

Town Councilor Responds to Law Suit Threat by Copp

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – Recently elected state representative Anne Copp returned to the Derry Town Council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10 to speaking during public comment and readdressed her request asking for the resignation of councilor Jim Morgan.

Copp said that after the last meeting, where she had asked the council to address comments made by Morgan during his cable show “People in Politics.”

She spoke to the board, saying that after she addressed the board on Oct. 20 about this issue, she never assumed that her request would be discussed later in the meeting, after

she went home. “I expected the board to review the material I gave you, have him give you the video so you could see why I was asking for his resignation.”

She added that Morgan had called on his friends on Facebook to call her and her friends, homophobes because they weren’t in appreciation of his lifestyle.

At that point, Morgan objected, saying that Copp has no way of knowing what did or didn’t do and can’t make those accusations.

Copp added that she had proof of the allegations, and also said that after her last appearance at the Town Council, Morgan has been bullying her and her friend through social media.

She quoted the post, “Voters should be aware,

that these two candidates are bigoted anti-LGBT, anti-equal rights and do not deserve your vote on Nov. 3. They refuse to answer questions and have proven voting records against LGBT issues. Please uncover the evil of these folks and vote for anyone but Copp and Kimball.”

She told the council that she represents the red white and blue of Derry after winning her seat as a state rep.

Copp added that she thought two sections of the Derry Town Charter had been violated, as well as conducting some ethics violations.

She said that even though she has consulted with legal council, she does

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Selectman Make Last Ditch Effort to Accommodate Historical Society

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SANDOWN – The Sandown Board of Selectmen met on Monday night, Nov. 16, and invited members of the Sandown Historical Society in to discuss what could be done about the fact that the group was being evicted from the Depot Museum on Friday, Nov. 20.

Jim Webber attended the meeting on behalf of the Historical Society and was asked by Selectman chair Darren Hudgins if he had any thoughts on how to rectify things before the society has to leave town.

Webber responded,

“I’m just here to hear what you’re offering.”

Hudgins started by saying, speaking for just himself, and not the whole board, he felt the Society’s board should be made up of just Sandown residents, adding that he had tried to become a member a few years ago, but found out the meeting would be taking place in Portsmouth and decided not to.

Webber responded that after having discussions on the matter with their attorney, they feel that by doing that it would violate their bylaws, and would be like rigging an election. He added that if Sandown residents want to become

members and hold another election, he would not be opposed to it.

As a peace offering, Webber said, we’ll gladly hold another election, but we can’t blatantly violate our bylaws.

He added that the latest election was held last month, but no positions changed.

With 48 members, no one stepped forward.

Webber said that even though they have a number of members, very few step forward when it comes time for electing the board.

He also mentioned that there has been a recent influx in membership, but

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Warm Welcome Members of the Pinkerton Academy JROTC lined up in front of the entrance to welcome local Veterans that were invited to the school for their annual Veteran’s Day Breakfast. This year, due to COVID-19 the meal was a drive through. See more page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Chester Selectmen Discuss Giving Themselves a Raise

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CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen met on Thursday, Nov. 12, once again done through video-conference due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

During the meeting, after finishing up on some budget items, member Steph Landau brought up the annual salary amount that Selectmen receive.

Landau said that the board has given raises to a number of positions in the town, but have not given their own board an increase in over 30 years. He added that in a number of cases, they have actually refused to take any additional funds.

Landau said, “I’m not asking for a raise, but I sure wish somebody would stop telling us how bad a job we’re doing, especially for what we’re doing it for.”

Member Steven D’Angelo agreed, saying that he thinks it might be a good idea to take a look at what Selectmen in other communities are making and whether Chester is in line with that amount.

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that they have not stepped forward and did not wish to attend the Monday night meeting due to COVID. "If the locals want to become more involved, we are more than willing. We have never said no."

Selectman Jonathan Goldman added to the discussion, saying that this problem has been going on since March. "We still don't have a quorum of your board. We're not asking you to rig an election, we're asking you to resign, all of you, flip the board."

He added that the town policy is that in order to use a town facility, the membership of that organi-

zation needs to have 65 percent residents, but Selectmen have not seen a list. Goldman said, "There needs to be a lot more transparency if this is going to be salvaged. We might be able to bend on the date, but we need to see some forward progress before we flip this."

