer.

The board approved the plan by a vote of 3-2.

The rest of the meeting was taken up with three variance requests having to do with the construction of Bluebird Self-Storage at 664 Route 111. One was from the abutter, Route 111 Auto Sales, Inc. to permit a building footprint to be located within the 50-foot wetland buffer. Another was to permit 25 parking spaces where 225 are required. The third was to permit a building to exceed the maximum height of 35-feet.

Brian Pratt, a Civil Engineer with Fuss and O'Neil presented the plans, and started by asking the board to withdraw the first request, explaining that the wetland plans had changed from the original requests and they no longer require the variance.

On the variance for the parking space reduction, Pratt explained that since it's storage facility, there would never be more than about 11 or 12 people.

After some discussion, the variance was approved unanimously.

The board also approved the construction of the building that would allow the front façade to exceed the 35-foot maximum the town currently allows.

OBITUARY

Sharon E. Dalphond



Sharon E. Dalphond, 78, of Derry, NH, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2020, in Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH with her daughters by her side from multiple health complications, not from Covid-19. She was born in

Wolfeboro, NH on Dec. 26, 1941, a daughter of David Bruce and Marion (Craigue) Russell. Sherry [to her friends & family] spent her formative years in Wolfeboro. She attended Wolfeboro schools and was considered a fun-loving carefree soul. As a teenager she worked at the Yum-Yum Shop and also as a Telephone Operator in Wolfeboro. She loved to dance - earning the title "Queen of the Hop", in 1958.

Sherry loved the water - be it a River, Lake or Ocean. She married Albert Dalphond a US Navy man who later became a US Coast Guardsman. They had 2 Daughters and spent several years living in various places throughout New England.

She began a Career at Digital Equipment Corporation as a Q.C. Inspector and worked there until she retired at age 55. Sherry loved living in NH and did so until she retired and became a "Snowbird" spending half the year in FL. The other half was spent at her beloved Camp on the Suncook River.

Beginning in 1976 Sherry spent the next 35 years with her life partner Richard (Shep) Shepard. Together they built a summer camp where she spent more than 40 years on the River in Maple Grove Campground, Suncook, NH during the warmer months. She created many fond memories there; family gatherings, campfires, swimming, and plenty of laughs. Sherry was also known fondly as [great] 'Nana', not only to her grandchildren but to many others.

Sherry loved to dance & bowl, play cards & Bingo. Because of her love for the water she was always eager to go to the beach. She loved a good novel but was happiest when she was with her family. She loved to travel and once made it all the way to England & Scotland with her sister & cousin, Donna. She made a summer trek every year up to Oxford, Me. She loved New England!

Sherry had the blessing of renewing a friendship with her childhood sweetheart, Charlie Flanagan 5.5 years ago. Both having been widowed, they had the incredible opportunity not given to most, the fellowship of a friendship that endured more than 50 years. Our family could not be more pleased to see our beloved Momma so Happy these last five and a half years. We will sorely miss her, as will Charlie, but we will be forever grateful for her love & laughter and all she taught us. She's dancing with Jesus on streets of gold now, eternally blessed!

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Parham of Pelham, NH and Diane & Stanley Putnam of NY; six grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren, an aunt, Nancy Kendall of Augusta, ME. a niece, Wendy Arguin & nephew, William David & Lisa Meffert, and her best friend Charlie Flanagan.

She is predeceased by her parents; her life partner Richard (Shep) Shepard; brother, James Russell; sister, Patricia Vierstra; and a niece, Vicki Meffert.

Following cremation burial will be held at a later date by family in Lakeview Cemetery, Wolfeboro, North Main St., Wolfeboro, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to Ossipee Concerned Citizens, Box 426, Center Ossipee, NH 03814.

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St. Thomas Aquinas Closes, Other Catholic Schools Set to Reopen

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The Diocese of Manchester announced that all Catholic schools in New Hampshire would resume in-person classes this fall, except St. Thomas Aquinas School in Derry.

In a press release on July 9, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Manchester, David A. Thibault said, "Over the last several weeks, we have worked with each school in the diocese to formulate a plan to reopen carefully and with

appropriate safeguards in place to ensure the health of our faculty and staff, students, their families and the community at large."

Thibault also said that the schools are prepared to change their plan if "a public health emergency" were to occur.

Earlier this month on July 1, Thibault announced the closing of St. Thomas Aquinas School in Derry due to decreased enrollment and a need for structural improvements to the building. The school can-

not afford the structural improvements necessary to meet fire code.

The St. Thomas Aquinas school opened in 1954 as a first through fourth grade school with 136 students and last year had an enrollment of 111 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, according to Thibault.

The staff of St. Thomas Aquinas will receive support moving forward and possibly another teaching position within the diocese, said Thibault.

Last school year the school had 111 students enrolled, according to Thibault's. In order to remain open, St. Thomas Aquinas needed 95 returning students and at least 20 new students to enroll this summer. At the end of June, total enrollment was 71 students.

Declining enrollment is a common issue for Catholic schools, according to Thibault. In their July 9 press release, the Catholic Schools Office announced the Transfer Incentive Program, or TIP, to help boost enroll-

ment in Catholic Schools.

The program offers transfer students from non-Catholic schools tuition grants for two years when they enroll for the upcoming school year. Transfer students in first through eighth grade will receive a \$1,000 grant their first year and \$500 the second year. High school students will receive a \$2,000 tuition grant the first year and \$1000 the following year. All schools under the Diocese of Manchester will participate in the program.

Allison Mueller, the Director of Marketing, Enrollment, and Development for New Hampshire Catholic schools, said, "eight out of ten parents reported that their child missed the interactions with classmates and teachers."

"Teachers have missed the one-on-one interaction with their students, and students have missed their teachers and friends. Everyone involved rose to the challenge, but we recognize that remote learning is not ideal," said Thibault.

Mass. Man Arrested After Crashing Into Police Cruiser

HAMPSTEAD - According to a police press release, on Tuesday July 7, at 8:45 p.m., the Hampstead Police Department responded to a verbal altercation on Ells Road, which was reported by a neighbor. Upon arrival, one subject had fled the area and was later identified as; Shaïne-Clarke-Reynolds, 21 years of age, with the last known address being Groveland, Mass.

While on scene officers learned that Reynolds had been threatening a family member and he had been previously trespassed from the

residence. As he was leaving, Reynolds struck a parked car and drove off. While officers were taking the initial report, Reynolds returned to the area and a police pursuit ensued. Based on Reynold's driving on Kent Farm Rd., the pursuit was terminated.

