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July 30, 2020

Derry Joint Legislative Committee Looks Ahead

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Joint Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, July 22, with members of many of the Derry public bodies coming together to discuss how best to make the community better.

Lynn Perkins sat as chair for the meeting, and started by welcoming all that were attending, some of which were attending via videoconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

reminded Perkins those attending the purpose of the meeting, the collaboration of the Town

Council, School Board, inception two years ago. State Representatives and She also said that since the State Senator meeting to come up with solutions to keep Derry moving forward financially, and discussing ways the state can help in that regard.

Dr. MaryAnn Connors Krikorian, led things off with the help of School Business Administrator to the pandemic, the Jane Simard.

Simard started by giving the committee members an update on the financial state of the school district, the Undesignated Fund Balance currently stands at \$530,000, and the district has not spent anything from the fund since its

their year-end audit doesn't start until Aug. 10, she could say what the tax impact would be at this point from the district, but she estimated that it Derry Superintendent, would less than the 54 cents per thousand they estimated last fall.

Simard added that due transportation costs over the last few months were renegotiated, creating a large cost savings, but on the flip side of that the district saw a number of items lost in their budget, like rentals and reimbursement of kindergarten tuition.

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Beach Rights and 48 Unit Plan Discussed by Sandown Selectmen

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the Public Comment section of the Monday, July 21, meeting of the Board Sandown of Selectmen, members heard concerns brought forward by residents on two matters. One issue was the concern of a large development being built at the end of Ferguson Lane the other was on beach rights for a beach on Angle Pond.

Resident Joanne Donahue, who lives on Fer-

D&H Construction at the end of her road. She explained that the company has applied for an application to build a 48 unit townhouse-style community, and she feels it's pretty large for the area.

Donahue was hoping that the Selectmen would support her in her effort to make sure this development meets all the requirements in town for such a project.

She said, "Based upon RSA 676:4, you the Selectmen, have the opportunity to request of guson Lane, addressed the applicant, at their the selectmen with a con- expense, to conduct addicern she has with a tional investigative studplanned development by ies to ensure that this

development meets all of the requirements of the town, and the town residents, while also fulfilling and supporting all of our economic, fiscal, town safety protocols that are required."

She was asking the board to support her request for a Traffic Impact Analysis, a better understanding of the fiscal impact and to also conduct a hydrogeologic impact Analysis. She added that the last item would determine the groundwater and well water impact.

Her concern being that there were three homes on Ferguson Lane continued on page 3 planned for the fall in



andles Lifelong Derry resident Irene Blanchard celebrated her the 104th birthday at Nutfield Heights on Friday, July 24. Some of her fellow residents orchestrated the momentous occasion where they all enjoyed cake and lemon meringue pie in the recreation area outdoors under the gazebo. See more photos on page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Chester Academy Group Holds Reopening Forum

Kelsey Derhak NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - Members of Chester Academy held a Reopening Forum on Thursday, July 23, and presented a PowerPoint presentation constructed by the **Re-Opening Committee on** what is currently being

back to school.

The presentation started with explaining the school's Guiding Principles, which were stated as being S.A.F.E. (Secure, Actionable, Flexible and Effective), and that will be the focus used to bring students back to school.

The Re-Opening Com-

regard to getting children mittee focused on developing a plan to provide an opportunity for Chester families to safely return to school, while recognizing that some families want alternative choices.

The committee added that the success of the plan will largely depend on the entire communities com-

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Derry Town Council Makes Preparations for Upcoming Elections

TIMOTHY CAIN NUTFIELD NEWS

With fewer than 100 days until the national election on November 3, town officials and the town council members continued to firm up plans and procedures for voting at the July 21 meeting. For the safety of Derry residents and ease of access to promote voter participation, the town council passed unanimously Resolution 2020-033 that designates Calvary Bible Church as the office to request an applipolling location for the cation and it will be September primary and mailed to the resident; or Pinkerton Academy's Hackler Field House as the polling location for preferable) to grab the the November election.

In the past, Derry has used a variety of polling locations. Because of the help with the application," ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its potential impact of limited available poll workers, the Monday through Friday Committee of Elections has recommended that the Town Council designate one polling location for planning to vote by absenboth upcoming elections tee ballot will have the in the fall.

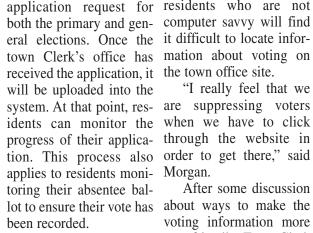
during the meeting, voting request. Per Healey, the by absentee ballot was State requires only one

safety and civic engagement.

Town Clerk Daniel Healey explained that residents who want to vote in the upcoming elections by absentee ballot must first complete the absentee ballot application. Several options are available to obtain this application: 1. Download it from the New Hampshire Secretary State site; 2. Download the application from the Town of Derry site; 3. Call the town clerk's 4. Stop by the Municpal Building (drive-thru, if absentee ballot application

"Residents who need said Healey, "can contact the town clerk's office. We are here from 8-4 and we check our email constantly."

Residents who are option to select COVID-At several moments 19 as the reason for their



the meeting, Councilor at Dan Healey and Town Large James Morgan Administrator raised the concern that Caron indicated they

OBITUARY Marjorie (Midge) A. Gould

the town office site.

"I really feel that we Morgan.

After some discussion voting information more During the course of user friendly, Town Clerk Dave

the necessary changes to the homepage. Residents who go to the Town Clerk page now will clearly see all of the pertinent information about voting and the request for anyone who would like to work at the polling stations.

Councilor Neil Wetherbee suggested that Pinketon students and college students who are in the area should be sought out to work the polling stations; more important, the wages must be increased to attract interest.

"For better or for worse, generally our elections are staffed by older, retired people and that's our most vulnerable population," said Wetherbee. "In the end, we need to clerk office at 432-6105.

encouraged to promote application request for residents who are not would contact IT to make make certain we are well staffed."

> After a twenty minute discussion, the town council voted unanimously to pay poll workers \$15 per hour and an additional \$15 per hour for hazardous pay because of the potential health implications of coronavirus. It must be noted that Fire Chief Michael Gagnon affirmed that all poll workers will be provided with surgical masks.