Goldman went on to say, "At the end of the day, the only thing that I care about is the Sandown artifacts and Sandown history."

Webber responded, "If we want to hold to the Nov. 20 date, there's no way that's going to be met, so we'll have a truck at the building, and we'll move the items."

Hudgins responded,

"You mean to tell me that you can't post a meeting tomorrow morning, have a meeting Thursday, get this figured out, and let us know Friday morning." Hudgins took exception to the idea that Webber was unwilling to cooperate and felt he was holding Selectmen hostage with the items in the building. "Us threatening to kick you out, has fired up the community, they want to get involved, they want to save it. The only conflict is between the town and your board. That's why we want you to flip the board."

Resident Shayla McNally added to the discussion by saying that she has recently had some dealings with the Histori-

cal Society through the relocation of the cannon to the Police Station. "I feel we risk losing all of our historical items." She mentioned that she felt our kids would never learn about the history of the town if the group moves out.

She said that according to IRS records, deceased resident Bob Brouder is still listed as the only member registered with the 501c3. "You have a deceased man as the principal controller of your organization," she added.

McNally also said that she has looked into this, and found that the last time the society has filed taxes was back in 2017, and if a 501c3 fails to file for three consecutive years, they lose their status, so Sandown stands to lose everything.

She added that she could find ten people to step up in the next 48 hours to help reestablish the society.

Goldman commended McNally on her willingness to help in the situa-

tion, and hoped that her and the membership could come together before Friday.

McNally added that even though the town of Sandown cannot control the society, but the people in Sandown are legally obligated to the items in the museum.

In the end, Selectmen decided to extend the deadline of the eviction to Dec. 4, to give the society a chance to vote on new members and save the artifacts.

Area Town's Set Rate Rates After Late Arrival from DRA

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Due to the recent problems associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) is late in getting the town tax rates out.

The latest tax rates were handed down to the towns earlier in the month, and many towns have adjusted the rates slightly through the use of Undesignated Fund Balance.

Towns are only able to adjust the town portion of the bill, and in all cases the school portion of the tax bill is much larger.

CHESTER

In Chester the Selectmen voted to approve reducing the town amount by \$50,000, which resulted in a tax rate of \$20.53.

This was .23 less than last year's rate of \$20.80. The tax rate includes: Town-\$7.02; County - .29; Local Education - \$10.72; State Education-\$1.90. This means, in Chester, if a resident owns a home that is accessed at \$300,000, their property tax would be about \$6,160.

HAMPSTEAD

In Hampstead the Selectmen voted to approve reducing the town amount by \$500,000, from the overlay, which resulted in an overall tax rate of \$21.55. This was .56 more than last year's rate of \$20.99. The tax rate includes: Town-\$2.87; County - .87; Local Education - \$15.89; State Education-\$1.92. This means, in Hampstead, if a resident owns a home that is accessed at \$300,000, their property tax would

be about \$6,465.

SANDOWN

In Sandown, the new rate that was decided on by Selectmen at their Monday night meeting was \$27.66 per thousand.

This means, if a resident owns a home that is accessed at \$300,000, their property tax would be about \$8,300.

DERRY

In Derry, Mark Fleischer, the Chief Financial Officer for the Town of Derry reported that as of 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon they had still not received an official rate from the DRA. Last year the rate was at \$26.12 per thousand. As of last year, if a resident owns a home that is accessed at \$300,000 in Derry, their property tax would be about \$7,836.

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Selectman Wrestle with What To Do With Sunset Lake Gate

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HAMPSTEAD - During the meeting of the Hampstead Board of Selectmen held on Monday, Nov. 9, resident Howie Steadman of the Sunset Lake Association addressed the board with a number of concerns his group has with the launching rules at the gate near the Public Beach on Sunset Lake.

He told Selectmen that the association changed the language of the rules on how many members of a household could have access to the gate. They decided to allow more than one by removing the restriction allowing just one.

Steadman also said that the group has concerns with the number of people launching boats without stickers, saying that somehow boaters are getting the code without obtaining a sticker.

The main concern with that is that the group feels this could be a danger to the lake, since they don't know where these boats are coming from and may be bringing in dangerous invasives to the lake.