A short time later, a Hampstead officer located Reynold's driving in the northern area of Main Street. A second police pursuit ensued and resulted in Reynold's driving at a police cruiser on Ashford Road. This resulted in Reynolds striking the

drivers side mirror of a Hampstead police cruiser and eluding police a second time.

Reynolds returned to the address on Ells Road, and drove at people standing in the driveway. The individuals had to jump out of the way to avoid being hit. Mr. Reynolds then struck a second parked vehicle and drove off. Hampstead officers and a Danville officer engaged in third pursuit with Mr. Reynolds which resulted in him striking mailboxes and a fence in the Ells Rd., neighborhood.



Shaïne-Clarke-Reynolds

At approximately 9:50 p.m., the police pursuit came to an end when Reynolds drove into the Hampstead Police Department parking lot. Reynolds rammed an unoccupied police cruiser which was parked out front, causing significant damage. Fortunately, Reynolds was taken into custody without

further incident and no one was hurt.

Reynolds was processed at the Hampstead Police Department and then transported to the Rockingham County Jail where he was held without bail. Reynolds will be held pending an arraignment in Rockingham Superior Court today. Mr. Reynolds initial charges consist of; Stalking - B felony (two counts), Reckless Conduct - B felony (4 counts), Criminal Mischief - B felony.

Hampstead Police Department will be working with the Rockingham County Attorney's Office and anticipate a lengthy

list of additional misdemeanor level charges to follow. Which will include but are not limited to multiple counts of disobeying an officer, multiple counts of conduct after an accident, driving after suspension, criminal threatening, reckless driving and possibly receiving stolen property.

Hampstead Police Department would like to thank the Rockingham County Dispatch, the Chester Police Department, Sandown Police Department and the Danville Police Department for their assistance in this matter.

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Editorial

Free Speech Worth Fighting For

Why are we so quiet?

The First Amendment right entitles you to use your voice to hold your elected officials accountable.

It is important to use your voice and question decisions you don't agree with or understand.

Free speech did not come cheap or easy and many people died and sacrificed on our behalf so we as free Americans could enjoy this right.

Freedom of speech gives you the opportunity to express thoughts, opinions, views, and ideas without restrictions or obstacles. It's ones right to speak without being censored. However, the freedom to express ourselves is becoming more and more limited.

You have the right to write letters to your elected officials about any topic that is of concern to you. It is even better to come to public meetings and voice your concerns, opinions or how you feel about a particular topic in a public forum. Question everything. You have nothing to lose and lot to gain; there is nothing to fear.

Free speech is critical for individuals. It is very important that people have the right to say what they feel, express their ideas, and question authority. It is important to understand and question policy issues and politics

and not fear punishment as a result. Each of us possesses the right to express our views, and freely support candidates and groups of our choice.

In a dictatorship you lack this right to speak freely. There is no ability to criticize or question the government. This form of government allows complete control by the state even though government is meant to work for the people.

That is why our Founders inscribed this freedom as the first right in the Bill of Rights. One could say that free speech is useful for developing and testing ideas in search of truth.

If all you hear is only one voice you are left with a very unbalanced perspective. That is why it is good to have many view points discussed.

If you agree that free speech is essential, and that government should not restrict its critics, and that everyone has the right to support any causes they believe in, free from government interference, then it is time to reclaim your independence and freedom. I hope to see you speaking at meetings and sending and reading your letters in our paper.

I leave you with this quote from Janis Joplin "Freedom's just another name for nothing left to lose"

Chester Residents Approve \$25,000 for Historic Church Steeple Repairs

CHESTER - The Chester Congregational Baptist Church is seeking new donations after voters at this year's Drive-in style Chester Town Meeting passed a warrant article approving \$25,000 toward the church's much-needed steeple repairs.

Townspeople gathered in Chester Academy's parking lot on June 20 for an untraditional town meeting amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among the items on this year's agenda was Warrant Article #11, a proposal to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to help with the church's Meetinghouse Preservation Project. After a short presentation by Fran Bechtold, co-chair of the project committee, the article passed easily.

The church must now meet a requirement to raise a matching donation amount up to \$25,000 before the 2021 town meeting in order to receive the town funds.

"We are thrilled to have the Chester townspeople's support to preserve a historic treasure," said Lynn Rockwell, co-chair of the Meetinghouse Preservation Project. "The success of this project depends on the continuing generosity of the Chester community along with an expanded network of preservation partners, and we look forward to advancing our campaign fund goal."

The iconic Chester Congregational Baptist Church, located at the corner of Routes 102 and 121, was built in 1773 and is listed on the



The Chester Congregational Baptist Church must now raise \$25,000 in matching donations after the residents of Chester passed a Warrant Article to support their continuing efforts to restore the churches steeple.

Photo by Chris Paul

National Register of Historic Places. It is a symbol of the early religious and political beginnings of Chester, a place where early settlers not only worshiped but voted for Presidents George Washington and John Adams. The church underwent an assessment last year that showed the steeple, sanctuary ceiling, and exterior require extensive work. The cost for repairs totals more than \$450,000. In response, the church community launched a three-year capital campaign to raise money for these crucial repairs. Construction work is expected to begin in April 2021 to avoid further damage to the steeple's original support structure.

Preservation Timber Framing in Berwick, Maine, will be leading the restoration.

Tax deductible donations can be made by check to:

Chester Congregational Baptist Church
4 Chester Street
PO Box 306
Chester, NH 03036

Donations are also being accepted through PayPal on the church's website, www.chesternhchurch.org. Please specify that your donation is intended for the Meetinghouse Preservation Project.

More information about the project and the church's historic significance can be found here.

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Post and Beam Barn Raised for New Sugar House in Hampstead

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While national headlines continue to come one more bitter than the next, one local community is one step closer to some much-needed sweetness.

Construction of a brand-new sugar house in Hampstead, NH went up over the weekend with a good old-fashioned barn raising.

Andrew Chisolm and his neighbors hoisted the post and beam structure, an homage to colonial New England architecture, beginning on July 9. Construction was completed early into the weekend.

It looked like rain a few days over the course of the raising, but Chisolm was prepared to raise the barn rain or shine.

"We're going to give it the best shot no matter what," said Chisolm, adding that he had procured tents for the project anyway to stay out of the heat, and that once the raising was started the process typically moves forward fairly quickly.

Chisolm's father flew in from Kentucky to witness and assist Chisolm and neighbors with the barn raising, along with some friends of Chisolm's from J&F Farms.

