

# Derry School Board Holds Fast on Reopening Plan

**CHRIS PAUL**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Derry School Board Meeting held on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the West Running Brook Middle School, three members of the Derry Education Association (DEA) spoke about the issues the group has with the school opening plan proposed by the Derry Cooperative School District.

Meg Morse-Berry, a Special Needs Facilitator was the first to speak saying that the group was there that evening to share with the board how teachers feel about returning to school. "Our questions have not been answered,

the safety of all of our educational community is in jeopardy," Morse-Berry began by saying.

She added that Derry educators have expressed that, "Plan A is willfully inadequate and contains too many gaps to be safe and effective for in-person instruction." She continued that the major flaw with the plan is that people will attend school, until enough people get sick.

She read a number of letters written by local educators who all felt that opening the schools would put their live, and the lives of students in danger of contracting COVID-19.

Derry Education Association first vice president Dave Levesque was second

to speak, and he began by speaking on desk separation, saying that the way the district is measuring doesn't make sense, because the way they are measuring, it allows be closer than six-feet.

He read a few of the over 600 letters the association had received. One said, "This is a life and death situation." That letter said the they are fearful of having a family member bringing the virus home, where they have an elderly family member who will die if they bring this home. The letter also said, "It will not be a healthy school environment if we are working in fear."

The first response from

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# Wason Pond Commission Discusses Pavilion Plan

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CHESTER - The Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission held a videoconference meeting on Monday, Aug. 3, and one of the items discussed at the meeting was the design and construction of a pavilion at Wason Pond.

Selectman Chuck Myette shared the plans with fellow commissioners, and described it as a community project, much like the covered bridge project that happened a number of years ago.

Working with the Timber Framer's Guild Myette said that the design would

be much like that Pratt Brother's design of the covered bridge and would be located near the beach at Wason Pond. The design was a preliminary draft of what the group would be proposing.

Myette explained that there would need to be six concrete footings under each of the wooden pillars. The entire structure would be about 47x22', which is slightly larger than the group first anticipated. The plan originally called for an 800-square-foot structure, so either they could have the designer scale down the design, or the group could go back to the Rockingham Recreation Commission and ask for an

adjustment.

Myette was looking for input from the commission on what they thought of the design that was submitted, and said that he would the plans out via email for feedback.

Recreation Director, Corinna Reishus, asked about the location, and Myette explained it would be near where they have the tent set up each year.

Myette also explained that the designer was looking for an idea of what soil is at that location and some other things to move things along. He said this gives us an opportunity discuss the design and decide on a schedule for the construction.

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**2020 Graduates** The Upper Room in Derry held a Graduation Ceremony for its Class of 2020 on Friday, Aug. 14 with 25 students finally getting to celebrate their achievements through the HiSet Program. See more on page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

# Residents Address HoytFord Hills Plans at Conservation Commission

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SANDOWN - During the Conservation Commission Meeting on Aug. 13, a number of residents from the area of the proposed HoytFord Hills development addressed the Commission with concerns about what will be done there.

Sierra Dolce was the first to speak, and she had concerns with some of the stone structures that exist on the site.

Conservation member Pam Gaudreau mentioned that the site was very close to the Danville Beehive and she has been studying those for about a dozen years. She said that there are countless stone structures that straddle both Sandown and Danville.

Joanne Donahue also spoke, a resident of Ferguson Lane, and representing a group called Sandown Residents for Responsible Growth, saying she had spoken with the Sandown Selectmen requesting that incremental investigative studies be preformed as the development begins.

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# Three Rebublicans Hope for County Commissioner Seat

There will be three candidates looking for voter support in the State Primary on Sept. 8.

The Nutfield News asked each for a brief bio to help our readers be better informed.

## Bruce R. Breton

Dear Voters of Rockingham County,

I have been privileged to serve my community in many capacities. I was proud to be elected to the Board Of Selectmen( 6 Terms), and have served on the Capital Improvement Committee, Conservation Commission, Planning Board and the Zoning Board Of Adjustment. Most recently, I was appointed to the New Hampshire Ground Water Trust.

Through my broad range of experience, I have acquired a deep working knowledge of the functions of our local governments, an appreciation for the responsibilities to the people they serves, and an understanding of the unique challenges Rockingham County faces. By listening to the Residents of Rockingham County, our public employees and Business Owners , as well as Boards in surrounding towns, I have learned what works in our government.

I seek to serve as your Commissioner out of a sim-

ple desire to make an even more wonderful place to live. While Rockingham County has so much to offer, I also see a lot of potential in this County, and I believe I can help Rockingham County live up to that potential.

As a Commissioner, I will foster transparency, and I will be a strong advocate for decisions that are in the best interest of Rockingham County. I will always approach fiscal responsibility with intelligence and discipline. I will work to foster a rich, creative and innovative environment for our to County government. I will apply my passion and dedication to help create a plan for Rockingham County that leads us soundly into the future while honoring where we have been.

But I cannot do any of this, without your vote. Thanks in advance for your support and vote on September 8. Lets Keep Rockingham County Great

Respectfully yours,  
Bruce R. Breton

## Brian Chirichiello

Brian has lived in Rockingham County most all of his life. Married 35 years with 2 daughters.

Self employeeed real estate agent, 20yrs.

5 Terms as a Derry Town Councilor Dist 4 ( 15 yrs.)

5 Terms Derry State Rep (10 yrs.)

6 Years on Rockingham County Delegation Executive Committee Chair of County Attorney Budget.

I am the only candidate running that has ANY county experience and will be able to work as Commissioner on day 1. No learning curve for me. I am running to keep Rockingham County taxes low, and great place to raise a family. This year, I was instrumental in decreasing the county budget by 600k which results in a lower budget over previous year budget. A savings for the taxpayers.

Having a working relationship with the department heads and knowledge of an

89M budget will be a benefit to the people living in Rockingham County.

Www.brian4rcc.com is where you can get additional info on my campaign.

## Janet Fairbanks

My name is Janet Fairbanks and I am running for District III Rockingham County Commissioner.

My husband and I moved to Derry in 1985 where we have resided for 35 years. I attended Oswego Catholic High School and Oswego State University. I was a stay-at-home mother to my children, Justin and Jennifer, for 10 years. For the last twenty years, I have worked in accounting, responsible for maintaining corporate records and coordinating corporate

payroll. I currently serve as Treasurer on the Board of Directors with Mallard's Landing Association.

I served as Derry Town Councilor for two consecutive terms and was a

Councilor liaison to various boards and committees during my tenure. Of all the projects I helped spearhead as Councilor, one of my proudest accomplishments was the paving of the Derry Rail Trail. The Rail Trail is the most utilized "park" in Derry and this project encouraged other towns, like Londonderry, to continue the effort.

I am a strong taxpayer advocate. While serving on the Derry Town Council, I was fiscally responsible, putting the needs of my con-

stituents first and foremost before the demands of the employee unions.

There is a proposal for the construction of an estimated 40 million dollar building within the Rockingham County complex. While my opponents are in favor of this project, I am not. If elected, I promise that I would not vote to raise the county tax rate or debt load during this most difficult of economic times.

To the citizens of Auburn, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Londonderry, Northwood, Nottingham and Windham, I humbly ask for your support by voting for me in the primary on September 8, 2020.

Thank you  
Janet Fairbanks

## School

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the School Board was from Michelle McKinnon saying that the information the board had received through the survey taken showed that over 74 percent of the parents wanted to return to school and only 22 percent chose remote learning. She said, "I think our families have spoken, with 74 percent saying they want to return."

Board member, Lynn Perkins, addressed the idea that members were ignoring letters sent to them saying, "I addressed the very point of those letters on July 28, which was that we were not ignoring anyone."

He added that the num-

ber of residents reported in having the virus is 17, and that's pretty low. He also expressed that a lot of the numbers being used by the DEA are mostly national numbers that don't reflect what is going on in Derry.