His assumption is that people are telling friends the combination to the lake, and that is allowing those not registered to gain access to the lake. He added that a majority of the vehicles using the launch, without a proper

sticker, have Massachusetts plates.

The association was hoping to get some enforcement of the rules by the Police Department. They were thinking a fine of about \$100 might help deter this abuse.

The immediate thought by the Selectmen was whether or not the fine would be enforceable. The other issue, as Selectman Chair Sean Murphy stated was that, "It's technically land that we don't own."

Steadman responded that because the town is issuing the permits for access of the lake he felt it should be enforceable.

Town Administrative Assistant, Sally Theriault

confirmed that the town doesn't own the property and reminded the Selectmen that the town lawyer had advised the town not to install the gate when it was proposed a few years ago. The board voted for to install the gate on the grounds that there were concerns on the health of the lake.

Theriault added that the fine would have to be written up in the form of an ordinance.

She also said that the issue brings up where the boaters are parking their vehicles and trailers while they are on their boats. In order to park in the town-owned lot, that would have to have a resident sticker and that carries a

fine of only \$20.

Steadman suggested that if an ordinance is what is needed, he felt the town should take that route.

Theriault said that she would have to consult with the town counsel on what her thoughts would be.

Selectmen suggested that people launching without a sticker should be questioned as to where they got the code, but Steadman said confronted these people can be dangerous.

Members have been told that the police couldn't enforce the rule about launching without a permit unless there is a fine associated with it.

Police Chief Joe Beau-

doin conformed that there would need to be a fine associated with the violation, but he reiterated that because the town doesn't own the property, it's had to enforce the rule, especially when it gets to court, since the police would need to prove that they have the right to impose the fine.

Beaudoin added that if the owner of the property put up a "No Trespassing" sign, it would end all the issues.

He also suggested going to the Town Attorney for their opinion.

The discussion ended with the Selectmen saying that they would need to bring it to the town's counsel.

Derry Conservation Commission Warns of Hunting and Falling Trees

KELSEY DERHAK
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Conservation Commission held their latest meeting on Monday Nov. 16, to review site plans and safety concerns for residents using conservation lands.

The first site plan review was for 17 Young Road and 13 Old Chester Rd., Tax Map 9, Lot 126. The representative from Promise Land Survey was not present at the site plan presentation but they were able to verify where the wetland was and the house would be set off the wetland. Because the house was set off the wetland and near invasive species of vegetation on the property, that vegetation will need to

be removed. The vegetation to be removed includes Bittersweet. The Conservation Commission did put a comment on the plan for the applicant to mitigate the invasive vegetation of species using appropriate control measures. The Commission is also advising a note to recommend to the applicant with an additional comment that they need to consult with Rockingham Conservation or UNH as to what sources they should use to remove the invasive species. Following this additional comment to the applicant more discussion ensued by the commission about the proper wording of the current and future recommendations of removal of invasive species.

The applicant will also have to adhere to the state rules and guidelines for clearing out an invasive species on properties. This note to the site of 17 Young Rd., in 13 Old Chester Rd., will also serve as a blanket statement to other applicants that have to clear out invasive species on their properties as well.

Also on the board agenda was a call to action from a resident who was walking on Grinnell Trail and noticed a tree down. James Degnan, Chair, also relayed a follow up from a resident who was asking about trailheads and advertising different services. Degnan reminded the resident that the Commission doesn't allow

advertising at their trailheads or on the trails usually. Degnan asks residents "please if you're out there do not put up any advertising of any kind."

Also a concern for the Conservation Commission was the amount of beaver trees that have been noticed on many different trails. Degnan mentioned that about 3 weeks ago he bumped into a resident on a piece of conservation land that the area has been heavily used and there were a chewed-up beaver trees on the north side of Valley Road, most of the trees not

100% ready to topple, but some of the trees could be a liability. Another member mentioned that the beavers are really doing a number on the trees and about 10 to 12 Beaver trees are getting to the point where they might fall. More members chimed in seeing the trees as well by the marsh. The commission will be involving the state as well as keeping an eye on the trees because public safety is an issue when it comes to the trees that the beavers are chewing and those of them that might be getting ready to fall.

Conservation Commission would also like to make a public service announcement to please wear orange if you are out on any of the conservation land or. It is hunting season so if you're in the woods please wear orange as well as putting orange on your dog. Please do this for a while because hunting season in Rockingham County is fairly long. At the next meeting, the Conservation Commission is planning to advise the public where residents are allowed to hunt on certain conservation lands and where they cannot.