Derry residents will notice over the next few weeks signs around town indicating information about the upcoming elections and polling locations. Again, if anyone has a question about absentee ballots, they should contact the town

OBITUARY

Wayland H. "Pete" Fuller



Wayland H. "Pete" Fuller, 93, of Derry, NH and formerly of Litchfield and Nashua, NH, died Thursday July 23, 2020 in his home. He was born in Nashua, NH on Sept. 3, 1926, a son of Willis and Grace (Bills) Fuller. Mr. Fuller was a WWII Navy veteran,

serving on the USS Ashland as a Quartermaster in the South Pacific. He had been employed as a machinist for Nashua Corp for many years. Mr. Fuller was a member of the Antique Boat Motor Club, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a self-made carpenter and built three homes, as well as his camp on Highland Lake in Washington, NH. For the past three summers, he enjoyed weekends at Balch Lake in W. Newfield, ME. "Pete" was an avid Red Sox Fan. And he "loved having only girls as no one messed with his tool box". He was a kind and gentle soul who will be greatly and deeply missed by them.

He is survived by three daughters, Judith Fisher of Rochester, NH and her children Matthew Fisher and Kallie Fay, Jennifer Fuller-Bennett and husband Robert of Rollinsford, NH and their children Lynn Bennett and Anna Patterson, and Joyce Coalter and husband Kevin of Derry and their son Jordan Coalter; several great grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Madeline (Carter) Fuller in 2018, and his five siblings. He has been residing with his daughter Joyce for the last 4 years in Derry.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.



Marjorie (Midge) A. Gould, 81, of Chester, NH died Saturday July 18, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Marjorie was born in Melrose, MA on Jan. 17, 1939, a daughter of the late Leo and Edith

(Conway) Sullivan. She had been a resident of Chester for the past 62 years. Midge's family was the utmost of importance in her life. She loved to have her house filled with family and friends. Saturday evening dinners were a mainstay in Midge's home and there was always room for one more!

She is survived by three sons, David P. Gould, William F. Gould and his wife Vickie, and Joseph J. Gould and his wife Nicole; one daughter, Pamela J. Gagnon and her husband Norman; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Jane Sullivan and Virginia Harris; as well as several nieces and nephews, and her cats Pumpkin, Oreo, and Little Miss. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul F. Gould in 2007, and her brothers, Richard, Robert, and William Sullivan, and her sister, Barbara Dolloff.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, July 27 at St. Peter's Church, Auburn, NH. The burial was followed in the Great Hill Cemetery, Chester. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to NHSPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885.

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As far as the school projects going on she explained that a company came in to make sure all the Heat and Ventilation Systems were running properly Derry Village, South Range and West Running Brook were all recently paved.

Town Councilor, Jim Morgan, pointed out to the school district representatives that he thought they should be keeping a running tally of what the pandemic has cost the district so that when the next CARES Act bill comes through they would be ready to justify the reimbursement of funds.

The chair then brought up the extra cost ing associated with food services. which Simard agreed, saying everything served this year will be done on disposable containers, and also there will still be added cost in transporting meals to those students who don't attend school.

trator Dave Caron was the next to speak, and he shared the state of the town through a Power-Point presentation.

He told the committee that the FY20 worked out very well, saying that overall, there is an anticipated excess of revenues totaling \$450,000.

side, he said 97 percent of the budget will be expensed. All COVID-19 expenses will be reimbursed adding that \$800K is set aside for Derry through the CARES Act and they've used about \$200K. Overall the town's year-end balance is at \$1 million.

Caron said that lookthings forward, remain uncertain. Experience tells us that as the Recession lingers, revenues will decline.

He also said that as the state's Executive Orders expires, evictions and utility disconnects will most likely accelerate. The expiration of town.

Perkins asked Caron if he is foreseeing any cuts in state aid that would impact the town budget. Caron thought that if state aid were cut beyond 20 percent of what they would normally get, it would be a problem.

Rep. State John O'Connor asked where On the Expenditures the nearly \$800K state reimbursement money is being kept, and Caron responded that the funds are given to town's after they have spent them. He added that the upcoming would elections be impacting the budget also.

> State Senator Regina Birdsell was next to speak, and she began by sharing that trying to pass bills through the past three months has been difficult at the state level, but as far as the municipal and educational funding, they are not targets for state spending.

Birdsell said that the state has been advised to cut back on betterment Derry Town Adminis- unemployment may also funds, such as paving

plan.

She also told the board that while she tried to get a bill passed that would allow Derry Code Enforcement to put a lean on properties that were not being kept up along Broadway, it was not one that was voted on this year, but hoped that if elected again she would work to get that bill through.

She also talked about HB1558, which includes kindergarten funding saying that it had not been signed at that point but he had five days to do so.

John O'Connor spoke

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that had to have their wells re-dug due to lack of water.

She finished by saying that she believes that these studies would benefit the whole town, not just the abutters. She also added that she was representing a group called the "Residents for Responsible Growth" and is made up of about 300 residents.

Selectmen generally felt that the matters she brought up would be a matter for the Planning Board to address, and didn't see where in the RSA, it called for the Selectmen to get involved.

The second issue brought to the Selectmen

impact revenues for the projects in the ten-year on a few bills that he felt another net metering bill, were important to Derry. HB1218, which was sim-The first was SB159, which deals with net metering of over 4.9 Megs. He said the governor vetoed the bill, but the Senate voted to override that. So now will head back to the house in September, and he hopes that whomever is voted in this year will make sure it passes, saying that it would potentially save Derry \$1 million. He said that the net metering bill, SB166, was passed by the Governor, but it is way under the 5 Megs the town wanted. The third bill he talked about was

was presented first by

Mary Patterson of East

Lane. Her street is a dead

end, which has a small

that back in 1972 the

owner of the beach prop-

erty gave the ownership

rights to the town of

Sandown, and the beach

has not been maintained

the residents of East Lane

would like the town to

give ownership of the

there is nowhere to park to

use the beach, a those liv-

ing on the road are current

the ones cleaning and rak-

ing the area, therefore the

want to make it a private

Patterson added that

She told the board that

by the town.

beach them.

beach.