Member Nick del'Etoile, had a somewhat blunt response to the number of parents that want to send their children back to school. He said, "It's not entirely because they feel their kids are safe, it's because they can't handle their kids at home. They pawn their kids off on the teachers because they think it's a daycare."

del'Etoile went on to say that he felt that those parents who having been living through the pandem-

ic not wearing masks have been teaching their children the same behavior, and that idea will follow them into the schools.

Member Erika Cohan said, "No situation is going to be perfect. Life rarely is. Every occupation has its risks."

She explained that parents have been given the choice of either returning to school or saying home and learning remotely. "It's not perfect, it's not disrespecting teachers, it's simply saying, you were hired to do a job, and this is a case where the job is really hard."

Cohan finished by saying, "You signed to do a job, and these kids need you."

Chairman Derick Anderson also added that he

thought the best thing we can do for the students is get them back in the schools. Concerns ranging from malnutrition, safety and mental health outweigh the coronavirus. He said that if the COVID-19 numbers change, the district will pivot, but right now the best thing we can do for our students is to get them back in the schools.

Superintendent Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian took exception to the idea that letters were being ignored saying that all the letters had been read by the leadership team and were addressed in a number of ways. They were all categorized and addressed in two webinars and through the "Roadmap to Reopening" plan that was released.



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# Pinkerton Academy Announces its 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees

The Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees and Headmaster Dr. Tim Powers have announced that the Hall of Fame Committee has selected four new inductees to be inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in September.

The newest members that were chosen include Zachariah Chandler, Joseph Dion, Kevin Morrison and Zachary Sanford.

Zachariah Chandler is an alumnus who was a



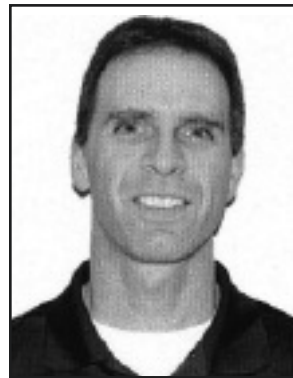
Zachariah Chandler

political leader and founder of the Republican party.



Joseph Dion

Joseph Dion is a well-respected, longtime Pinkerton Academy teacher



Kevin Morrison

and deacon at St. Thomas Aquinas church in Derry.

Kevin Morrison, is an



Zachary Sanford

alumnus who still holds a football record, and also volunteers his time coach-

ing at his alma mater.

Zach Sanford, an alumnus, is a professional hockey player and is currently playing with the Stanley Cup Champions, St. Louis Blues.

The induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26, in the Astro Cafe.

For tickets or media inquiries, contact Meagan Sojka, Alumni Coordinator at 437-5200 x1101.

## Assessing Next Financial Steps When Coronavirus Relief Programs End

As the government debates additional aid for Americans impacted by the pandemic, many of the initial relief programs have expired or will do so in the coming weeks, leaving

many people seeking additional solutions to stay afloat.

"While the government may approve new aid, it's impossible to say what form it will take or how

long it will last," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency.

"That's why it's critical to know your options beyond government assistance and prepare for the day when that relief runs out."

Sullivan offers the following tips:

- Stay on unemployment: Regardless of what the feds do, keep filing unemployment claims if you're eligible. This way, you'll receive whatever amount your state pays, and you'll remain eligible for any potential retroactive or new changes made at the federal level.

- Whittle your budget: Zero in on necessities such as rent/mortgage, food, transportation and insurance, while eliminating as many non-essential items as you can to free up cash for payments.

- Dip into your emer-

gency savings: If you've been able to hold off from using emergency savings, now is the time to use it. But dip in slowly, especially if you anticipate an extended cash crunch. Focus on paying for essentials like rent/mortgage and covering the power and water bills.

- Seek alternative assistance: Explore other assistance programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which could free up funds for other bills. Also, research possible aid through your city or community, as well as food banks or nonprofit agencies that provide assistance to those in need.

- Ask for more help: Even as federal and state mandates on forbearance, evictions, shutoffs and

other actions expire, creditors, lenders, landlords and utilities may still be open to additional hardship help. Ask about possible payment plans or partial payments until your situation improves.

- Consider a retirement withdrawal: Under the CARES Act, you can withdraw up to \$100,000 from your retirement savings without an early withdrawal penalty. This may be an option if you're really strapped for cash, but it is risky. You will have to pay back whatever you withdraw within three years or pay income tax on it.

For additional resources and solutions related to expiring coronavirus relief programs, visit [takechargeamerica.org/coronavirus-financial-relief/](https://takechargeamerica.org/coronavirus-financial-relief/).

## Wason Pond Plans

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The plans will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Myette went on to say the Timber Frame group is very excited to come back to Chester for another project, he added that the wood for the project would need to be harvested over the winter, when the pine trees have the least amount of sap content.

The plan doesn't call for many beams, so he felt that if they harvested wood from one of the town's conservation areas in December or January, the wood would be ready for the spring.

Also discussed by the commission was an ADA Compliance Ramp at Wason Pond with much of the discussion focused on what kind materials would be allowed to be used.

Reishus told the board that the Town Administrator, Deb Doda had emailed her on getting details, and told her \$20,000 had been encumbered for the project.

Members first thought that metal was the only material allowed, but later wondered if wood or stone could be used. No decision was made until they got verification on materi-

als needed.

During the meeting Reishus explained that she has been fielding complaints about people using the woods as a bathroom area.

She suggested using a large handicap Porta Potty on the beach with a sign reading, "Use at your own risk."

There is jell sanitizer dispenser inside the unit, and the Recreation Department does not have the staff to be continually cleaning them.

The commission decided that one handicap unit would be placed near the beach to keep people from using the woods, and later there would be one dropped at the ball fields.

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# Editorial

## Reputation Or Character, Which One Is More Important?

Personally, I feel character is more important than reputation, because your character is who you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think or say you are.

Beware of the trap of thinking that your success is defined by your reputation. Your character is far more important in defining your success than your reputation ever will be. Character, principles and values define whom you really are, regardless of where you are in life. Your reputation, on the other hand, is nothing more than what some people think you are. If you have strong and good character your reputation will take care of itself.

Your consistent honorable behavior will prove a great benefit and even insulting remarks made about you will become meaningless because people will be hesitant to believe them. There are plenty of people who have a stellar reputation and yet lack character, and the opposite is true as well.

You build and control your own character; it becomes your more authentic self. Aiming solely at reputation is weakness. Reputation is how others perceive you. To be more concerned about your reputation means you care more about the public's

opinion of you rather than your character and your integrity. Reputation can be destroyed in an instant. Character on the other hand is forever. Your true character is revealed when no one else is looking and in stressful situations.

Being true to yourself is when you find your character being severely tested, by living up to your responsibilities, doing things because they're right, not because it makes you look good. Be true to yourself – don't let yourself be defined by others.

Although, I believe character is more important than reputation having a good reputation is also positive. Much of the time people may not really know us and base their judgment of us merely on reputation. This form of judgment can't be avoided that's why some people place such importance on building up a good reputation. That representation may be a false image of who they really are.

Having a good reputation may be a wonderful way to open doors, but only with good character will you be able to keep the doors open. Phonies and con artists are soon found out and then usually ushered out. To quote Joan Jet "I don't give a damn 'bout my reputation". I give a damn about doing the right thing.

# Letters

## Vote for Matt Mowers

To the editor,

Republicans are facing a choice as to whom our choice will be to run for Congress in the first Congressional district. I heartily endorse Matt Mowers.

Working part-time with my wife Dr. Mary Pearson at New Creation Healing Center, Kingston, I am very concerned about issues of health care. I regularly invite various candidates to visit our center and see how our alternative way of providing health care could prove an effective model around the country. Additionally, I wish to discuss with the candidates issues medical providers and patients face with our messed-up health care delivery system.

Of all the candidates I've spoken to of late, Matt Mowers was the one who grasped health care issues the most.