Now that construction of the traditional, 18th century barn is complete, the next step will be filling it with all of the necessary equipment for honey extraction and maple syrup production.

Chisolm said that he hopes to have all of the equipment set up and ready

for production by the fall, and to have the whole operation up and running by the spring.

"When it's open in the spring the hope is to have it open to the public when we're in there producing maple syrup so anyone can see," said Chisolm.

Many New Hampshire residents might be familiar with the process of producing maple syrup, but honey production is a bit different. Chisolm described the process.

"It's as simple as you get," Chisolm said. He explained that first a hot knife is used to uncup the cappings on the honeycomb, then the comb is fed into a hand-spun extractor to get the honey out of the comb, which is then put into a fine mesh strainer to remove any additional wax.



Crews worked during a hot and humid day last week to get the post and beam barn frame up in Hampstead for a new Sugar Shack. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Chisolm also mentioned that he plans on offering beeswax products with a colonial feel, including hand-dipped pillar stick candles, alongside his locally made maple syrup and honey when operations begin in the spring of 2021.

Long term goals for Chisolm's sugar house consist of keeping a sense of early colonial American tradition of community and local production alive. Chisolm also intends to keep a small flock of sheep

in the near future to be able to offer home-spun wool products.

Chisolm delighted in the prospect to be able to offer the community, "simple, early traditional things that I think sometimes get taken for granted."

There are many synthetic counterparts to natural maple syrup and honey, but nothing compares to the genuine article.

"You can go to the store and get synthetic all day long," said Chisolm. "But

it's not the same thing. It's made in a factory."

"Keeping an authentic product readily available for people, especially here (in the community), is nice," Chisolm added.

With construction complete, the people of Hampstead and surrounding towns will now have one more thing to look forward to during these uncertain times: a way to be transported into the sweeter parts of a simpler era, coming soon.



Belated Honors

The Chester Lions Club honored their "Man and Women of the Year" on Sunday afternoon, July 12, with a parade. The annual Senior Banquet was cancelled in April due to the Pandemic, so they honored Jack and Joan Towle with a drive by parade and presented them with Man & Woman of the Years awards. Chester Fire and Police Departments participated in leading the parade. The Chester Lions Club would like to say thank you to all that came out to honor their choice for Man & Woman of the Year.

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Eight year olds navigating their bikes through orange pylons, ten year olds learning the art and skill of archery, and boys and girls frolicking in a swimming pool on a hot, humid day in July are clear examples that kids continue to enjoy themselves at local summer camps, particularly at Derry's Boys and Girls Club and YMCA of Greater Londonderry. To ensure children are safe and enjoy their summer camp experience, counselors work tirelessly to make that all happen. Three recent graduates of Pinkerton Academy's Careers in Education program took time out of their hectic schedules to explain how their CTE program prepared them to work with young people.

Living with Covid-19 has required counselors and educators working with children to adhere to CDC and state health protocols. Mia Bellavance, Leah Hobson and Lindsey Broadhurst all stressed that due to the pandemic cleaning toys

and surfaces that the children touch have been amped up and that wearing a facemask when in close proximity to the children is now a requirement. The children have also been divided into groups of no more than eight to promote social distancing.

In addition to the physical health of the children, the camp leaders are also astute to the social and emotional needs of the kids. Hobson, who is a group leader at Londonderry's YMCA summer camp, said that as a result of the health and safety unit in her Careers in Education 2 course she is more cognizant of how the children she is working with are doing from a social-emotional perspective.

Bellavance, a counselor at Derry's Boys and Girls Club, echoed Hobson's statement about how the children are dealing with Covid-19.

"Working with a small group of kids," said Bellavance, "made me more aware of what they are going through."

Broadhurst, who works

at The Learning Path Preschool in Derry, spoke about how understanding the learning differences among the children informs her about how to design and approach a lesson or activity with the children. She credited the diverse learners unit in Careers in Ed 2 (formerly Teacher Prep).

"I used to think students who got bad grades just didn't try hard enough or didn't care," said Broadhurst. "But this [unit] taught me that I don't know what a student is going through or how their life is at home. Now, as a teacher, it will be my goal that all my students get what they need, extra help or an extra push."

At the YMCA, Hobson conveyed that she is not required to design specific lessons. Instead, the nearly 80 campers are divided into small groups and participate in a variety of activities on any given day. Her main job is to make certain the children are safe and having fun. As witnessed, a favorite game is 9 Square. Like 4 Square, a ball is used, but in this game a ball must clear overhead plastic bars into another player's square. The ultimate objective is to wind through all nine spots into the middle square as the server.

Bellavance, on the other

hand, has been given the reins to design and implement lessons and activities. She states that although they spend much of their day outside there are times when they go inside to cool off and engage in a lesson she designed. She is looking forward to celebrating Christmas in July.

"We are going to decorate a tree, make cookies, read A Night Before Christmas and have a snowball fight with paper," said Bellavance.

As a future educator, Broadhurst said that the careers in education courses during her junior and senior years have helped her in her role as an assistant at the daycare where she works.

"Before teacher prep, I would go to work and have no idea why the teachers were doing or how they were engaging the kids. I just played along with the kids to entertain them," said Broadhurst. "After taking teacher prep, I went to work knowing what goes into running a classroom. I can now help the teachers and lead the classroom with the knowledge that I have learned."

Careers in Education is a two-year program where students gain first-hand experience. According to Pinkerton's course catalog,



Campers at the Greater Londonderry YMCA play the popular game 9 Square. Photo: Timothy Cain

"Careers in Education 1 invites students to think about why they want to work with children and then introduces them to the possibilities" in education and other human service fields. The Little Astros pre-school lab provides experience applying child development theory. In Careers in Education 2, the course focus "includes continued study of the classroom environment and best teaching practices."

Because of their completion of the Careers in Education program and their part time work with children, all three will be attending college in the fall with the hope to one day become certified educators. Mia Bellavance will attend

Keene State College as an early education major. Both Leah Hobson and Lindsey Broadhurst will start the fall semester at UNH; Hobson plans to focus on history education while Broadhurst will major in psychology and minor in elementary education. Her goal is to earn a master's in elementary education.

"Working with students like Mia, Leah and Lindsey is truly rewarding not only because they have developed leadership skills that will benefit them in any career they choose," said Stephanie Raudonis, the Careers in Education instructor. "But also because they are individuals who are working to make the world a better place."

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be big enough to accommodate the seniors if they were to meet outdoors.