Patterson explained

beach on Angle Pond.

ilar to SB159, but failed to pass due to some timetable issues created by the pandemic.

O'Connor, who is not running for reelection, urged those who are voted in to pursue getting these bills passed.

Councilors Jim Morgan and Josh Bourdon agreed that those bills need to be passed in order for Derry to benefit in energy savings.

The next meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee will be scheduled at a later date.

Goldman asked if the neighborhood was planning on forming an association and questioned why they would want to take on the liability of owning the beach.

The main concern seemed to be an issue with one of the abutter to the beach renting their home throughout the summer, and those renters take over the beach. There was also an issue of people parking illegally along Main Street and then using the beach.

Chairman Darren Hudgins told the residents at the meeting "We're not going to solve this in Public Comment," but told them to send each of the Selectmen an email voicing their concerns, and if there is anything they can do to help Selectman Jonathan they will.

Trails at Broadview Farm Will Close During Mowing

tion 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, Dreams Mowing LLC, and restore the historical which has performed this

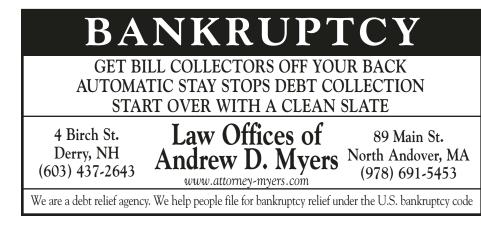
The Derry Conserva- characteristic of the field as function at many other pasture.

> The operation was developed in consultation with Dr. Matt Tarr, Wildlife Specialist at the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, and will be conducted by Field of

conservation areas in New Hampshire.

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

Signs will be posted when mowing will take place.



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It's very easy in this political season to speak or post before we think. In the past years comments of some candidates have been so outrageous, that they polarize people, getting them all riled up, and it's all we can do not to blurt out something equally inappropriate.

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The same holds true as we read and watch most news stories about the latest protests for "Black Lives Matter" or acts of violence against police. It's too easy to react with generalizations, rumor and accusations. When a polarized issue or election rolls around comments can get really ugly.

The anger and outrage created with an "us versus them" mentality make it even more important to recognize the power of what free speech carries. Free speech is a serious responsibility. We need to understand the potential result of demonizing religions, nationalities, race, gender or political parties. It's not just the Presidential election that bringing out the worst in people; it happens with all kinds of tragedies; like mass shootings, protests, attacks on police officers and individuals. People too often look to divide us more instead of expressing themselves in a calm manner. People seem to take matters to a violent level using fear as a tactic. We all need to learn how to listen to each other. Clearly we accept that we are all individuals and may think differently or have different perspectives on an issue. However, we must learn to agree to disagree and find common ground in a civil manor.

Calling for violence against each other is just wrong, whether it's in the heat of a political race or in reaction to an issue we are currently confronting. Attack mode doesn't help anyone and is very hard to justify. The idea of thinking about what we say before we say it needs a huge boost right about now. No one wants the responsibility of hurting or even worse killing an innocent person. Continual calls to violence will have no good results.

In this age of social media and the Internet, people write, send and post comments without even a second reading or a thought as to what consequence their words carry. It is natural for people to get all wound up about a cause, politician or injustice and have an immediate reaction. But remember we're dealing with real lives. If people hear something enough times about someone or something that is not true, just allegations, violence is a definitely a possible response and clearly a result no one really wants. Think before you speak or write.

It is very human to care, and want to do something, as we should, but just leave the nastiness and violence out of your message. If you express yourself calmly and intelligently people will have a much better impression of your opinions. Generalizing, categorizing and labeling people and issues is not a good way to express your thoughts. Labeling just divides us more than we already are and the more we draw attention to the differences the less we see how we are all the same. We are the human race and we must all treat each other as equals and with respect.

In the great words of John Lennon "You may say I'm a dreamer, But I'm not the only one, I hope some day you'll join us, And the world will be as one."



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Letters

Layon for State Rep

To the editor,

"As a long time remote worker and home schooler, I have first-hand experience navigating the uncharted waters we see today. As an MIT Economist, trading floor market maker, and Wall Street financial analyst I can see trends and predict outcomes based on limited real world data. I will bring this expertise to Concord to weigh the risks and benefits of legislation to protect families, taxpayers and small business owners from both intended and unintended consequences of new laws."

Mrs. Layon is a cofounder and board member of Granite State Home Educators, a group which has helped lead the charge to support families finding their footing in our new era of crisis schooling. "Parents work hard to get the best education for their children, with many families moving to Derry for our highly rated schools and many choosing private, charter, or home schools to best suit their unique learners. The explosion of new schooling options for this fall is an exciting time, and I hope that it will bring a greater love of learning and better results without higher taxes."

"I have spoken up for families and taxpayers in Concord for nearly a decade. I ask for your vote in the Republican Primary so that I can fight for the people of Derry to get back to work, trim taxes, and elevate education options and outcomes. I am Erica, and I am For Derry."

Derry fourteen years ago create jobs, balancing our with her husband Michael. They have put down roots, both in the garden and in their efforts to conserve open space in the heart of Derry. They have three children.

Voters can learn more about Mrs. Layon on Facebook or at her web site EricaForDerry.com.

> Lois Kaneshiki, Erica for Derry Derry

Supporting Messner

To the editor,

When thinking of a candidate to elect to the United States Senate to represent New Hampshire, Corky Messner should be the candidate that comes to mind. After graduating from West Point and completing Army Ranger School, Corky went on to guard the Berlin Wall in the Cold War and has served our country proudly. In our great state we have over 400,000 veterans that have served in the military and I know that caring for these veterans and their families to represent them well will be a top priority for him.

Along with his love of country, he believes in the United States Constitution and will fight to keep our 1st Amendment rights, our 2cd Amendment rights, and our religious freedoms, along with all of our other rights. This is especially important in a time where these rights, especially our right to keep and bear arms, is being challenged.