This is not surprising. He served as chief of staff to Dr. Deborah Birx, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator under Presidents Obama and Trump, and lately the Coronavirus Response Coordinator for the White House Coronavirus Task Force since February 2020.

I recently had to help a constituent with a problem requiring action from Washington. Matt Mowers knew exactly whom to call in Washington and the problem got quickly resolved. Again, this is not surprising. He had worked in the State Department and is well-known and well-liked around Washington.

If elected to Congress, Matt Mowers will hit the ground running for you

and for me. But first, he needs to win the Republican Primary on September 8. Please vote for Matt Mowers.

Rep. Mark Pearson  
(Atkinson, Hampstead,  
Kingston and Plaistow)

## Vote for Josh Bourdon

To the editor,

Last Thursday night, I attended a virtual house party for Josh Bourdon, Democratic candidate for NH Senate District 19. He is a devoted family man with two young children and a supportive wife. But he also is a knowledgeable, dedicated, and engaged civic leader. He is in his third term on the Derry Town Council. He was instrumental in leading Derry out of a very tumultuous time when we were laying off police and firefighters in a community divided over rising property taxes. Josh worked to stabilize property taxes, not by cutting services, but through creative solutions such as establishing the Net Zero Task Force to take advantage of the cost-saving attributes of renewable energy. In the decade after the 2008 recession, the State cut the town and cities share of meals and rooms tax revenues from 29% to 21%, stopped sharing business tax revenues altogether, and stopped paying its portion of police, firefighter and teacher pensions, leaving property taxpayers to pick up the tab. The budget developed by the next legislature will be heavily influenced by the Covid pandemic. We need someone like Josh in the Senate

to make sure that state revenues are fairly shared with towns and cities. In the same way he brought Derry together, he will reach out to Hampstead and Windham to hear their concerns and work to find solutions that unite rather than divide. If you want someone who will truly represent the people of Senate District 19, vote for Josh Bourdon.

Mary Till  
Derry

## Allow me to Serve You Again

To the editor,

I have had the honor of serving as the Rockingham County Sheriff since being sworn in after the 2018 election. I am seeking your support again as I am kicking off my campaign for re-election as Sheriff for Rockingham County.

When I ran for Sheriff, I campaigned on expanding our drug task force and preparing our communities to respond to and prevent Active shooter incidents as well as other threats in our schools, businesses and neighborhoods.

I am passionate about getting these dangerous drugs off the streets that affect our families, friends and children. I also understand the need for rehabilitation for those seeking help.

We have enhanced our drug task force by partnering with more communities, allowing us to have more deputies to fight this dangerous epidemic that is bringing poison to streets and homes all across Rockingham County.

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# Letters

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I have dedicated experienced deputy instructors to work collaboratively with numerous school districts, police, and fire departments, businesses and houses of worship, to

help ensure the safety of our citizens, by providing active shooter preparation and response training.

I have stood by my campaign promises and have been making positive changes at the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office since day one. I consider myself a working

Sheriff that is out on the road and is willing to do anything I expect my deputies to do.

The Rockingham County Sheriff's Office has and always will be ready to help, serve and protect our communities under my administration. This is a promise I made

when I first ran for office, and a promise I make again to the citizens of Rockingham County.

Chuck Massahos  
candidate for Sheriff

## Getting Elections Right in New Hampshire

To the editor,

2020 will be a critical election year. It must be absolute that all NH citizens may vote safely, and have the utmost confidence that elections are fair and honest.

We represent No Labels: Problems Solvers of New Hampshire - a non-partisan group of NH citizens who strongly believe in a political process that elevates problem solving above party tribalism and puts country before party.

Given the multiple crises of the pandemic, economic disruption,

social justice issues, and a loss of faith in government institutions, we must find a way to come together now, to ensure the integrity of our elections as it is vitally important for democracy to work in NH and across our country.

With COVID-19, there are concerns about the safety of polling places. NH Secretary of State Bill Gardner is aware of the challenges, and formed a six-member panel which has made recommendations to ensure election integrity "In the event of a worst case scenario." We encourage you to check the state's website ([www.sos.nh.gov](http://www.sos.nh.gov)) to learn more, particularly, the absentee ballot process.

Finally, we encourage the No Labels Problem Solvers Caucus in the House (25 Republicans and 25 Democrats) to support all efforts needed to

ensure the integrity of the 2020 elections.

Sincerely,  
Micheal Gavrish

## Return Your Absentee Ballots

To the editor,

Time is running out for you to return your absentee ballot. Please be sure to get your ballot in the mail or drop it off with your town clerk immediately. If you are mailing your ballot, it's more important than ever to get it in the mail now to be sure that it is counted. Due to the recent manipulations of the USPS delivery standards, time is of the essence. Send it with a .55 cent stamp. Send it 10 - 14 days before the election to give the USPS time to deliver it and the election officials time to process it! Your vote is your voice!

Jan Jacome  
Derry



## Crash Landing

Children at the Londonderry YMCA Summer Camp got a surprise visit from the Londonderry Fire Department last week. Campers had a project to build devices to keep eggs from breaking when dropped, but they didn't know they would be dropped from a ladder truck.

Photo by Jessica Paul

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# Republican State Rep Candidates to Meet in State Primary

## Tom Cardon

My name is Tom Cardon and I am running for the New Hampshire House of Representatives. I am a retired high school teacher and have lived in Derry for 30 years. For most of my 30 years in Derry I have been involved in Derry politics serving on various elected positions and committees. One of the most important things I can do in Concord is to vote for bills that directly benefit the citizens and taxpayers of Derry.

I have been a member of both energy committees in Derry and I have helped save the town more than a million dollars in energy cost. Our Net Zero Committee is currently working on a proposal for a solar array to be placed on the closed landfill. Because several Net Metering bills have failed, we are forced to postpone this project. If this bill were to pass, the town of Derry could save millions of dollars over the coming years. I support a Net Metering bill for Derry and will work to help it become law.

As a moderate Republican and fiscal conservative, I will not support any downshifting of cost from Concord to Derry. I will never vote for or support a broad-based tax for New Hampshire and will contin-

ue to support New Hampshire's tax advantage and environmental and natural resources.

## Anne Copp

The legislation in the 2020 session is so important to our neighbors, friends and businesses.

We need to keep spending down and vital services intact. It is important to free businesses

from unwarranted regulation and burdensome restrictions that prevent jobs and a booming NH economy.

Be assured that Representatives I work with are dedicated to making New Hampshire a place where

businesses come to thrive, where citizens are free to make choices that are right for them.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time regarding legislation that is important to you.

The 2020 Primary election is turning out to be very exciting; I cannot tell you how proud I am to run in the Primary to represent the citizens of Derry; it will be an honor to return to Concord on your behalf. During this election season please feel free to come to the Derry Transfer station to meet the slate of 8 Derry Conservatives, we have 4

weeks and counting.

## Phyllis May Katsakiores

Resident of Derry for 56 years, a graduate of Saugus High School, and Malden Business School. I am an Elected State Legislator for 17 terms, 34 years.

Organizations: Derry Auxiliary VFW Post #1617; involved Derry Republican Club, Rockingham Republican Committee, National Foundation for Women Legislators – chair, the Crime, Justice, Terrorism and Substance Abuse Committees, as well as 3 plus years to give away well over 2,000 backpacks to local organizations in Town.

Civic Service: Eucharist Minister, at St. Thomas Aquinas, Former Chair, and Chief.

Chaired the Garone's Senior Advisory committee, for (Derry Police Dept). Still serving on the Rockingham County Executive Board –Chairing the Registry of Deeds also voting to approve the budget for the Courts, jail, and nursing home.

I was a former Derry Selectman and Derry Town for many years. United Way Loan Executive for Shaw's Supermarket. Derry Junior Women's Club Chair and state Officer. Active with Social Reform and humanitarian Services. Mt Husband and myself are the long serving couple in the country, serving in the state Leg.

23 years elected together.