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Editorial

Heading into the Holidays

This Thanksgiving, families will be preparing meals with all the trimmings, but the holiday will look and feel different.

Normally this is a time when families and friends gather together and enjoy each other. Families have different Thanksgiving traditions, like watching a football, the parade, shopping and the list goes on and on.

But there's no way around it: the COVID-19 is making us celebrate differently this year. Drastically changed from the Norman Rockwell images of yesteryear, with families crowded around the dinner table, the family patriarch carving the turkey. Time has changed to a variety of family and life styles, but we all still mark the occasion by sharing a meal, breaking away from the constant jabbering of the online world, if only for a few hours.

We would like to encourage our readers to continue spending time with each other, even though it might be different from before. Caring for each other is important, even if it has to be done through zoom or by phone.

Look at this time as the perfect occasion to take stock in what we have in our lives. Starting with the simple things we take for granted – a roof over our heads, good health, food in the refrigerator, clothes in the closet, the list goes on.

There are some experiencing changes as a result of this year: the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job,

changes in mental and physical health, etc. These people are likely wondering what's to come, as are all of us.

But if we take a breath and remember it is about what we have and not what we've lost, we might see things may not be all that bad.

As much as COVID has taken this year, perhaps there is one thing it has given us: Perspective. And what we do with it is all up to us.

During times like these we should reach out take care of each other. Thank heaven for those people, the ones who step up even though they maybe having a hard time themselves. We are truly thankful for them.

We may not have the money we think we should, the job we want, or the house we desire, but we do have a say in how our communities operate and thrive.

Thanksgiving is a good time to look beyond ourselves, to consider those who don't have the comforts we take for granted, and to help however we can with donations or time. It is amazing to see how we have worked around obstacles of COVID to help keep each other healthy and safe.

This year, we suggest using the Thanksgiving to realize all the good that has come our way - and the people who play such important roles in our lives.

Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving from the staff at Nutfield Publishing.

Letters

My Time Working the Polls

To the editor,

Prior to our election last week I volunteered to act as a citizen observer at the Derry Supervisor of the Checklist meeting to accept voter registrations and at the Pre-processing of Absentee Ballots. Also as a part of a statewide effort to monitor the polls on Election Day throughout NH, I was trained to look for and speak up to any irregularities or suppression of voters I noticed on Election Day. I didn't see any, and the ballots were protected at all times.

What I did see in Derry were dedicated election workers, Democrats and Republicans, including the Town Moderator, Town Clerk, and Supervisors of the Checklist who went out of his/her way to make things go as smoothly, transparently and fairly as possible for voters. I saw first-hand how hard our poll workers and public officials worked before and during the election to organize and run the election during this time when they were dealing with an exceptionally large number of both in-person and absentee voting. Because of their diligence, no one was denied his or her right to vote or asked to

compromise his or her health, and all votes were counted as Democracy requires.

We in Derry have every reason to be very proud of the way our in-person and absentee ballot elections were run.

Corinne Dodge
Derry

Thank You All

To the editor,

Election season and election day felt like an absolute whirlwind. Now that we've all had a chance to recoup, there are many thanks to be given.

Thank you to our election officials, polling place volunteers, municipal officials, and the janitorial staff who kept our polling places running smoothly and safely.

Thank you to the voters of Derry, Hampstead, and Windham for your active participation. We once again saw record-breaking voter turnout! It's encouraging to see so many voters take their role in our democracy seriously.

Thank you to my opponent, Councilor Bourdon, for running a spirited and vibrant campaign.

Thank you to everyone – Republican, Libertarian, and Democrat – who got involved this

election cycle. Those who volunteered their time by holding signs at the transfer station, making calls to voters, going door-to-door, assembling yard signs, and who did their best to get their candidate's message out are truly unsung heroes. Candidates cannot be gracious enough for your efforts!

Lastly, thank you for re-electing me to serve as your voice in the State Senate. I am honored to represent you in Concord.