Corky is also pro-life he will fight for the both the town's and the unborn, and he will be a Mrs. Layon moved to voice for us by fighting to

federal budget, and working with the President to ensure we have the best opportunities our country has to offer.

Please join me in supporting Corky Messner on September 8, 2020! Danielle Rieger,

Derry

Override Governor's Veto of SB159

To the editor,

Last week, July 22, Derry's Joint Legislative Round Table met to discuss the town budget. As a candidate for the NH House, I was invited to attend the meeting. It was good to see town and school officials and state legislators working together. I was pleased that two of my key platform issues were addressed.

I whole-heartedly agree with David Caron, the Town Administrator, who asked that any shortfall in state revenues be equitably shared among all state revenue sources. In the past, in order to balance its budget, the state reduced the revenues it shared with towns. The loss of state revenues meant local property taxpayers were left to fill the hole this caused in the town budget.

During the Round Table discussion, Councilor Jim Morgan brought up the need for legislation to raise net metering levels to 5 MW, a proposal I have supported for several years. Building a large solar array on Derry's old land fill would provide enough electricity to meet school's electrical needs

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Lifelong Derry Resident Celebrates 104th Birthday



Residents at Nutfield Heights celebrated the 104th birthday of lifelong Derry resident Irene Blanchard on Friday, July 24. Irene has been living at Nutfield for 30 years, and her, and a number of fellow residents enjoyed cake and lemon meringue pie in the recreation area outdoors under the gazebo to help usher in this momentous occasion. During the pandemic, residents have not had much chance to interact, but for this achievement, they broke the rules a bit. Carol Hogan was also celebrating her 84th birthday that afternoon.

Photos by Chris Paul

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and more, saving over \$1 million in local property taxes each year. The NH legislation, both last year and this year. Unfortunate- SB159. Contact informa-

both bills. The legislature tives can be found at genfailed to override the veto court.state.nh.us last year, but will have House/Members. another chance this September with SB 159. my position on these and Urge Derry's 10 state rep-Legislature passed such resentatives to vote to override the governor's veto of

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To learn more about other issues, visit my web site at maryforderry.com. Mary Till

Derry







Pinkerton Cosmetology Instructor Named N.F. Cimaglia Educator of the Year

TIMOTHY CAIN NUTFIELD NEWS

Keryl Reid Rabideau, Pinkerton Academy's cosmetology teacher, was presented the 2020 N.F. Cimaglia Educator of the Year Award during the virtual CEA convention on July 11 - 13. On behalf of Milady, a leading provider of beauty and wellness education, Lisha Barnes made the announcement, highlighting Rabideau's enthusiasm, passion and student engagement both in the classroom and in the remote environment.

The N.F. Cimaglia Educator of the Year Award was established 26 years ago by Milady and the American Association of Cosmetology Schools (AACS). This is a prestigious national award given to an educator who has demonstrated significant contributions toward upgrading professional standards of educational excellence, particularly in the area of student involvement.

A foundation of Rabideau's repertoire as an educator and classroom man-



Ms. Keryl Reid Rabideau in the Astro Style Salon at Pinkerton Academy where she teaches Cosmetology in the Career and Technical Education Program.

ager is her ability to engage like water on a duck." her students. Specific examples that illustrate her knack of getting the students excited about what they are learning are having a bubble machine filling the lab during the shampo unit or during the color unit, she and her students wear safari hats and take a trip to the color zoo.

"Animals represent a color category," said Rabideau. "A report color, for example, is a duck because that kind of color slides off

What made this national recognition special to Rabideau was that her former and current CTE directors nominated her for the award. A 16 year veteran, Rabideau works tirelessly to instill a good work ethic and commitment among her students as well as importance of listening.

2019 Pinkerton graduate to a blend of classroom who now attends Empire Beauty School, wrote emphatically about Rabideau's influence on her personally and professionally in her letter or recommen-N.F. dation for the Cimaglia Award.

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sure she prepares her stu- gram, students work with dents for the next step in customers in the campus their future," wrote Plourde. "Although she wanted us to work for ourselves, help us with our struggles."

Cosmetology at Pinkerton is a two year program in which students receive comprehensive training in all aspects of hairdressing and related fields. When students enroll in this program, they apply for an apprentice license. Without this license, students cannot be on the floor and/or interact with any clients. Once the students complete the two year program, they will have earned 360 hours toward a secondary cosmetology school.

The benefit of earning 360 hours in the program, according to Rabideau, is that students will not only advance more quickly at a secondary school but will model empathy and the also save money on tuition.

In both Cosmetology 1 Makayla Plourde, a and 2, students are exposed instruction and hands-on experiences. Students learn a variety of hairstyling techniques, nail design, and proper sanitation. Additionally, students learn about the business side of the cosmetology industry. Throu-

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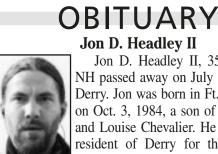
"Ms. Rabideau makes ghout the two year prosalon and job shadow professional cosmetologists.

she was always willing to Keryl Reid Rabideau possesses for her students and program is evident when one visits the cosmetology classroom. As much as she takes pride in earning the distinction as the N.F.

Cimaglia Educator of the Year Award, Rabideau's greatest achievement is the success of her students. "The secondary schools

The pride and passion always tell me," said Rabideau, "that I can tell who is a Pinkerton student - they know this and they can do that."

It makes Rabideau's heart soar knowing that her students are successful as cosmetologists.



Jon D. Headley II, 35, of Derry, NH passed away on July 23, 2020 in Derry. Jon was born in Ft. Worth, TX on Oct. 3, 1984, a son of Jon Merritt and Louise Chevalier. He had been a resident of Derry for the past five years, formerly living in New York

and Texas. Jon was an extremely talented artist, and had a rogue nature about him that his family loved. He was strong-willed, smart, handsome, witty, loving, and gave strong bear-hugs. He had a great, crazy sense of humor, that, when together with his brothers, was a force to be reckoned with! Jon loved his daughters with all his heart, as well as his longtime, treasured girlfriend, Becca. His passing causes unimaginable grief to his family and all who loved him. The hole in our hearts will never be healed.