Even with all this and more experience I humbly ask for your vote on September 8.

## Maryann Kimball

I am running for State Representative because I've seen how things work in Concord. I believe that I can help the citizens of Derry achieve a better quality of life. I am a strong advocate for life that every child has the right to life. I am a Constitutional Conservative; I support the constitutions and the Republican Party Platform and the planks that support it. I strongly support the 2nd Amendment, I will advocate for great schools in Derry, I am working hard to earn your vote.

## Erica Layon

Erica Layon, 14 year Derry resident and married mother of 3 boys, is running for State Representative focused on getting Back to Work, Elevating Education and Trimming Taxes. She spent decades studying risk both in school and the real world. As a MIT Economist, she worked on Wall Street first as an options market maker who thrived in the trading floor pits, culminating her career as a Medical Device Analyst who worked with company executives and top doctors to bring new ideas to actual patient care.

Erica refocused these

skills to homeschooling. As a founding Board Member of Granite State Home Educators, she helped with outreach during our current crisis-schooling and hopes to help families find the right educational solutions including as always local public schools as a critical option.

While homeschooling, Erica effectively testified on bills to legislative committees to both pass and kill legislation. Thanks in part to Erica, a broadly written Emergency Powers bill that could have taken tomorrow's dinner from your fridge was stopped!

Erica believes the biggest issues facing Derry today are getting back to work and getting kids back to learning, as well as preventing an Income or Sales Tax and trying to slow the growth of our sky-high property taxes.

Erica Layon asks for your vote in the Republican Primary September 8th for State Representative. A bet on Erica is the odds-on favorite to get New Hampshire Back to Work, to Elevate Education, and to Trim Taxes. Learn more at [EricaForDerry.com](http://EricaForDerry.com)

## Lorraine Lindenberg

My name is Lorraine Lindenberg. I am a Derry resident and a retired health-care worker. Retirement has given me more time to do the volunteer work that I have always loved doing for our community. I volunteered at ServiceLink of Rockingham County for 10+ years, helping seniors and residents choose Medicare plans during open enrollment at the Derry Library and Atkinson

Offices. I've been a local coordinator for two AARP Taxaide sites for 16 years, helping low and moderate-income taxpayers prepare tax returns and e-file at no charge. I'm a very active member of my church, Center point Community Church where I currently serve as the financial secretary, leader of the Center point Seniors, and for the past nine years, co-facilitator of Griefshare, a grief recovery support group where people can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one.

I feel the Statehouse needs fresh ideas and common-sense policies that will help the people of Derry and our State. I am a pro-life, fiscal, and social conservative who will protect our US and NH Constitutions. I will fight to protect your 1st and 2nd Amendment rights. I will advocate for hard-working families, seniors, the disability community, and families caring for people who have disabilities in their homes. I want to improve the quality of education in our public schools and protect the rights of parents to be more involved with the school's policies and curriculum. I will also protect the rights of parents to choose where their children should be educated and fight to expand the "Children's Scholarship Fund."

I will be a voice for the people of Derry, speaking up for those who feel they aren't being heard, and I will always work hard for you.

## David Love

I've been a resident of Derry for 16 years, am a

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father of a beautiful daughter, Emily being a Dad I would like to preserve the NH Advantage and way of life for my Daughter and future grandchildren. Our current way of life is being threatened by tax and spend Representatives in Concord.

As an incumbent Republican running for State Representative for a second term, we are entering into unprecedented economic times; it is going to take a conservative to get N.H. back to prosperity sooner rather than later.

I will fight to protect your constitutional rights, advocate for great schools, keep taxes low, stop wasteful spending and promote small government.

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NH Firearms Coalition  
NH Taxpayers Association  
NH Right to Life  
AFP Americans for Prosperity

I will continue to work hard to earn your vote.

## David E. Milz

Born in Chicago, Illinois, August 4, 1949. Attended Chicago City College and worked for Continental Airlines until enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1969. Saw combat in Viet-Nam as a helicopter crew chief/gunner and was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant in 1973. Graduated with a B.A. degree in English from the U. of Illinois. Retired as General Manager in Boston in 1987. Employed by Marriott In-Flight Services in 1987 and retired as City Manager Airline Accounts in 2001.

Resided in Derry from 1980-1981 and returned in 1987. Elected as East Derry Fire Commissioner in 2003 and served as Chair until consolidation with the Derry Fire Department. Appointed Commissioner on the Derry Housing and Redevelopment Authority in 2005. Served as District 2 Town Councilor from 2010 to 2013. Elected as State Representative in 2013 to present, serving on the Public Works and Highway Committee. Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Married to Pamela Dancey for 38 years, no children.

I am a strong second amendment supporter and oppose any type of state income tax. I will continue to advocate for Derry at the state level with emphasis on economic growth and increased stabilization money for the school district

## Rebecca L. Nevin,

Former Lawyer with my own practice in MA where I went to school at MA School of Law, Andover, MA. I practiced a combination of family and juvenile law and was on the CPCS juvenile panel in MA where I represented indigent children and parents whose families were broken up by the State. After 10 years, I closed my practice to move on to other interests.

Married for 31 years to the same man, 2 adopted sisters, now grown living locally and two grandchildren.

I am a traditional Constitutional conservative Republican. I believe in our Constitutional Republic, our Constitution, Bill of Rights and all the Amendments. I hope to

improve public schools while making school choice more affordable and available to those who want it. I want to lessen regulations on small businesses and somehow lower taxes. I believe in dealing with the current health situation in a way that allows citizens freedom of movement and businesses to keep operating as normally as possible.

## Stephen Pearson

Hello fellow citizens of Derry, my name is Stephen Pearson and I am asking for your vote to be re-elected as your State Representative. I grew up here in Derry, went to Derry Village, played Little League for Bensons Hardware, graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 1994 and literally married the girl next door. I am running to continue the strong leadership Derry needs in Concord.

First and foremost, serious changes need to be made in the way we are fighting the opioid crisis. We must eliminate the loophole that protects drug dealers. I will continue to fight to fix the disastrous Exit 4A project. We need a strong Tax fighter in Concord that will work to reduce the size of government and kill wasteful spending. We need to fix our VA and protect the New Hampshire advantage of no sales or income tax. Finally, I am running to preserve the second amendment and to defend the rights of the unborn.

The past two years have been a tough fight playing defense against the radical policies pushed by the democrats. I have fought against 47 attempts to raise taxes. I have fought against the erosion of our rights disguised as "progress". And I

have stood with our Governor when he has vetoed bad legislation that would destroy the New Hampshire advantage. I am asking for your vote on Sept 8th to continue to ensure that Derry has a strong voice in Concord.

## Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien

I'm running for a third term representing Derry in The NH House of Representatives. I was a member of the Labor Committee in my 2014-2016 term and was a member of the Election Law Committee in my 2018-2020 term. I've also been elected twice to the Derry Public Library Board of Trustees and was an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. I have lived in Derry since 1994, where I have raised my children and volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader. I'm a 2007 graduate of the Vesta Roy Excellence in Public Service Series and in 2001, I received The Braveheart Award from Judicial Watch for my anti sexual assault activism. I am the first female to graduate from my vocational high school's precision machining program and worked as a piccolo and flute maker prior to homeschooling my two daughters until they attended local public high schools. I have a Bachelor of Arts in History and Legal Studies from The American College of History and Legal Studies and have also worked as a local news reporter. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking and chess.

I'm a Constitutional Conservative, pro life, pro

2nd Amendment, pro school choice and committed to making our town and schools the best they can be as well as fighting an income and sales tax and tax increases of any kind. I'm a fighter and I want to keep fighting for the people of Derry.