I look forward to meeting with many constituents prior to the filing date to promote legislation to help their families, schools, and businesses and I've already submitted legislation on behalf of the district. I am excited to work with Governor Sununu and my colleagues in the Senate and House to ensure our state budget is balanced, that our schools receive their fair share of funding, Exit 4A becomes a reality, and we create an economic environment that will allow our small businesses to flourish.

Thank you all! Please do not hesitate to reach out to my legislative office with any questions, comments, or concerns!

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Pinkerton Academy Students Honor Veterans With Breakfast



Although the COVID-19 Pandemic didn't allow the students of the Class of 2022 to host their usual Veterans Day Breakfast at the school, local veterans were welcomed into the parking area for a drive through breakfast. The Pinkerton JRROTC was also in attendance as well the PA Chorus and a number of members of the junior class. Breakfast was served to those attending in their vehicles and some enjoyed the meal in the parking area as the school chorus performed a few songs.

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Chester School Board Gives Update on COVID Pandemic

HENRY GREEN BAUM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - With Coronavirus cases on the rise within Rockingham County and Chester, New Hampshire the possibility of students returning to their normal school activities seem less likely. On Nov. 4, during their monthly meeting, the Chester School Board decided to switch from their Adapted-In-Person (AIP) Instruction model, to a Hybrid Remote Instruction model. Under this model, students will have a combination of online and in-person classes.

All the schools in the area, including Pinkerton Academy, have switched to hybrid learning for the remainder of the trimester, which ends on Dec. 4. All classes will be remote Nov. 18-24 leading into Thanksgiving break.

"There have been cases in Chester, and there have been cases of children [with the virus] in Chester," said superin-

tendent Darrell Lockwood. "To our knowledge, none of that has been [transmitted] here at school. Yes, they are our students, but they were either caught in time and were never in the building once they had contracted it or began to exhibit symptoms or it was the weekend or on telepresence." Some students who attend the Chester schools may have tested positive for the Coronavirus, but they never got the disease from being in school nor were they present while having the virus.

The plan going forward is to have Pre-K and Kindergarten students as well as a small number of students in grades one through eight with learning disabilities to attend school in person while all other students will participate in hybrid learning. Starting on Dec. 7, all first-grade students will start to attend school in-person again. Under hybrid learning, students will attend school in-person on certain days and

online on the other days.

Karen Lacroix, Principal of Chester Academy explained what the students' daily schedule is like under the Hybrid Remote model. "Every advisor or homeroom teacher is having a morning meeting with their students. There are core classes that are taking place. It may look a little different with each grade level, but those times are

being communicated with the students and families." Students are also taking integrated arts classes and have built-in breaks for lunch and to give them a chance to take a break from the computer screen.

Lacroix said, "From 1:35 until 2:55, there are four mini-blocks and there is a variety of things that happen during those. We have asked out [integrated arts] teachers to offer

some enrichment opportunities for students in grades one through eight." These courses serve as electives that give students the opportunity to learn something they would not learn about otherwise.

The Chester schools will also be seeing an increase in their budget due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Come December, the schools are looking at a 7.5% increase in their budget. Lockwood said, "It's being driven by a number of things. First and foremost, the largest increase you will see is in special education, based

on some students who are in need of some special services. Second, we've got over \$100,000 of CIP projects, not counting technology. Third, we've hired a number of new staff, that's a good thing."

There is also a need to put money aside to provide health insurance for all the new staff and their families. "They get married and they have children, that's a good thing too," said Lockwood. "When you do that, you go from single insurance, to two-person, insurance, to family insurance. All costs money."

OBITUARY

John A. Nofle



John A. Nofle, 75, of Derry, NH, passed away after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, in his home with his family by his side. He was born in Lynn, MA on May 2, 1945, a son of the late Harold and Edith (Johnson) Nofle. John grew up in Acton, MA and graduated from Acton Boxborough Regional High School. John spent his working career as a stock receiver of the F.W. Webb Co. with whom he worked for 42 years. He was a member of the Bedford Grange # 283 for 53 years and was a proud member of the First Baptist Church of Derry. John married his beloved wife on May 17, 1969.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sandra (King) Nofle of Derry; daughter, Jennifer Lynn and husband Jeremy R. Todd of Derry; two brothers, Ronald E. Nofle and wife Alayne of Winston-Salem, NC and Randall S. Nofle and wife Kimberly of Lewisville, NC; step brother, Garfield Vail of Escatawpa, MI; two brothers in law, Charles Lehman of Lowell, MA and Donald King, Sr. of Sebring, FL; step sister, Carolyn Vail of Boxborough, MA; sister in law, Joan King of Nashua, NH; sister-in-law, Judith Lees and husband William of North Port, FL, as well as many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents and step-mother, Edith J. Nofle and two step brothers: Roger and Donald Vail.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family was held on Thursday, Nov. 12, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services were held on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial will follow in Morrison Cemetery, Harvey Rd., Deerfield, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Abiding Memorial Fund at 4 Crystal Ave., #1, Derry, NH 03038.