He is survived by his two daughters, Rylee Headley of Washington, and Novaly Luman of Texas, his father, Jon Merritt of Florence, TX, his mother, Louise Chevalier of Derry, two brothers, Adam Headley of Rochester, NH, and Spencer Headley, and his paternal grandmother, Cindra McCormick of Florence, TX.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Saturday Aug. 8, from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Catholic prayer service will be offered at 2:45 p.m. in the funeral home. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks and encouraged to social distance.





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Hampstead Conservation Makes Plan for New Trail Maps

Kelsey Herhak NUTFIELD NEWS

The Hampstead Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, July 4ft by 4ft sign at the 15. Commission was able to include individual maps meet in person at the that can be readily avail-Town Hall to discuss the making of new trail maps for the conservation areas in the Town of Hampstead.

The would like to update the maps of all the trails in the town to include online versions as well as a big The Conservation entrance of the trail to able and printed on paper as well.

> The first order of business was to allow the Town of Atkinson to

OBITUARY

Joseph Lucien Louis Blanchette,



Joseph Lucien Louis Blanchette, 89, of Derry, NH, passed away on Friday July 17, 2020 in the High Point Hospice House in Haverhill, MA. He was born in Salem, MA on Jan. 22, 1931, a son of the late George and Rose (LeBlanc)

Blanchette. Joe was a Manager at New England Telephone prior to his retirement.

He had many names to go with his many tales. To his family he was Lucien, Dad, Grampy and Great Grampy. To his friends and many acquaintances, he was Joe. He was a true jack of all trades and enjoyed a challenge, his hobbies and interests were endless.

He is survived by his daughter, Ellen Kirchner and her husband Bob of Georgetown, MA, two sons, George Blanchette and his wife Joanne of Ipswich, MA and Joseph Blanchette and his wife Karen of St. Cloud, FL; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Louisa (Melcher) Blanchette and his sister, Lucille Gagne.

He is also survived by the many neighbors in Chases Grove, Derry. His family built a summer cabin in 1938. Upon his retirement in 1989, Joe moved up there converting the cabin to year-round use. During his health decline over the last few years, his neighbors made sure he could stay at home. His family is forever grateful for their love and care.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, memorial services will be held by the family at a time in the future when it is safe to gather again. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of ones choosing.

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Next up was the discussion on the update to the trail maps. It was software. The map itself noted that Atkinson used will be done in house by an application called All- Board member using softtrails, which has longitude and latitude included make the map something on the map and then they that can be geospatially hired Hampstead Print aware. This will be useand Copy to make it look ful to those who are out more presentable. It was on the trails and have a noted that the cost of device that will be able to printing the map was tell them where they are around \$600. Another on the trails using the new option the board dis- trail map and modern day cussed was using Trail- technology. To

holds a map to their trails. can color code the trails, however it is not clear if it will work well with other ware that will eventually ac-

Commission place a 4x4 sign with finder. Their maps how- complish this the Board as quickly as possible to maps of their trails at the ever are not high enough needs to purchase Adobe help reduce the number of West Rd. trailhead where quality when printed and Illustrator, which will cost \$239 for a year's subscription. The Board approved this purchase. The benefit of using Hadley Road where con-Adobe Illustrator is that tractors had blocked an the trails can be color entrance to one of the coded and drawn to scale. trails. A note was sent to The board would then be able to have a digital copy of the trails to then make into a master trailhead sign and also have printed copies for people to take along with them as well. This would also allow for a OR code to be made and have the map loaded into an application to see where you are on the trails on a mobile device. This will likely be done

people getting lost out on the trails.

In other business, the board was updated on the contractor to decrease the grade of the hill blocking the entrance from a 13% grade down to an 8% grade. The board has not yet heard back from the contractor.

The Board then reviewed minutes from the last Conservation Commission meeting before going into a non-public discussion.

Kids Coop Theatre to Perform 'Not Oliver' This Week in Derry



Although the Kids Coop Theatre group has been hit hard by the effects of the COVUD 19 Pandemic, they have been busily working on what was suppose to be their spring performance, but has now become a summer musical. This week they will share their hard work and dedication on the musical revue, "Not Oliver!"

Originally, the group was scheduled to perform Memorial Day weekend at the Derry Opera House, but due to the pandemic, the theatre group will now be per-

parking lot on East Derry Road in East Derry.

The cast includes 15 talented youth actors who have remained committed through these most exceptional circumstances, and are presenting a one-hour musical revue, with an original script written by Director, and KCT Alumni, John Rodgers. Other Kids Coop Alumni adding to the direction demic, the group lost ing folks to come see the team are Daniel Cain as more than half their kids, performance.

forming outside, at Kids Music Director and the entire directing team, Coop Theatre studios Megan Cullinane as and the show rights and Choreographer.

A limited number of tickets will be sold at the

KCT Studios (46 East Derry Road) Monday through Thursday from 5-8pm, cash or check payable to Kids Coop Theatre. Due to necessary safety precautions and space restrictions, seating will be all assigned in advance.

Over the past several months, due to the pan-

had to move on with virtual rehearsals through late June.

Now, with a new directing team, who wrote their own musical using past shows music, the group is trying to get through this trying time with the energy of some fresh faces.