Selectman Steph Landau indicated he would be more than willing to coordinate with the Scouts to set up a 30'x30' tent for the seniors to use. The workers at the Historical Society should be allowed to go into Stevens Hall, as there are only 1-2 people.

Chairman Jeremy Owens asked if everyone was in agreement, and Selectman D'Angelo indicated he liked what Reishus wrote up.

On the subject of unregistered dogs in town, Town

Clerk Elizabeth Lufkin told Selectmen there are approximately 150 unregistered dogs in town currently. A rabies clinic was set up earlier this year, and ten owners attended.. Lufkin asked the Board if Civil Forfeiture was something they were in favor of proceeding with, saying making sure dogs are vaccinated is a public health issue governed by the State RSA.

D'Angelo added that if a dog comes in contact with a rabid animal and then comes in contact with a family member it can be passed on. He recommended sending a strong letter explaining the safety concerns. Vice-Chair Chuck Myette agreed. Landau

noted when the Assessor used to send out the Inventory/Census form the Town knew how many dogs people have and now that the form has been discontinued it is hard to tell how many dogs have passed away or how many owners have moved out of town. Selectman Joe Hagan agreed it would be reasonable to verify that with a few phone calls, maybe beginning with 15 out of the 150.

It was noted that the rabies clinic did not cost to the Town, only charged \$20 per vaccination, and was suggested that perhaps the elderly are afraid to go out, thus adding to the number. Myette noted it was not likely that an officer was

going to be sent or that the dogs would be seized. D'Angelo noted the courts being closed and backlogged may not be interested in these civil forfeiture cases for some time and recommended checking with Derry District Court.

Resident Ken Biel recommended having another shot clinic and explained he did the shots but missed registration. Biel recommended waiving late fees and offered to pay for a few other people's registration fees.

In other matters, Selectmen discussed the release of Impact Fees for Mulberry Lane.

Owens read the letter received from the Planning Board's June 24, meeting regarding release of Offsite Fees in the amount of \$13,831 plus interest for the CIP repaving project which directs release by the Treasurer to control of the Selectman to reimburse the Road Agent's expenses. Selectman Landau motioned to release the \$13,831 plus interest from the Offsite Account as requested by the Road Agent in accordance with the Planning Board's June 24, 2020 recommendation, and it passed 4-0-1.

D'Angelo indicated the request should come before the Board before the expenditures are made, but Landau indicated Road Agent Mike Oleson had come

before the Board prior to the work commencing, several weeks ago.

Owens then read the letter received from the Planning Board regarding the release of \$5,034 plus interest in impact fees for Mulberry Lane requested to reimburse the Road Agent's expenses for the project. That motion passed unanimously.

Next, Owens indicated he received letters of resignation from the Recreation Commission members citing a variety of reasons. Recreation Director Corinna Reishus is recruiting new members with emphasis on the unique challenges to Recreation during COVID-19.

Oleson indicated construction on North Pond Road will begin next week and there will be a lot of delays. The road will be closed from 131 North Pond to Route 102. There will be no thru traffic. Residents should expect 15-20-minute delays while culverts are being changed out and seek alternate routes if possible. The project is estimated for eight weeks, weather permitting. If any resident has questions or concerns, Road Agent Oleson indicated they should fill out a Request for Action and leave their phone number. Candia Road will be one alternate route and the Highway Department will do its best to keep the dirt

end of Lane Road in good shape so that can be utilized as well. Andy will be back from retirement to help with flagging. James will be the foreman of the project. Road Agent Oleson will talk with the Town Administrator about a promotion for James as he is now filling the Foreman position and Town Administrator Doda will relay that information back to the Board. The new hire is working out well. 3.7 Impact Fees - Fire Department/Building & Maintenance 246 247 Vice-Chair Myette indicated the Planning Board met last night and Fire Department and Maintenance still have funds available and may have things that need to be purchased. The Fire Department has about \$16,000 and Building & Maintenance has \$29-\$30,000.

Town Administrator Doda noted the items must be in the CIP. Stevens Hall is on the CIP.

Toward the end of the meeting, Reishus thanked Vincenzo Minico for refurbishing the sign at Wason Pond. Landau noted he has another project coming up and will be building a bat hotel at North Pond. Myette noted the plans have been viewed at Conservation Commission and it is indeed a multi-level structure.

Conservation

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Conservation Commission will commence a mowing operation of the main field at Broadview Farm Conservation Area in early August 2020. The purpose of the operation is to control invasive plants, improve habitat for grassland birds, and restore the historical characteristic of the field as pasture.

The operation was developed in consultation with Dr. Matt Tarr, Wildlife Specialist at the UNH Cooperative Extension, and will be conducted by Field of Dreams Mowing LLC, which has performed this function at many other conservation areas in New Hampshire.

For safety reasons, all Broadview Farm Conservation Area trails will be closed to the public during the mowing.

Degnan shared with the members that over the past

few he and other members had been taking on the task of cutting back some of the growth around a centrally located oak tree. That tree had been sort of a centerpiece to the property, but was being taken over by bittersweet and poison ivy.

He explained that they had cut a path around the tree, and later, Department of Public Works crews had really opened it up.

He thanked Public Works Director Mike Fowler for the work he and his crew had done to help save the tree and showed before and after slides to fellow members of the commission.

He added that work still needs to be done to maintain what was done, and perhaps putting up signage would help to keep people off the tree.

The group discussed the fact that the primary reason for the mowing will be to preserve the habitats for animals in that area,

although the paths would still be there for residents to walk through.

The commission went on to talk about the Community Garden that is on the property, saying that it's in great shape and every parcel is occupied.

They did talk about the problem gardeners are having with rabbits this year, saying that this year it has been especially challenging to keep them out of garden areas.

The rabbits and groundhogs have actually forced a couple gardeners to give up this season.

Speaking of rabbits, the commission also discussed a lethal virus that effect rabbits and has made it into the U.S. The hemorrhagic virus will produce a fever and/or seizure and usually causes death. The asked that residents finding dead rabbits on their property, with no signs of attack, to contact the New Hampshire Fish and Game.

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Ovation Theatre Company to Present 'A Chorus Line' in Londonderry

While Broadway is shuttered until 2021 and theatre in general has been quiet during the pandemic, community productions are starting to come back. With the support of the Londonderry school district, town staff and the fire department, Ovation Theatre Company is excited to present A Chorus Line this summer, albeit with a number of "seasonal" changes. This show was first announced and cast back in January, but with all that has happened since, much has changed to make this production possible.