What I'd like to accomplish in Concord

I'm proud to have recently attended Governor Sununu's signing of a bill I am the prime sponsor of, HB1240, which prohibits sexual relations between teachers and students in NH. Many people assumed this was already law but it was not, creating a loophole allowing abuse of NH schoolchildren. This bill nearly died when it was tabled in the senate at the last moment, despite passing unanimously in the house. I fought like the dickens for it to the last moments and it was able to come back. This is who I am, I'm a good person, I stand up to protect the people of my community and I'll keep on doing that if you send me back to Concord. Election Law is also my passion. I'm currently working on legislation to protect peaceful campaigners at the polls because free speech and election security are bedrocks of our society that must be protected. I ask you for your vote on September 8 and November 3

## John M. Potucek

I am running for Derry State Representative again, I am Married 46 years w/ 2 Adult children. I have been your State Representative 2015-2016 & 2019-2020. I am a 73 year old, retired

math teacher and manufacturing test engineer w/program management experience, with a B.S. Technical Business Mgmt. - SNHU (New Hampshire College) Cum Laude 1980

M.Ed. (without dissertation) - Franklin Pierce University 2005.

Why I am running for office? As a sitting Representative, it is most important to work hard for all of your constituents, both of your town and the state. And, as a sitting Representative, it is my duty and honor to do so, in both the Commerce Committee and when the House meets as a body. I try to do my very best. My record speaks for itself.

If re-elected, my top priorities and goals would be keeping the NH Advantage, NO sales on Income Tax, Protecting our 2nd Amendment Rights as well as all of our Constitutional Rights, Winning the war against opioid/drug addiction, lowering/reducing government regulations and Fighting for our Children & their Parents.

## Richard Tripp,

Richard Tripp, 69, has lived in Derry since the mid-nineties. He is a veteran of the Vietnam war having served aboard the USS Enterprise (CVAN-65) in the Tonkin Gulf. He is retired from BAE Systems. A current two term town councilor and town representative to the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) he previously served on Derry's planning board and conservation commission.

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She added that the group is very concerned with fiscal impact, wildlife, water, property values and traffic.

She said they really want a Hydro-Geologic Impact Analysis done before an approval of the site plans happens. The group wants there to be a full understanding of the impact to ground water and surrounding wells.

She explained that the area has a history of wells running dry, and the developer that is doing this site also did her neighborhood, which caused well problems with neighboring homes.

Donahue said, "We understand that growth is going to happen, but we want to ensure that it's responsible growth and that the taxpayers aren't handed the preverbal flam-

ing bag of dog poo once the builder moves on."

Conservation Chairman Brian Butler responded that though he doesn't have a lot of knowledge in water issues, he knows the developer is currently doing drill tests. He is also very aware of water problems being experienced in neighboring communities.

Butler explained that the Conservation Commission is just an advisory board, but they can certainly "be a thorn" to the developer. He further mentioned that if the developer follows all the rules, the board's hands are tied.

Gaudreau also mentioned that Donahue's group may want to contact the Danville Heritage Commission on how that handled saving some of that town's stone structures.

Another resident that had concerns with the project was John White,

who sits on both the Planning Board and Zoning Board, but will be recusing himself from discussing the plan on those boards. He brought up the amount of open space be reserved in the site, and asked if the commission had concerns. Butler responded that it wasn't so much the amount, but of how they were doing it. The broke it up into three smaller areas and the commission would rather see one big one.

The question evolved into a discussion of land use and changing regulations, but that would need to be done for future developments.

The residents were given some information on some of the avenues they could research to ensure the developer is following all the rules as the site comes before various boards in town.

Also at the meeting,

Mackenzie Byron-Chaput discussed her Girl Scout Gold Award project of two benches she wishes to install near the Red Barn on Fremont Road.

The Red Barn is on conservation land, and there are currently three benches there, that are no longer usable.

Byron-Chaput explained that she collected over 1,000 pounds of plastics

and was awarded the two benches through a Trex Company Program.

Butler asked Mackenzie, who was addressing the board with her dad, if she would be installing the benches of if her and her dad would be doing it.

They decided to meet at the barn and do a site walk later in the month, and Butler offered to help with the installation.

The commission then thanked her for all her hard work and expressed their appreciation for what she had done. They also suggested that Mackenzie install a small plaque on the bench, so people sitting on the bench would know where they came from.

The commission then decided to pay for the plaques in thanks, which was voted in unanimously.

## State Board Adopts New Learn Everywhere Rules

Innovative program will give students alternative path to graduation credits

The State Board of Education voted 4-2 this morning to grant final approval to the Learn Everywhere program, which is designed to expand options for New Hampshire high school students to earn credit toward graduation.

"Since the Legislature directed the Department of Education to develop an alternative path for students

to earn credit toward graduation, we have been working to make it happen," said Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. "Today's vote is the final step in making Learn Everywhere a reality for students and families of NH."

"Learn Everywhere opens exciting opportunities for NH students to get high school credit for innovative alternative education programs offered outside of the traditional public school

infrastructure. Empowering our non-profits and businesses to create alternative programs in cooperation with and approved by the state will greatly enrich our public education experience," added State Board Chair Andrew Cline.

For more information visit the New Hampshire Department of Education website [www.education.nh.gov/partners/education-outside-the-classroom/learning-everywhere](http://www.education.nh.gov/partners/education-outside-the-classroom/learning-everywhere).

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Richard was also a state representative in 2016-2018 serving on the municipal and county government committee. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

Tripp believes what is wrong in Concord is the attitude that "NH doesn't have a spending problem, it has a revenue problem."

He believes that turning New Hampshire into Northern Massachusetts will drive businesses and jobs from the state. Big government is not the New Hampshire tradition. Local government, which permits each town to determine its own priorities and tax rates, is the New Hampshire tradition. Growing the state New Hampshire government will deny the state's towns and cities the ability

to determine and control their individual futures.

Concerning what Tripp expects to accomplish in Concord, he has two goals. The first goal is to stop the ongoing conversion of the state of New Hampshire into a Northern Massachusetts. The second goal is ensuring no bills creating unfunded mandates which pass state costs down to New Hampshire's towns and cities become law.

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# Upper Room Holds Graduation Ceremony for 25 Students



The Upper Room in Derry celebrated their 2020 Graduates of the HiSet Program on the back lawn of their facility on Friday, Aug. 14. There were 25 students and their families gathered for the presentation of their certificates. BSW Program Coordinator Chloe Greene welcomed the class and the Commencement Address was given by Pinkerton Academy Continuing Education Director Lynne Lonergan. The graduates were: Briana Bayer, Lukas Bergeron, Nicholas Bernier, Dezirae Blake, Michael Byron, Abigail Cavers, Myles Chmielorz, Alexis Cusson, Steele Eckels, Trai Hunnicut-Nyberg, Siriys Lacourse, Emma Malone, Monica, McCarthy, Chris McDaniel, Taylor Moore, Jenna Pomeroy, Branden Randlett, James Renfrew, Emily Reny, Adam Shottes, Ashlynn Slauter, Cheyanne Thibault, Maxwell Van Dixon, Nathan Veillette and Joshua Walsh.

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# NH Fish & Game Reminds Residents To Be Bear Wise

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NUTFIELD NEWS

As the peak of summer has passed and autumn weather approaches, New Hampshire residents are urged to be vigilant about a certain group of furry neighbors to the woods.

According to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, adverse human-bear interactions have increased during the first half of the summer, and these encounters are expected to continue into the autumn.

NH Fish and Game reports that this escalation has been caused by a variety of factors, including weather and human behavior.

The availability of food for bears has been negatively impacted by drought-like conditions

earlier this season, causing the animals to venture further out for resources. Fish and Game states that this is fairly common during dry years, and the department has seen rises in complaints as recently as 2012 and 2016.

The COVID-19 health emergency appears to have affected not only humans, but bears as well, says Fish and Game. Since residents have been staying home more often, human food attractants have been more abundant in many people's yards.

Additionally, Fish and Game reports that more people have been feeding wild birds later into the summer season with the onset of self-isolation and social distancing. Combined with a rise in chicken coops and free ranging chickens, birds are not the

only creatures attracted to many citizens' backyards.