The kids and parents that remained with the program have put quite a bit of effort and are invit-



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Ovation Cast Hits the Stage Outdoors with A Chorus Line



The weather cooperated and made it possible for the Ovation Theatre Company to perform three "A Chorus Line" shows at the Londonderry Middle School parking lot between Thursday and Saturday last week. Nearly 25 performers took to the stage under the guidance of Director Meg Gore, Musical Director Kevin Fisher and Choreographed by Adam Fugal, Katy Gore and Joey Tannalfo. The entire cast wore face shields due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the show was viewed by social distanced fans. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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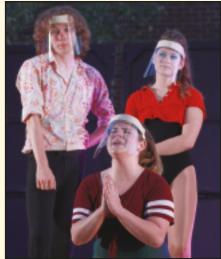








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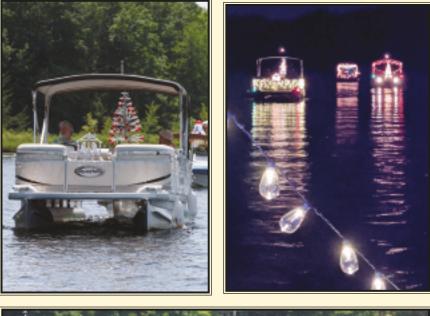
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Phillips Pond Residents Hold Christmas in July Boat Parade



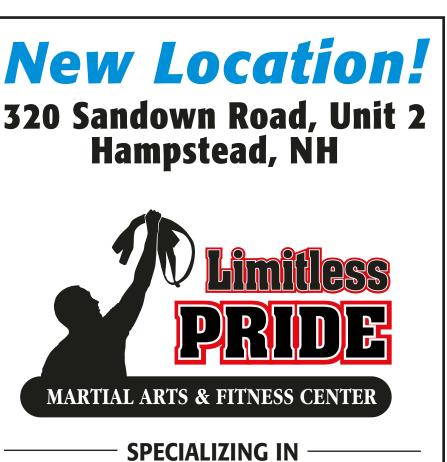








Some of the residents living on the shores of Phillips Pond in Sandown held two parades on Saturday, July 25. One was in the early afternoon, and the other took place as the sun set over the pond. Residents decked out their boats with ornaments, christmas trees, lights and inflatable characters. One boat went as far as having a live band playing Christmas tunes. The group hopes to make the parade a annual tradition. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Annual Blues Festival To Benefit Veterans Set for Aug. 22

Melissa beth Ruiz NUTFIELD NEWS

Their motto: "Vets Helping Vets." Their mission: "To maintain public awareness of veteran issues...to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen, have been taken prisoner or are missing in action while serving their country during an armed conflict," and, "To support and defend those who have defended our country and our freedoms."

According to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, as of January 2019 nearly 10 percent of all the state's homeless population comprises of veterans. Now more than ever, in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, those who have defended the United States need the support of those they have fought to protect.

That is where the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) and the Londonderry Blues Festival come in.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the sixth annual Blues Festival will be taking place on the Commons later this summer on Saturday, August 22.

Funds raised at the fes-CVMA, an organization at least six feet apart.

consisting of all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles, and who work to help veteran care facilities provide warm meals, clothing, shelter, and guidance to veterans in need.

As always, admission to the Blues Festival will be free, with opportunities available for patrons to donate to the cause either through food truck purchases, participation in raffles, and through direct donations

Dennis Martin (also known as Dr. Harp), Blues Fest coordinator and front man for Dr. Harp's All Veterans Blues Band, met with Chief of the Londonderry Fire Department, Darren O'Brien on Monday, July 27 to iron out all of the details to make this event possible.

According to Martin, the Blues Festival will be the only concert event to have been allowed to take place in town amid the pandemic so far.

Naturally, for the safety of everyone involved, CDC guidelines will be in place for the event per Chief O'Brien. Signs will be placed along the Commons to help individuals and family groups (of no more than tival will benefit the ten) maintain a distance of

food truck and an ice cream community of fellow vetertruck on the common for patrons to purchase food from. There will also be penny," Martin said, "It's two tables for patrons to all volunteers, no adminisvisit, one to participate in raffles and one to give direct donations to the Association.

Martin stated that outside non-alcoholic beverages are welcome, and patrons may bring their own chairs and blankets if they wish. Per current CDC guidelines, patrons are urged to wear face masks while in attendance, and are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies.

Martin explained that the Festival will have far fewer vendors this year than in years past in order to keep things safe for all in attendance. As a result, there is the possibility of fewer avenues for donations, but Martin is hopeful that the festival will still be able to match monies raised from previous years.

"We hope that people will give out of the goodness of their heart," said Martin.

Martin spoke highly of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, stating that the organization does not profit from any



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According to Martin, money they receive, instead ans in need.

trative costs."

Along with Martin's band, the Londonderry Blues Fest will once again feature, for everyone's listening pleasure, the Deep Fry'd Blues Band.

Also joining the line-up this year will be the Larry Dougher Band and the Adam McMahon Trio.

All four groups have something to offer listeners of all ages. The young and young-at-heart will all find themselves dancing and singing, and just immersing themselves in the deep, soulful instrumentals and vocals.

Reopening continued from page 1

mitment to keeping each other safe.

Chester Academy physical distancing guidelines will vary from between three to six feet, depending on the situation, and the school will continue to comply with NHDOE, DHHS, AAP and the CDC on keeping areas clean.

Mask use will be required to all who enter the school or who are on buses or on school property. Pre-K children will be exempt.

The school year will be shortened from 180 days to

there will be a barbecue putting it all back into their all ages are welcome." said Martin.

Attendees will be asked "They don't take one to remain 20 to 25 feet away from the stage for their safety, though distance will make no difference in listening quality as the smoky-smooth sounds of the Blues will fill all of the Commons, pouring out into the surrounding streets.

The sixth annual Londonderry Blues Festival will take place August 22 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Parking will be available at all neighboring churches and at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, said Martin. There will also be volunteers present to help direct parking and traffic.

Those who are apprehensive about attending this year's Blues Festival, but

177 school days, giving time to train staff for three days, and the committee is recommending the first day of school start on

Tuesday, Sept. 8. If opened, half of the gym will be utilized as an area for students with symptoms to be waiting to go home.

Tents will be set up for screening and check in.

Hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed in every classroom.

There are three options being recommended by the committee:

• Adapted in Person -Which would be starting the year as they normally would with safety proto-

"This is a family event, who would still like to contribute to the cause may visit www.combatvetnhv1.org or www.combatvets52.com to make donations directly to the local CVMA chapters, and to learn more about the organization.

Donations for raffles will also be accepted via drop off on the day of the event before patrons are expected to arrive.

"I'm there at ten." said Martin. "Just look for the guy who has the Coast Guard shirt on."