With a new creative team and a very talented cast drawn from all over the area, Ovation is presenting A Chorus Line outdoors in the Londonderry Middle School parking lot. The stage will be set up in front of the building and

the audience will park their cars in the side and back lots, then claim their spots within the main parking lot - each household socially-distanced from the next in a patchwork of people throughout the lot. Audience members will need to bring their own seating, but can otherwise get comfortable within their reserved spot.

Needless to say, mounting this production has been a challenge. Once the opportunity opened for an outdoor, safely-distance production, the OTC team contacted the cast and their families to discuss the plan. They started with virtual rehearsals for vocals and monologues, which all embraced and enjoyed. For the dances, various choreographers created videos and the cast members learned them on their own,



sending back videos for critique. Once things opened up further in June, the cast convened for in-person rehearsals, while maintaining appropriate safety measures, including temperature checks, masks, gloves, hand-sanitizer and distancing, staying outside as much as possible. A Chorus Line is a

show that actually lends itself nicely to physical distancing, for the most part, with solo songs, monologues and dances. For the productions, the cast will employ face shields and even gloves when they can't maintain 6' of separation; this obviously creates a different look and feel, but they are determined to stage an amazing production and they have the talent and energy to make that happen.

This version of A Chorus Line is the high school edition, making it very family-friendly for this unique, outdoor production. The show is directed by Ovation's Artistic Director, Meg Gore, with musical direction by Kevin Fisher. Betsy Brown and Tim Gore are serving as co-Stage Managers and are also in cast. The choreography team is comprised of cast members Adam Furgal, Katy Gore, and Joey Tannalfo. The cast includes

Alyssa Beaulieu, Betsy Brown, Michael Crowley, Katy Gore, Tim Gore, Michaela Horan and Joey Tannalfo of Londonderry, Ryan Carrigan, Harrison Christilles, Adam Furgal, Tracy Hickey of Derry, Annalise Kuhlmann and Jenna Sullivan of Manchester, Cailean Anderson of Hudson, O'Niyah Hamilton, Mykaila Judge and Cecilia Lomanno of Hooksett, Vera Backman, Ella Burroughs, Emma Cate, Evelyn Morin and Jonathan Uber of Hampstead, Abigale Maroun of Amherst and Zac Barnaby of Pepperell, Mass.

A Chorus Line tells the story of dancers trying to break through on Broadway in the 1970s and features amazing choreography, heart-wrenching monologues, hysterical comedy and memorable songs, including "What I Did For Love" and "One." The show was actually built from sessions that

director and choreographer Michael Bennett conducted, in which he simply had performers tell their stories. Some of those original sessions survive in audio recordings that are almost 50 years old. The stories are timeless and real, so even though it's still set in the '70s, 21st century audiences love it.

For tickets, people will buy labeled parking spots for \$60 for up to four people. They may also buy additional tickets (\$15 each) for people to join them within their parking spot. The performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 24, Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26 in the Londonderry Middle School parking lot (313 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry). Tickets are currently available at OvationTC.com. If any show is postponed due to rain, it will be presented the next day as a matinee at 1 p.m.

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Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, shields are worn during rehearsals and will be worn at the performance of "A Chorus Line." Photos by Chris Paul

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Governor Releases Back to School Guidance, July 16

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The State of New Hampshire released Back-To-School guidance for New Hampshire schools. This guidance offers a roadmap for school districts across the state to reopen safely. In keeping with New Hampshire's longstanding commitment to local control, the State allowing school districts flexibility and is offering guidance that public health officials believe can allow for safe in-person classroom instruction.

"We all share a goal in getting our kids back to school safely and believe this guidance allows schools to open, but we know each school district will have a

different path forward," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Instead of a one-size-fits-all approach, this is a guide that values local control, and helps each school district make the best decision for their students and teachers."

"This guidance provides concrete steps schools can take to re-open with built in layers of protection to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, while also allowing school systems the flexibility to establish a process that will help them meet the unique needs of their student populations and communities." Said State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan. "The novel coronavirus is still present in our state and our communities, and as with any re-

opening during the pandemic, school officials have the difficult task of maximizing the benefits of students returning to school and minimizing or mitigating the risks of spreading COVID-19 in schools. We will continue to work with individual schools, school districts and the broader education community to support their efforts to reopen in a safe manner."

"I want to thank the thousands of experts, parents, teachers, school leaders and community members who provided invaluable input to the School Transition Reopening and Redesign Taskforce in the development of our reopening guidance," said Education Commissioner

Frank Edelblut. "We expect students to be back in school in September, with local schools making decisions that work for their communities. These plans should emphasize good hygiene practices and mitigation procedures that are appropriate for their communities. Schools should be prepared to accommodate students and staff with underlying health risks, and have a robust response plan in place if coronavirus is detected. Nothing can ever eliminate all risk, but we must balance that risk with the need to educate New Hampshire children."

Student and staff safety remain the primary factor in developing these recommendations, recognizing

that, through various mitigation efforts, risk can be reduced. With these recommendations, schools can fully reopen for in-person instruction in a safe manner.

Among the highlights:

- Robust daily screening process for staff, students and visitors for symptoms of COVID-19 or risk factors for exposure prior to entering the educational facility.

- Recommendation for classroom arrangement to minimize close contact between students.

- Masks are not mandated for students when seated in the classroom, but are recommended in circumstances when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

- Educators and staff who are working with stu-

dents are also encouraged to wear a face cloth covering when physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

- Masks are mandated for all outside visitors when visiting a school.

- Plans for how a school can provide in-person education as well remote-learning options for those who choose not to return to school for health or safety reasons.

- District transportation plans must implement safety protocols that are realistic and not overly disruptive of the instructional models.

A copy of the guidance can be found at www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/file/inline-documents/sonh/k-12-back-to-school.pdf.

Hampstead Public Library Programs Continue in July

The fifth week of the Hampstead Public Library Children's Summer Reading program wraps up on July 18, and the theme is Stories of Africa. Participants can make a necklace in colors of the Pan-African flag, and write a secret message using hieroglyphics.

The theme for Week Six, which starts July 19, is Stories of Native Americans. Participants learn what it's like to grow up on a Navajo Reservation, and they can weave a small Navajo rug.

Packets with materials for crafts and activities for each week are available to be picked up during Curbside Pickup hours; Tuesdays

and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 4 - 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon. Participants are encouraged to record their beads/reading time via their Padlet page. The more they read, the more chances they get to win prizes. Participants can also choose to share pictures of their crafts and activities with Miss Devin via Padlet. If you have any questions for Devin, email dvancuren@HampsteadLibrary.org.