On the other hand, with certain restrictions being lifted in the state, New Hampshire's campgrounds had become quite busy in late June, says Fish and Game, implying that human carelessness may have been a factor in more frequent calls about the four-legged intruders.

"Most campgrounds in the Granite State do a very good job containing garbage and encouraging best management practices related to food storage around campsites," said NH Fish and Game's Bear Project Leader, Andrew Timmins. "However, campgrounds that are less stringent tend to have more bears."

Fortunately, that availability of naturally occurring bear food sources

seems to have been improving recently, as many areas have seen ripe raspberries and cherries, both indicators of good blackberry, apple, and acorn crops for the fall.

Despite these improvements, however, Fish and Game still urges residents to remain vigilant when it comes to bear prevention.

"Bears have an extremely acute sense of smell and long memories," said Timmins, "so we really need the cooperation of residents and visitors this summer and fall to prevent bears from returning to locations where they previously found food."

Timmins added that if residents are not careful, over time it is possible that bears will lose some of their natural aversion to humans, causing them to venture onto human territory in greater numbers.

ry in greater numbers.

NH Fish and Game offers the following tips to maintain a natural relationship between humans and bears:

First, make sure that all outside garbage is secured in airtight containers, preferably inside of a garage or adequate storage area. Garbage should ideally be put out the morning of collection, and not the night before, as bears can be found foraging at night.

Residents who rely on a dumpster for garbage pickup should contact their dumpster company for units with metal locking tops and doors that are inaccessible to bears and other scavenging wildlife.

Next, do not put meat or other food scraps into a compost pile, and keep compost in a secure bin, preferably in an enclosed

space.

Next, be sure pet food or dishes are not forgotten outside overnight. Outdoor grills should also be cleaned before heading inside for the night to prevent bear visits.

Finally, and most importantly, never deliberately feed a bear. By doing so, bears will be encouraged to rely on human-provided foods, which in turn can deteriorate wild behavior, reducing their chance of survival, and increasing chances of negative human-bear encounters.

For questions or concerns regarding bear-related issues, contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department jointly at 1-888-749-2327 (1-888-SHY-BEAR).

## Upper Room Continues to Provide the Same Services 34 Years Later

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center has been alive since July of 1986, when co-founders Anna Willis and Claire Hamilton came together to realize a dream of creating a resource center where families could access help in a safe, warm atmosphere. Believing that parenting its children in a positive manner is a crucial role of family, the first item on their agenda was to put together a parenting education program. It was followed closely by parenting for teen moms, targeting

teen women needing support and skills building, and then by adding programs addressing the needs of youth exhibiting various risk behaviors. In all cases the programs' structure strived, as much as possible, to include building lines of communication within the entire family of those being served. Anna and Claire made the early decisions which continue to frame the day to day decisions, and work of its current staff.

This year the entire staff shared a planning day

together in June, and part of that day was reviewing the history of the agency. Through this deep and engaging discussion, the team explored the relationships, the early seeds that were planted and the humility that The Upper Room has shown over the years. There is purpose, and there is a sense of simplistic and authentic connections with people. A place where there is no tolerance for judgement, the team of individuals who choose The Upper Room as their place of employ-

ment come to work to make change, to move individuals and families to where they feel their potential is.

This week, Claire Hamilton paid a phone visit to Brenda Guggisberg, complimenting the organization's website, and all that is happening within the agency. The two were able to speak of the agency, its mission and work now. Hamilton shared "The Upper Room was always a place of healing, education and gathering"; it is the heart of families which is in part what the original logo - a heart between people - represented, the rela-

tionship between families and The Upper Room. Claire Hamilton has continued to support The Upper Room through her guidance, occasional calls and through her attendance at events such as our annual auction. "This call was meaningful", states Guggisberg, "as we enter in to a unique and complicated time having a call from Claire really hit home for me, gave me grounding and could not have come at a better time".

"Claire continues to believe in the organization's mission, and continues to see the value of community and this orga-

nization's role within it, and for that we are blessed."

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# State Provides COVID-19 Cases Update as of Aug. 17

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19. On Monday, Aug. 17, DHHS announced 16 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 7,004 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults, with 25% being female and 75% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (6), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (3), Merrimack (2), and Cheshire (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (3) and Nashua (1). One new hospitalized case was identified for a total of 709 (10%) of 7,004 cases. Four of the new cases had no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-

19 diagnosis or have recently traveled. DHHS has no additional deaths to report.

## Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated Aug. 17, 9 a.m.)

NH Persons with COVID-19: 7,004  
Recovered: 6,302 (90%)  
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19: 423 (6%)  
Total Current COVID-19 Cases: 279

Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19: 709 (10%)  
Current Hospitalizations: 15

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR): 185,971  
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests: 28,699

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL: 40,124

Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL: 917

Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time): 2,475

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests

NH Public Health Laboratories:  
Aug. 10: 306  
Aug. 11: 207  
Aug. 12: 932  
Aug. 13: 695  
Aug. 14: 767  
Aug. 15: 1  
Aug. 16: 563  
Daily Average: 496

LabCorp  
Aug. 10: 382  
Aug. 11: 558  
Aug. 12: 898  
Aug. 13: 679  
Aug. 14: 877  
Aug. 15: 449  
Aug. 16: 503  
Daily Average: 621

Quest Diagnostics  
Aug. 10: 833  
Aug. 11: 876

Aug. 12: 1,568  
Aug. 13: 1,080  
Aug. 14: 954  
Aug. 15: 911  
Aug. 16: 369  
Daily Average: 942

Mako Medical  
Aug. 10: 1  
Aug. 11: 2  
Aug. 12: 11  
Aug. 13: 29  
Aug. 14: 9  
Aug. 15: 35  
Aug. 16: 3  
Daily Average: 13

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
Aug. 10: 302  
Aug. 11: 250  
Aug. 12: 689  
Aug. 13: 690  
Aug. 14: 544  
Aug. 15: 522  
Aug. 16: 345  
Daily Average: 477

Other NH Hospital Laboratory  
Aug. 10: 158  
Aug. 11: 225  
Aug. 12: 155  
Aug. 13: 136  
Aug. 14: 179  
Aug. 15: 124  
Aug. 16: 142  
Daily Average: 60

Other Laboratory\*

Aug. 10: 58  
Aug. 11: 397  
Aug. 12: 107  
Aug. 13: 57  
Aug. 14: 30  
Aug. 15: 22  
Aug. 16: 164  
Daily Average: 119

Total  
Aug. 10: 2,040  
Aug. 11: 2,515  
Aug. 12: 4,360  
Aug. 13: 3,366  
Aug. 14: 3,360  
Aug. 15: 2,064  
Aug. 16: 2,089  
Daily Average: 2,828

Antibody Laboratory Tests

LabCorp  
Aug. 10: 4  
Aug. 11: 21  
Aug. 12: 23  
Aug. 13: 23  
Aug. 14: 11  
Aug. 15: 15  
Aug. 16: 3  
Daily Average: 14

Quest Diagnostics  
Aug. 10: 38  
Aug. 11: 48  
Aug. 12: 131  
Aug. 13: 92  
Aug. 14: 76  
Aug. 15: 67  
Aug. 16: 13

Daily Average: 66

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Aug. 10: 12  
Aug. 11: 16  
Aug. 12: 12  
Aug. 13: 12  
Aug. 14: 21  
Aug. 15: 4  
Aug. 16: 0  
Daily Average: 11

Other Laboratory\*

Aug. 10: 23  
Aug. 11: 5  
Aug. 12: 9  
Aug. 13: 1  
Aug. 14: 4  
Aug. 15: 9  
Aug. 16: 0  
Daily Average: 7

\* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not listed in the above table.

NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive  
[www.nh.gov/covid19/newupdates.htm](http://www.nh.gov/covid19/newupdates.htm)

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# Over 400 Runners Participate in Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K Race

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Enterprise Bank Boot Scootin' Boogie 5K race was held on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17 in Londonderry, as one of only two Old Home Day events. Out of the over 400 runners joining in, some from as far away as Washington state, just over 40 were from Londonderry.