Anyone who would like to arrange a drop off for a raffle donation further ahead of time, or who has further questions regarding this year's Blues Festival may contact Dennis Martin at (603) 303-0352.

cols in place. There would also be videoconferences for those who choose to stay home

• Hybrid Remote - With most students learning from home, and having scheduled weekly meetings consisting of a maximum of five students.

• Full Remote - That would have all students remaining at home as they did through the spring.

The committee will be presenting their plan for the school reopening in the first week of August to the School Board.

The full presentation video can be found at www.chesternh.org or at ca.sau82.org.



Hampstead Public Library to Allow Access on Aug. 3

Library begins customer remote access to the building by print/scan/fax appointment starting Mon- Although there are not day, Aug. 3. This is Phase 3 computers available for use of the Plan for Increased in the building, Library Services. Appointments are cardholders may borrow a for Library cardholders who wish to browse the shelves in order to select materials to borrow. Each appointment is for a 30minute period. Time slots are available on the hour from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., on Saturdays. Only one person in a family needs to make the appointment; however, they will be asked how many from their household will be coming. For example, a husband and wife might come, or a parent with three children, etc. Library patrons can call 603-329-6411 to book an to Library cardholders. appointment, or reserve a Bedrock Gardens is located time online via the Library in Lee, NH. The Library website.

Face coverings must be worn at all times in the building. If visitors do not have a mask, they will be provided with one. Social distancing rules between patrons and staff will also be in effect. If you feel ill or have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you stay at home.

Curbside Pickup service continues during the specified hours on Monday

The Hampstead Public also help people with able and curbside requests. laptop for in-parking lot use. WiFi printing from the parking lot is available via both borrowed laptops and customers' own devices.

Returned materials will continue to be guarantined for at least 72-hours before being put back into circulation. If patrons wish to donate books, they can now do so. Please call in advance to let the staff know what kind of books you wish donate and how many. Donations will be quarantined before being handled by staff.

The Hampstead Public Library is pleased to announce the addition of a new discount pass available pass admits one family for free. In these trying times, the power of gardens can be soothing for body and mind. Bedrock Gardens is a place where botanical specimens and unique sculpture meet in a landscape journey. This and many other attraction passes are now available from the Library. To reserve a pass, access the reservation system via www.HampsteadLibrary.org or call 329-6411.

• A special musical conthrough Saturday. Staff can cert video becomes avail-



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only via website starting Aug. 3. Local musicians Sharon and Nick Pangaro take an American Musical Journey around town with an array of instruments. More information is coming soon!

• There is a Summer Zoom Book Discussion for adults on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. Talk about the books you have read (or listened to) and enjoyed this summer. Learn about books coming out in August and the fall. Please register in ine our lives, and have fun

for Zoom, you can participate by phone.

• Professor Melissa Juchniewicz, English faculty at UMass Lowell, shares writing tips and exercises in a free Re-Imagine Your Story, Writing Workshop on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 7 workshop The p.m. includes the opportunity to write and share your work with others. We'll re-imag-

OBITUARY

Muriel E. Casper

Muriel E. Casper, 81, formally of Derry NH, passed away Friday July 24, 2020 at Derry Health and Rehab of Derry, NH, after a period of declining health. Muriel was born in Arlington, MA and

was a daughter of the late Seymour and S. Evelyn (Rugg) Steeves. She was raised and educated in Arlington and had been a resident of Derry for 13 years

Muriel was employed as the Library Administrator at Phillips Andover Academy. Muriel was very active with her Church and loved singing in the choir. She participated in several ministries, her favorite being the Nursery. Muriel loved to watch sports but especially loved college and professional football. Any given Sunday she'd be in her chair, with her jersey on, cheering for her favorite teams. Muriel loved her family the most. She spent the majority of her time loving, supporting and caring for all. She loved lunches with friends. Muriel had a giving nature and took very little for herself. A loving Daughter, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister and Aunt. She was a caring and faithful friend and blessed the lives of everyone who knew her.

Family members include Daughters: Lois (Casper) Shaffer, Esther (Casper) Elliott and her husband Thomas Elliott. Grandchildren: Christina (Pelletier) Wagley and her husband Eric Wagley, Rae (Bardsley) Vondersonne, Joseph Pelletier IV, Richard Pelletier and his wife Jennifer (Meskell) Pelletier, Crystal (Bardsley) Rozek and her husband Michael Rozek, Alise Elliott, Robert Bardsley III and his wife Jamie (Dobbs) Bardsley, Annie Elizabeth Bardsley (predeceased), Halie Elliott, Chase Elliott. Great Grandchildren: Alexa Pelletier, Hannah Wagley, Lola Krasko, Lucas Krasko, Mickey Rozek, Fox Rozek, Jailyn Pelletier. Brothers: Rev. Seymour Steeves (predeceased) and his wife Betty Ann Steeves (predeceased) Ronald Steeves and his wife Roberta Steeves (predeceased) Harold Steeves (predeceased) and his wife Ethel Steeves, Robert Steeves and his wife Nancy Steeves (predeceased). Nieces: Susan, Patricia, Deborah, Karen, Cynthia and Diana. Nephews: John and James.

Due to travel and gathering restrictions, services will be held at a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

the advance via the calendar on writing about what we'd Simon Brooks weaves his Hampstead Public Library www.HampsteadLibrary.- like to be doing now. magic by sharing stories org or call 603-329-6411. If Registrants receive handyou do not have a computer outs and the Zoom link in advance. Please sign-up via the event calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.or g. Email jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org if you have

> questions. • The Children's Summer Reading Finale is on Friday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m., on the Library's front lawn. Professional Storyteller

from around the world. Please bring a blanket or chairs to spread out on the lawn. We ask participants to socially distance. Adults and older children should wear a mask. Due to Curbside Pickup in the parking lot, we ask that you park across the street. All kids and adults are welcome to get a free cool treat at 1:45 p.m., from the Kona Ice.

OBITUARY **Carol Sheahan**

On Monday, April 6, 2020, Carol Sheahan passed away at the age of 72 with her husband by her side. Daughter of the late Regina Froehlich and Tony Froehlich. Carol was born on Jan. 29, 1948 in

Belfield, North Dakota. After graduating from Belfield High School, she attended Cosmetology School in Rapid City, South Dakota. It was there that she met the love of her life who was stationed in Rapid City, SD. On Sept. 5, 1970, she married her husband Wally Sheahan. Together they settled in Chelmsford, MA and raised two children.