All ages can find their rhythm in a Zoom Drum Clinic on Thursday, July 23 at 1 p.m. An instructor from Let's Play Music leads this Zoom workshop. Kids and adults are welcome to join the fun! Grab

a pair of items you can use for drum sticks and get ready to drum. Advance registration is necessary via the link in the Library's event calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org.

Summer is a perfect time of year to flex your creative wings. The Library can help with that, from borrowing "how to" books to taking free online classes with Creativebug. This digital resource gives Library cardholders free unlimited access to over 1,000 online arts and crafts classes and workshops. Class categories include food, jewelry, sewing, quilting, paper crafts, knitting, kids crafts, and more. One featured class is "Daily

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your illustration. Practicing drawing can be meditative and most enjoyable. Give yourself the gift of time to create. Access Creativebug via the "Learn"

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since it is a private road and the town is not in charge of clearing it.

Bruce Gilday, the Environmental Consultant on the project joined the discussion. Gilday put a lot of emphasis on ways to protect the environment around the vernal pools. Gilday spoke on educating the contractors and eventually the homeowners on the importance of the priority to keep the vernal pools going. Gilday said, "Start with the contractors, because they are the first

ones on the site. They should be stopping what they are doing and moving the turtles out of their way." Gilday also mentioned the use of silt socks or waddles instead of silk fences for the vernal pools because no one usually keeps up with the silk fences. Gilday mentioned this would be best for the wildlife, as they do migrate between the vernal pools on the property. The excess water drainage was also a focus of the discussion and the idea given to Hall to help with excess water drainage would be to re-plant the native plants in the area that will be removed during

construction. The replanting of the native plants in and around the vernal pools would help with the preservation of the ecosystem.

On a final note, the commission ended the discussion stating that they will be keeping a close eye on the development at Hoyford Hills to make sure all efforts to conserve the wetlands and animals that live there are closely followed. The main concern of the Commission is to preserve the wetlands on the property because the careful conservation of the vernal pools is very important to the Commission.

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Drought Conditions in NH Predicted to Persist Through July

With “moderate drought” conditions persisting across 56% of New Hampshire and “abnormally dry” conditions remaining in the northern part of the state, on Thursday, July 9, 2020, the New Hampshire Drought Management Team met to discuss drought conditions and impacts in the state. The meeting kicked off with a review of what happened in the drought of 2016, the last substantial drought the state experienced. This was followed by State Climatologist Mary Stampone providing a briefing on the latest drought conditions and forecasts, which indicated that drought will likely persist through at least the end of July. According to Stampone, the above average precipitation received at the end of June was only enough to

stabilize drought conditions. She also indicated that the precipitation forecast for the next few days will not be enough to make up for the precipitation deficit for the year nor the below normal precipitation and high temperatures expected over the coming month.

Staff from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) updated the team on water resource impacts and management efforts. While lake levels are below normal, the foresight of the dam operations team has helped to mitigate the impact by holding back more water earlier in the season. Rivers and streams around the state have been at or near historically low flows. Water management actions, such as reduced outdoor water use and switching to

groundwater sources, have been implemented in the Lamprey and Souhegan River watersheds as a part of the Instream Flow Program. In late June, NHDES conducted a release of water from dams on the Lamprey River watershed to provide relief to aquatic organisms. Of the 31 monitoring wells across the state, the majority are much lower than normal, with water levels that dropped between May and June. Large groundwater permit holders are being held to permit conditions related to reducing withdrawals during drought, and community water systems have been urged to implement outdoor water use restrictions. To date, 117 community water systems have implemented restrictions. NHDES continues to encourage the public to abide by water restrictions and be conservation-minded. To view the latest drought conditions, the presentation slides from Thursday’s meeting, and information related to saving water and managing residential wells during drought, go to www.des.nh.gov and use the “A-Z list” and scroll down to Drought Management. The Drought Management Team is led by NHDES and is comprised of key representatives across state government, academia, industry and

other organizations. For Groundwater Bureau, at more information, contact stacey.herbold@des.nh.gov Stacey Herbold, NHDES or (603) 271-6685. Drinking Water and

OBITUARY

Nolan J. Watson



Nolan J. Watson, 52, of Derry, NH died Thursday, July 9, 2020, at his home. Nolan was born in Cambridge, MA on Dec. 5, 1967, the son of Louise Coleman. Nolan had resided in Derry for the past 16 years. He was employed as an IT specialist with Cognizant Technologies Corp. based in NJ.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (Dudziak) Watson of Derry, his two children Dani and Jacob, his mother of Sherborn, MA, as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

An outdoor celebration of Nolan’s life will be scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15 at 1 p.m., at the Peace Abbey in Sherborn, MA with a reception to follow at The Heritage of Sherborn Inn. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

In Memoriam, by Louise Coleman

Nolan is an old Irish name. The original Irish surname was O’Nuallin, or grandson of Nuallan, a personal name derived from the Irish meaning either ‘shout’, cry’ or ‘noble, famous’. Nolan Watson died way too young on July 9. Early that morning. Given his stalwart personality and the antiquity of his name, it feels inevitable that a version of Nolan will prevail, move forward.

Nolan was born on Dec. 5, 1967 in the Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, MA. Nolan was lucky to grow up in Cambridge at that time. The city still felt like a manageable, familiar place. Nolan went to the Montessori School and he learned practical skills. He was industrious. Nolan pleased the neighbors in the building - he washed all the floors, stairs, and landings. The mop was much taller than he was.

Nolan’s first paying job was working with a person who had a local paper route. At that time the way newspapers were delivered was that there was a set route and one person drove the car while another person got a newspaper to each subscriber. The person Nolan worked for really liked him. Nolan worked hard every day. He was on time and diligent. The problem was that the driver was an intensely racist person and often said derogatory things about black people. Nolan quit on him. Nolan was, even as a child, someone who understood and acted on principle.

A lifelong interest for Nolan was the Big Brother organization. He created constancy and stability for boys who were growing up without a father. Nolan knew what that was like. He also knew how positive it felt when men set an example for him and encouraged his efforts. Nolan’s love for his children, Dani and Jacob was resolute, constant, and affectionate. His wife, Mary, beloved. Loved in the most steadfast way possible.

My last two messages to Nolan were “I will do whatever will help you”, “You are the best person I know”. Nolan answered - “Thank you” & “thank ‘ypu’”.