The race was organized by John Mortimer and Millennium Running, has been run in Londonderry since 2015, and took the place of the long-standing Lungren 5K last year. After the race participants also enjoyed a Brewfest and a country music concert. The 5K started and ended at the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association (LAFA).

The Lundgren 5K race had been held on Saturday mornings for nearly four decades during Old Home Day.

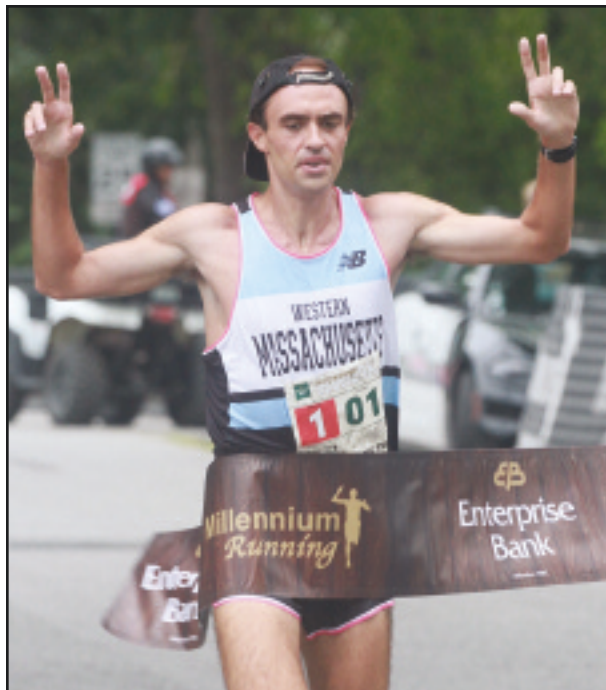
The race was held with each runner being separated at the starting line and sent off at 30-second intervals due to the COVID-19 social-distancing mandate.

The overall winner of the event was Robert Desisto, 24, of Burlington Mass., with a time of 15:30.

Evan Thornton-Sherman, 16, of Waterford Vermont was the second place finisher with a time of 16:04.7; Mark McDermott, 36, of Boston, Mass. took third place with a time of 16:52.2.

The first female racer was Taryn Flagg, 36, of South Grafton, Mass. Flagg crossed the finish line with a time of 19:47.7. Emily Larson, 36, of Norfolk, Mass. took second place for the ladies at 20:29.0. Natalie Obsuth, 25, of Medford, Mass. finished at 20:35 to grab third place in the women's division.

Other top 10 men finishers were: Corey Girard, 38,



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Photos by Chris Paul



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of Pembroke 16:56.0; Mark Rabasco, 25, Pittsfield, Mass., 17:16.3; Dan Futrell, 37, Chicago, IL. 17:27.9; Jason Cakouros 55, Milton, Mass. 17:33.2; Mark Laprade, 47, Bedford

17:54.1; Jim Angell, 56, Hopkinton, 18:30.7; and Justin Renz, 48, Milton, Mass., 18:47.9.

Other top female finishers were: Catie Keenan, 27, York, Maine, 21:12.5; Krystal Bessette, 32, Auburn, 21:41.5; Jamie Reidy, 14, Bedford, 22:12.7; Tracy Pogal-Sussman, 37, Somerville, Mass., 22:13.1; Gabrielle Page, 17, Londonderry, 22:31.4; Kate McWeeney, 42, Nashua, 22:49.9; and Roxane Gagnon, 51, Manchester, 23:13.2

Derry Runners included: Michael Gendreau, 33, 20:00.6 who came in at 14th; Marty Nocera, 50, 27:55.8; Susan Albrecht, 48, 28:37.0; Jane Allen, 62, 28:47.6; Melissa Aasen, 41, 31:07.9; Donna Smith, 48, 32:11.8;

Doug Allen, 65, 41:31.4; Kristen Sheppard, 47, 32:31.7; Alyssa Toner, 33, 33:53.1; Diane Pantermoller, 45, 34:47.4; Christopher Sheppard, 16, 35:41.5; Jeremy Sheppard, 49, 36:12.6; Colleen Nocera, 48, 38:32.6; Marjorie Aronis, 58, 40:05.9; Mark Johnson, 53; Christine Bousquet, 50; Jinelle Hobson, 53; Christine Rosenwasser, 51; and Linda McGrath, 60.

Hampstead Runners were: Brian Johnson, 37, Hampstead, 24:05.2; Megan Crepeau, 34, E. Hampstead, 28:00.8; Nicholas Haseltine, 35, E. Hampstead, 29:58.3; and Ashley Haseltine, 35, E. Hampstead, 30:11.9.

The top 25 Overall Londonderry finishers were: Bradley Maher, 48, 21:41.8; Russ Lagueux, 59, 21:53.3; Gabrielle Page, 17, 22:31.4;

Kevin Smith, 43, 22:45.2; Tommy Martin, 14, 22:50.3; Katie Kraft, 15, 23:34.8; Maura O'Shaughnessy, 16, 23:43.3; Katharine Chagnon, 38, 24:49.4; Kate Von Pichl, 48, 25:00.9; Chase Von Pichl, 11, 25:16.3; Bridget Combes, 30, 25:34.8; Michael Bacotti Jr., 9, 25:41.9; Michael Peet, 37, 25:44.5; Adam Odachowski, 37, 25:51.7; Joe Carroll, 71, 25:59.2; Mason Bacotti, 8, 26:54.7; Heather McLeod, 26, 27:07.6;

Karen Martin, 47, 27:44.7; Nora Maher, 13, 27:53.5; David Rich, 44, 28:50; Michael Bacotti, 41, 29:01.0; John Loker, 77, 29:03.4; Teddi O'Loughlin, 40, 29:35; Jim Martin, 46, 29:38.4; and Randy Williams, 45, 29:41.5.

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## DERRY

### Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online: Story & Craft for Parents and their children up to age 6. Join us at the Upper Room for a live interactive children's stories followed by a craft lesson that is easy and fun to do at home. Friday Aug. 21, at 10 - 11 a.m. - Fun with Stickers. Free live on Zoom. Facilitated by The Upper Room and Derry Public Library. Sign up at [bit.ly/connectstorytime](http://bit.ly/connectstorytime) for free craft supplies and Zoom link. Email [skoza@URteacher.org](mailto:skoza@URteacher.org) with questions.

### On My Own Teen Series

Upper Room will host for the On My Own Series, Mindfulness: Yoga and Journaling. Enrollment includes a Free Mindfulness Journal with writing prompts. Wednesdays Aug. 26 and Sept. 2, 9 at 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom for Teens ages 13-18. Register at: [bit.ly/on-myownmindfulness](http://bit.ly/on-myownmindfulness) (while supplies last)

### Teen Talk

Need to be Heard? Upper Room's Teen Talk, an online forum to talk, support and be heard is open Tuesdays 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Teens 13-18. No preregistration necessary; Meeting ID: 111 147 286, Password: 694887.

### Wason Pond Pounder

The Upper Room will host the Wason Pond Pounder on Saturday Oct. 3, in Chester. To learn more about this popular race and sign up at [runreg.com/9057](http://runreg.com/9057).

### Roaring 20's Drive-In Auction

The Upper Room's 19th Annual Roaring 20's DRIVE-IN Auction NEW DATE AND TIME. Featuring Bill Burke at The Tupelo Music Hall, Derry, Nov. 1, at 1 - 4

p.m. Join us for our live auction, food and drinks drive-in style. Tickets (per car) are available at [tickets.tupelo-hall.com](http://tickets.tupelo-hall.com). Online Silent Auction Oct. 30 - Nov. 6 Bid on many great items from gift cards, gift baskets, tickets, experiences, trips, packages and other unique items. Sign up for auction updates at: [bit.ly/roaringupdate](http://bit.ly/roaringupdate).