Carol was many wonderful things. Being a great cook was high on that list. Her skills in the kitchen was legendary with her family and friends. Carol made one of the best sweet potato casseroles around. Carol also had a passion for gardening and canning. She was always generous with making sure she made enough for all her family and friends. Every week she always had a baked surprise for the grandkids. Baking was something she truly enjoyed. She also loved to travel in her retirement. She and Wally spent many vacations on the road seeing the country. She was the most loving wife, mother and grandmother a family could ever ask for and will be missed every day by all who knew her. Carol loved spending her time with her family. She was involved in all of her grandkids' activities and always tried her best not to miss a moment, whether it was a game, picture before a dance, or just hanging out together. She was always there.

She is survived by her husband Walter Sheahan of Derry, NH, her son Jay Sheahan and wife Sandy Sheahan of Hampstead, NH, her daughter Amy Morrow and husband Eric Morrow of Derry, NH, her grandchildren Taylor Morrow, Dylan Morrow, Nicholas Morrow, Kaylie Sheahan and Logan Sheahan, (all of whom she had an incredibly close bond with), her four sisters, Jeanie Redmond of Belfield, ND, Betty Obrigewitch of Belfield, ND, Maggie Ison of Batavia, OH, Delores Meyer of Rapid City, SD, and two brothers Ralph Froehlich and Kenny Froehlich both in Belfield, ND. She also has many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Friday Aug. 14, at 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Friends and family may gather at the funeral home beginning at 10 a.m., prior to the service. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks and encouraged to social distance.



Pinkerton Players Get to Perform Drive In Style Musical







The Pinkerton Players performed Children of Eden on Wednesday, July 22, at noon at Tupelo Music Hall in Derry. The musical was originally scheduled for the spring but was cancelled due to the pandemic. It was performed last week under COVID-19 guidelines, so the participants were stationed six-feet apart, and were only able to sing and act from where they were positioned. This was the 40-year anniversary of the Pinkerton Players and those who attended were given a memento to mark the occasion. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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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.

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 selizabeth@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 p.m. Tie dye a t-shirt at the access, visit: www.us04w- Chester Public Library. Please in eb.zoom.us/j/140218559, Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@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.

CHESTER

Important Voting Notice

Due to Covid-19 Chester Supervisors of the Checklist will be in Town Hall for voter registration for the 2020 Primary and Presidential Elections Aug. 3, 10, 17, & 24, from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Aug 29, from noon - 1 p.m. With active participation expected Covid-19 guidelines and social distancing Please consider registering early to avoid delays at the polls. Avoiding registering on Election Day will save you waiting in line. You may also register with the Town Clerk during regular hours or contact the Clerk at elufkin-@chesternh.org for an absentee ballot form application.

Play with Ozobots

On Thursday, Aug. 6, at 4 p.m., "Drive" mini robots on a track at the Chester Public Library. For kids of all ages. Please Register on the Chester Library Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Harry Potter Escape Room

Starting Monday, Aug. 10 at the Chester Public Library, Can you escape from the Hogwarts library? All Ages Welcome. Please Register on the Chester Library Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Tie Dye Tuesday

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 1

bring your own shirt. All Ages Welcome. Please Register on the Chester Library Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Teen Animal Crossing

On Thursday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. Visit other islands and hang out on the CPLteens Discord server. Please Register with the Chester Public Library on the Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Summer Reading Finale

Last day to hand in reading logs fro the Chester Library's Summer Reading is Saturday, Aug. 15! Winners will be drawn and prizes will be awarded the following week.

Harry Potter Trivia Night

How much do you Really know about Harry Potter? Find out on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 4 p.m. All Ages Welcome. This program will be held virtually on WebEx. Check the Chester Public Library Facebook page for more information. Please Register on the Facebook page or call 887-3404.

Teen Wands

Cast a spell with a magic wand on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 1 p.m. at the Chester Library. For kids of all ages. Please Register on the Chester Library 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 disdo not have one. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.

HAMPSTEAD

Town-wide Yard Sale Canceled The Town of Hampstead

partnership with Community Caregivers of Greater Derry has chosen to not plan and execute the year's annual town-wide yard sale that would have been on October 10, 2020 (Columbus Day weekend). The active cases of COVID-19 are down in Hampstead, but surrounding towns within 15 minutes are still showing cases of the virus. Having such an event is encouraging a gathering of 10 or more people, and a gathering where people are going from place to place. It would only take one person to go from location to location during the event to seriously spread the virus. In addition, yard sales must also comply with the same guidelines required of retail operations. The Town of Hampstead and Community Caregivers are hoping to hold this event on future Columbus Day Weekends.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 21, from 1 -

posable masks for those that 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. Visit redcrossblood.org for further information on this time saving feature. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. For specific information on this drive,

Grief Support

please contact John Cussen

at 603-329-5207.

Hampstead Congregational Church will hold their monthly Community Grief Support Group on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 10:30 a.m. - noon in Hadley Hall, 61 Main St., Hampstead. We are following safety protocols and ask that you wear a mask. Your grief may be from a long-ago loss, or it may be more recent--the loss of a spouse, a child, a sibling, a home, a job, or a dream.... This group will seek to be a place where each may give and receive support wherever you are on your journey of loss. Please know you are welcome to just drop in. If you have any questions, please call 603-329-6985.

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 storywalk 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 this event has movement, reading, rhymes, and songs for ages 0-36 months. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based continued on page 15



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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.



Free July and August Meals in Derry/Londonderry Area opened to everyone. Dinner on July 31 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6

the Transfiguration of (DECOFT) from 5 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 15 at St Luke's Church from 5 - 6 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 16 at Elijah's Table (EHS) from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Continental

Dinner on Aug. 9 at Church Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Dinner on Aug. 28 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door. Lunch on Aug. 30 at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sonshine Soup Kitchen - will Breakfast on Aug. 22 at be serving drive-by to-go

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