OBITUARY

Clara L. Foucher



Clara L. Foucher, 84, of Derry, NH died Monday July 6, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Clara was born in Danvers, MA on Feb. 24, 1936, a daughter of the late Adrian and Isabelle (Boudreau) Perreault. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Foucher in 2000. She had resided in Derry for the past 55 years.

Clara was a Registered Nurse for many years. She was a communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry and a longtime member of the Tabernacle Society at the church. Clara was active in her community and served on the board of the YWCA. Her life revolved around her family and she found joy working in her yard.

She is survived by one son, Brian Foucher of Harrisville, NH, two daughters, Deborah Stuke and her husband Kurt of Contoocook, NH, and Susan Foucher of Derry, seven grandchildren, Renee, Joelle, Samuel, Sarah, Bailey, Rachel, and Hanne, five great-grandchildren, Henry, Clara, Eloise, Adrienne, and Persephone, one brother, Raymond Perreault of Leominster, MA, one sister, Yvette Crane of Andover, NH, also several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her three brothers, Leonard, Paul, and Joseph.

There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday July 14, 2020 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. Followed by a burial in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry.

OBITUARY

Jacqueline Ross



Jacqueline Ross, 77, of Londonderry, NH formerly of Derry, NH, passed away Monday July 6, 2020 at her residence. She was born Aug. 23, 1942 in Sicily and was the daughter of the late, Giacomo and Giacoma (DeStefano) Merlo. Jacqueline immigrated to Everett, MA at the age of 9, where she was raised and educated. She moved with her family to Derry, NH in 1976 and relocated to Londonderry in 1985.

Jacqueline was employed for 25 years with the State Street Bank. After retirement, she worked as a retail clerk with JC Penney. Her passion was her family which she loved with all her heart. She was the kindest most loving woman you could ever meet who could light up any room. Jacqueline was a confirmed “Fashionista” and enjoyed being made up and well dressed. She was an animal lover, especially her two chihuahuas. Jacqueline was a longtime member of St. Thomas Aquinas church. They renewed their wedding vows on their 50th anniversary in Las Vegas. She will forever be remembered for the love she had for her family and how she adored her four grandchildren.

Members of the family include her husband of 56 years, Ron Ross, her two daughters, Jacqueline Buckley and Lisa Ross, her four grandchildren, Marissa Proulx, Derek Proulx, Ian Buckley and Noah Buckley. Jacqueline has many nieces and nephews in Belgium. She was predeceased by her brothers, Giuseppe and Angelo Merlo.

Calling hours were Thursday July 9, 2020, with a Catholic prayer service after in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks and encouraged to social distance.

Granite State's Dry Summer Has Elevated Wildfire Risk

With all of New Hampshire experiencing abnormally dry or moderate drought conditions, the N.H. Forest Protection Bureau and the N.H. Fire Marshall's Office are asking all residents and visitors to NH to pay extra attention to how their summertime activities might unintentionally start a wildfire.

90% of wildfires in NH are caused by human

factors, including campfires, unattended cooking fires and fireworks. The state experiences 200 wildfires on average each year, with a total of 200-250 acres impacted.

Dry conditions throughout the region have increased the quantity of available fuels that can easily ignite and quickly become a wildfire. A single ember from a campfire or an errant spark

from fireworks landing on dried grass, leaves or other combustible items can ignite and become a wildfire that results in property damage, personal injury or even loss of life.

"While summer is a fun season, every year people are injured and property is damaged because of individuals who are not aware that their activities can lead to

wildfire incidents," said State Fire Marshal Paul J. Parisi.

"One of the best ways to help control loss caused by wildfires in NH is by obtaining a fire permit before you start your burn," said Forest Protection Bureau Chief Steven Sherman. "Fire permits give local first responders the opportunity to inform the public about current fire conditions in the area

and whether or not it is safe to burn that day."

In NH, fire permits are required for all open outdoor burning, which includes debris fires, campfires and bonfires. Seasonal permits are available for specific locations that may have recurring fires, such as home fire pits and campgrounds. The permits are available online at nhfirepermit.com.

The N.H. Forest Protection Bureau is part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Division of Forests and Lands, which protects and promotes the value provided by trees, forests and natural communities. For more information about the Division of Forests and Lands and the work of its Forest Protection Bureau, visit nh.gov/nhdf or call 603-271-2214.

Governor Releases Message Regarding Veto of HB 1672

Governor Christopher T. Sununu recently by the authority vested in him, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 10, 2020, vetoed House Bill 1672, relative to absentee voting.

The State of New Hampshire has ensured

that our upcoming elections will be secure and our voters safe in these trying times. We have made it clear that any digital voter who wishes to vote absentee because of the pandemic may do so. My administration has worked with the Secretary of State and legislature to

help make it easier for voters, town clerks and moderators and support Senate Bill 1266. Despite the current difficulties we are experiencing, we anticipate our upcoming elections will maintain the high standards that New Hampshire voters expect and deserve.

New Hampshire's voting system works very well and we consistently have some of the highest voter participation in the country. The proponents of House Bill 1672 seek to take advantage of a global pandemic to fundamentally and permanently weaken New Hampshire's elec-

toral system. They have put forward a partisan wish list of unreasonable and unnecessary provisions, some of which have already been vetoed and sustained last year. New Hampshire takes pride in our traditions of strong civic engagement and fair, transparent, and secure

elections. Our Democratic Secretary of State, who has served our state faithfully for over 40 years, opposes this radical, partisan piece of legislation and so do I.

For the reasons stated above, I Christopher T. Sununu Governor have vetoed House Bill 1672.

Safe Driving Tips for Motorists and Vulnerable Road Users

The Office of Highway Safety's (OHS) mission is to drive down fatalities in 2020 and beyond. Continued efforts behind coordinated enforcement, targeted media messaging and education remain key. With the help of our state and community partners, as well as the motoring public, we can keep fatal-

ities down and Drive Toward Zero together. This year, in NH there have been 46 traffic-related fatalities with adult pedestrian and bicycle fatalities trending up from the same period last year.

"We, as individual drivers, are in control of our vehicles and the choices made about how we choose to operate

these vehicles", said Captain William Haynes, Commander Office of Highway Safety. He continued, "Collectively, we can reduce the tragic events occurring on our highways and local roads by simply making the right choices." The Office of Highway Safety recommends the following safe practices while driv-

ing and riding:

- Do not drive or ride distracted. Distraction includes anything that takes your attention away from the road.
- Slow down. Follow the posted speed limit.
- Drink responsibly. Designate a sober driver, call for a ride or be the designated driver.
- Buckle Up in every position. Every trip, every time.
- Remain alert for vulnerable road users such as

pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists.