### Touch-A-Truck Event

Join members of Derry Police Department on Saturday, Aug. 29, for a "Helmet Drive-Thru Giveaway" at West Running Brook Middle School! Officers will be demonstrating how to properly fit a helmet as they handout "Bike Safety In-A-Bag" while families sit safely in their vehicle. Please note your child must be present in order to receive a helmet. The event will run from 9 a.m. - noon unless helmets are gone before noon! In order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we ask that you please wear a mask when receiving the safety bag and helmet from the Officer. For the third year in a row, Derry Police Department has been awarded the NH Safe and Active Community Grant provided by the Injury Prevention Center at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Safe Kids New Hampshire made possible by the Kohl's Cares Helmet Safety Program. Each year Derry Police Department teams up with Derry Cooperative School Staff Members at the Town of Derry annual Touch-A-Truck event to fit children for their Free all-purpose helmet and handout bicycle safety gear and information. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, this year's Touch-A-Truck event was cancelled. But we still have the helmets. Members of Derry Fire and Sparky the Fire Dog will also be making guest appearances talking about fire safety and

handing out some goodies. Make sure to jump in line early. We have 230 helmets, but they will go fast. For questions please contact Officer Sullivan directly at [erinsullivan@derrynh.org](mailto:erinsullivan@derrynh.org).

### 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](mailto:selizabeth@urteachers.org).

### Raising Another's Child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at [selizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:selizabeth@urteachers.org) Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

### Raising a teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>.

2497889. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at [selizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto: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

### Virtual Story Time

The Chester Library will hold a Virtual Story Time on Facebook Live - Tuesday, Aug 25, at 11:15 a.m. Every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. and every Wednesday 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Come and hear your favorite stories read and make some crafts to take home. No registration required.

### Story Times

The Chester Library's Story Times are held every Tuesday and Thursday. Please Register by clicking on Chester Public Library Facebook Page OR call 887-3404.

### Friends of Library Meeting

The Friends of the Chester Public Library meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. This volunteer group is a fund-raising arm of the public library and supports the library where tax dollars leave off. New members are always welcome. Chair is Jude Sederquest; contact her at [jsederquest@yahoo.com](mailto:jsederquest@yahoo.com).

### Lions Club Yard Sale

The Chester Lions will hold a yard sale on August 22, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the Ball Park Parking Lot on Route 102 - Across from the Legion Hall in Chester. Linens, Toys, Games, Pictures, lights, gift wear, glass wear, tools, small appliances, lamps, chairs, furniture and much more. Check Us Out. Masks optional, gloves and hand sanitizer will be available.

### 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. 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](mailto:elufkin@chesternh.org) for an absentee ballot form application.

### 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.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Candidates Meet and Greet

The Hampstead-Kingston Republican Committee invites you to Meet and Greet the Candidates, Senatorial Candidate Gen. Don Bolduc and Congressional Candidate Matt Mayberry, along with NH State Senator Regina Birdsell, plus Hampstead-Kingston state reps. Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 5 - 8 p.m. Located at the Sweet Baby Vineyard 260 Stage Rd, Hampstead. This is a Free Event that Includes Wine tastings and cheese board. Check in is required.

### New Sunday Night Service

Starting on Sunday, Sept. 13, Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, will have Sunday evening service at 6 pm. It will be the same format and sermon as the morning service, just at night! Visit us on the web, [www.islandpond-](http://www.islandpond-)

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### Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 21, from 1 - 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](http://redcrossblood.org) for further information on this time saving feature. For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS. For specific information on this drive, please contact John Cussen at 603-329-5207.

### 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.

## SANDOWN

### Mother Goose On The Loose

A Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months), will held on Monday's: Aug. 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28, from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Join us Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. 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. We will post the link to the day's YouTube video ten (10) minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too. Virtual. Contact: Adrienne Skora - 887-3428 - [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us).

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### Legos And More

The Sandown Library's Legos And More (Ages 6+), will be held on Tuesday's Sept. 8, & 22, from 4 - 5 p.m. Join us for LEGOs and more program. We will have building challenges, introduce some STEM activities, and have open, creative time. This program is appropriate for ages 5-10. We appreciate if you sign up your child so we know how to plan our activities. Easy one-time registration for all the weeks of the program. If your child can't make it, no worries, just call or email Adrienne. This is a great opportunity for your child to create a network of kids with the same interests. Children's Room. Contact: Adrienne Skora - 887-3428 - [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us)

### Story Time

The Sandown Library's Story Time (Ages 3-5), will be held on Thursday's Sept.

10, 17, & 24 from 10 - 11 a.m. Bring your preschooler or kindergartner age child to enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more. Our themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. Class size is limited to 15 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9pm the evening prior to the program. This allows us to plan appropriately and have enough materials for your child(ren). Downstairs Meeting Room. Contact: Tricia Thomas - 887-3428 - [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us).

### Cookbook Club

The Sandown Library's Food For Thought: Cookbook Club, will be held on Wednesday Sept. 9, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Do you like to cook and try new recipes? Join us for our monthly gathering where we make various recipes from different chefs, cooking methods, ethnic or regional areas or other new ways to cook. The library will have the cookbooks for people to check out. 2020 List of "Themes" Down stairs. Contact: Adam Shlager - 887-3428 - [director@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:director@sandownlibrary.us).

### Book - 2 - Movie

The Sandown Library's Book - 2 - Movie, will be held on Thursday Sept. 10, from 6 - 8 p.m. Is the Book always better? The first Thursday of each month, we watch a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing

night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Downstairs Meeting Room. Contact: Tricia Thomas - 887-3428 - [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us).

### Mystery Book Club

The Sandown Library's Monday Morning Mystery Book Club, will be held on Monday Sept. 14, from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Are you a mystery reader? Looking for some new authors or a chance to read a favorite one? Join us the 1st Monday of the month to discuss the monthly book choice. 2020 Book List - click on this to give you the list of books for the year. Books are available to pick up at the library. Please register so we have enough copies of the books available. Main Room. Contact: Deb Hoadley - 887-3428 - [director@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:director@sandownlibrary.us).

### Books & Bites

The Sandown Library's Books & Bites: Good Books, Good Bites And Good Company, will be held on Wednesday Sept. 16, from 6:3 - 7:45 p.m. 2020 Book Selection List "A heartfelt tale of true friendship, a mother's unstoppable love, and the immeasurable fortitude of women." - Booklist. Main Library-upstairs. Contact: Sue Kehoe - 887-3428 - [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us).

### WWII Music

The Sandown Library presents Ambilin' Richard - WWII Music, on Monday Sept. 21, from 4 - 5 p.m. Sept. 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War

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II. Back again this year, Ramblin' Richard will present his "Songs and Stories of World War II - Popular Wartime Songs and Their Stories You Didn't Know". This program focuses on

some of the most beloved American songs that were popular at the time. Songs like: Bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover, Sentimental Journey, Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition, and Chattanooga Choo Choo. Richard will sing the songs while playing his guitar, 5-

string banjo, or ukulele. He will also tell fascinating and unfamiliar stories about the songs and the times as well. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of The Sandown Library. Outdoors. Contact: Tricia Thomas - 887-3428 - pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

## Three Stooges & WWII

The Three Stooges take on the Axis Powers, at the Sandown Library on Tuesday Sept. 29, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Did you know The Three Stooges had such a powerful impact on WWII that Hitler had them on his list of ene-

mies? Join Outreach Project Coordinator Dan Schroeder from the NH Wright Museum to explore the role the Three Stooges played in WWII. The "short" film "You Nasty Spy!" (1940) was the first in cinema to satirized the Nazis and the Third Reich, it helped publicize the Nazi threat in a

period when the United States was still neutral about World War II. Dan will share the history of the Three Stooges and WWII, some memorabilia as well as show a few of the Stooges short films. Main Library-upstairs Contact: Tricia Thomas - pthomas@sandownlibrary.us.

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