- Stay out of blind spots of large trucks and buses, make sure to pass safely and do not cut off these vehicles.

- Bicyclists and pedestrians should remain alert and avoid using handheld devices when crossing busy intersections and streets.

- Pedestrians should use sidewalks when available. If there are no sidewalks available, walk

as close to the left side of the street as possible, facing traffic. Bicyclists must ride with traffic.

- When walking/riding at night, wear brightly colored gear and/or use a flashlight for visibility.

We want to promote safe driving habits to ensure we all get home safely. Whether you ride, drive or walk, our goal is to Drive Toward Zero deaths. One death is too many. We are all in this together.

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DERRY

Taylor Library Reopens

The Taylor Library reopened on a limited, appointment - only basis on Monday July 6. Individual's families may visit for a maximum of 1 hour per day by appointment. To make an appointment call 432-7186. Appointments times for public entry are every hour and 15 minutes to allow time between groups to disinfect surfaces. Masks/ face covering are required at all times when in the library for those 3 and older. Returned items should be placed in the book return outside so that we can follow proper quarantining protocol. Curbside pickup will continue. Give us a call or place a request online for pick up. Thank you.

Story Walk

The Taylor Library in East Derry is giving residents the ability to take their children out for a walk and enjoy a book at the same time. A new Storybook Walk has been installed in the field behind the library, and a new story will be put out every two weeks.

Time to quit?

Vaping and Your Health Workshop Available remotely by the Upper Room during June. This workshop is for Teen & Young Adults up to age 24.

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.

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, Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org.

Notice to Businesses Regarding CGI

The Town of Derry is currently under contract with CGI to produce and maintain video tours that are accessible on the front of the town's website. Businesses are able to sponsor these videos. CGI is currently making calls to promote this opportunity. If you have any questions about this program, please reach out to beverlydonovan@derrynh.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.

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.

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.

CHESTER

Build a Castle

Design your own castle out of paper towel tubes and other items on Tuesday, July 14, at 1 p.m., at the Chester Library. This event is for kids

of all ages. Please Register on the Library's Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Design a Fairy House

Design a home for local fairies with moss, twigs, and other materials on Thursday, July 16, at 4 p.m., at the Chester Library. All Ages Welcome. Please Register on the Library's Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Make a Magic Wand

Cast a spell with your own wand on Tuesday, July 21, at 1 p.m., at the Chester Library. This event is for kids of all ages. Please Register on the Library's Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Harry Potter Trivia

How much do you Really know about Harry Potter? This program will be held virtually on WebEx on Thursday, July 23, at 4 p.m. All Ages Welcome. Check the Chester Library Facebook page for more information. Please Register on the Library's Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Make a Bubbling Potion

Create a bewitching brew with bubbles and glitter on Tuesday, July 28, at 1 p.m., at the Chester Library. For kids of all ages. Please Register on the Library's Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Chester Public Library Reopens

The Chester Public Library reopened to the public on Monday, July 6. The Library takes the safety of its patrons and staff seriously. Physical distancing and a reduction in some services will be in place to provide a safe environment for everyone. We ask that patrons wear a mask while visiting and do not enter the building if you are sick or have a fever, cough, or have trouble breathing. We will have disposable masks for those that do not have one.

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.

HAMPSTEAD

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.

SANDOWN

Mother Goose On The Loose

Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose, will be held on on Monday mornings on YouTube at 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 Library will post the link to the day's YouTube 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times too.

Old Home Day

Cancellation of Old Home Day Fall Festival the 2020 Old Home Days committee, regretfully announces

that the 2020 Old Home Days Fall Festival to include the parade scheduled for Sept. 12, has been cancelled. This cancellation is being made due to the social distancing restrictions that are present now with COVID -19, and the unknown of what they may be in the future. We believe that the safety and the health of our participants, vendors, and our community is of the utmost importance. The committee will start planning for the OHD 2021 in January, and look forward to the OHD Fall Festival scheduled for Sept. 11, 2021. Thank you for your understanding in these

unprecedented times.

REGIONAL

Free Meals

Free July and August Meals in Derry/Londonderry Area opened to everyone. Dinner on July 18, at St Luke's Church from 5 - 6 p.m. Dinner on July 19, at Elijah's Table (EHS) from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Continental Breakfast on July 26, at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Lunch on July 26 at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Dinner on July 31 at First Parish

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OBITUARY

Frank A. Bartkiewicz

Frank A. Bartkiewicz, 77, of Derry, NH, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital, in Portsmouth, NH. He was born in Manchester, NH, on Feb. 7, 1943, the son of Francis V. and Sophia S. (Iwanicka) Bartkiewicz. Frank served for 2 active tours of duty in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War including Southeast Asia. He had been a resident of Derry for the past 53 years, formerly living in Manchester. Frank was active in the Derry community; he was a former President of the Lions Club and a member of the Derry Planning Board for 10 years.

Prior to his health issues, Frank always made time to take care of his family members, especially the more elderly members, even when he had a full workload. Frank received a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Nazarene College while working full time at Verizon in various technical positions for 35 years. He was hard working in all aspects of his life, be it his career, home or family. Frank still found time for his beloved dogs, Angus and Cookie as well as his daughter's dogs Shadow and Taz Engelhardt. Frank also enjoyed Rock Steady Boxing, Tai Chi and was an avid skier, skiing up to his early 70s. Frank will be remembered as a great dad and a loving family man.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Joan E. (Lovering) Bartkiewicz; daughter, Laura L. Engelhardt and her husband (Stephen S. Engelhardt, devoted son-in-law); daughter, Susan Pearman Hilton; son, Michael F. Bartkiewicz (Marcy M.); granddaughter, Alexandra Pearman Morgan; two grandsons, Gabriel J. Bartkiewicz and Lucas S. Bartkiewicz; brother-in-law and loyal friend, Joseph Mulligan. Frank is predeceased by brother-in-law and close friend, David S. Lovering. As well as several nieces and nephews.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the burial will be held privately for immediate family in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry Rd., E. Derry, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, PO Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780 or to the animal shelter of your choice. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium are assisting the family with arrangements.

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2:30 p.m. Sonshine Soup Kitchen - will be serving drive-by to-go meals on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. If you need food, call 437-2833, ext. 1, and leave a message. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will get back to you to make an appointment for you to pick

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