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Marian "Tweet" (Fraser) Brudzisz



Marian (Fraser) Brudzisz, 96, of Derry, NH, passed away Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 at her daughter's home after a period of declining health. She was born in Fall River, MA on July 22, 1924, and was raised in Enfield, NH.

Marian was the widow of the late Stanley Brudzisz and lived in Derry since 1941. Marian was employed by Western Electric in N. Andover, MA, and had worked in a defense plant at Clifford's Mfg. in South Boston, MA during WWII.

Marian was the daughter of Beatrice (McAuley) Fraser and Aubrey Roy Fraser of Moncton, Canada. She was the granddaughter of the missionary Dr. Simon Alexander Fraser, who was very well known throughout Canada, British West Indies and British Columbia. Marian's interests were in family history and its heritage, making ceramics, photography and traveling. Marian cherished her trips to Hawaii, Canada, Bermuda, Scotland and in particular visiting Castle Fraser located in Kemnay.

Marian is survived by her devoted daughter, Debra Webster of Derry; and leaves behind three granddaughters, Tamra Snyder of Bedford, NH, Kimberly Mitchell of Hudson, NH, and Jennifer Cummings of S. Berwick, ME; seven great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Ronald Brudzisz of Dexter, ME; her sisters, Doris Beals of Amesbury, MA, Marylou Taylor of Londonderry, NH, and June Leslie of Amesbury; and her very supported son-in-law, Kenneth Webster of Derry.

At the request of the family, all services will be private. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Heart Fund or charity of one's choice. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Sandown Conservation Commission Continues Hoytford Hills Discussion

KELSEY DERHAK
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Conservation Commission met on Nov. 5, to further discuss the development of Hoytford Hills and its wetland impacts.

The development of Hoytford Hills was the main item on the agenda for the Conservation Commission. There are a lot of environmental permits that are waiting to be approved for the Hoytford Hills development applicant. Because of the pending permits the commission took the time during their Nov. 5 meeting to make sure they, as commission members, were all on the same page. Also present at the Conservation Commission's meeting was the Environmental consultant for the town of Sandown, Bruce Gilday. The development of Hoytford Hills is a big project for the town of Sandown as well as the Conservation

Commission because of the amount of wetland and vernal pools that are present on the land. The Chair of the Conservation Commission, Brian Butler, stated that he "wants to do this right and take their time." There are a number of vernal pools on the Hartford property that have the potential to be impacted and the commission wants to make sure those areas are as protected as they can be. The Commission is working closely with the Planning Board as well and have been in communication with the planning board to make sure their recommendations are those that are also made to the applicant. The recommendations that the Conservation Commission have been making to the planning board are consequently the ones that have been made to the applicant as goes for most, if not all, of the commission's recommendations to the board.

The Conservation Com-

mission is happy as the applicant has done its job to follow through with all the recommendations that the Planning Board/Commission has asked of it. However, the applicant has been waiting on the approval of some of their permits from New Hampshire Fish and Game as well as DES.

In their letter to the Planning Board the Commission has stated their request for how the handling of the wetland and its components are handled. The Commission is requir-

ing the setback from any logging, grubbing, and earth moving in regards to the vernal pools to have a setback of 25 ft. This setback of 25 ft would include a "no cut and no disturb". Because of the sensitivity of vernal pools in the state, the commission will heavily rely on Fish and Game and the Wetland Bureau on issues of vernal pools in juxtaposition to the road and buildings. Because of the vernal pools on the Hoytford property, the State is going to see that there are vernal pools on the

property and are going to need to flag it and need to see more of the property. This is when the state comes back to the Commission and "asks for our input as the local experts", says Chairmen Butler. The Commission usually refers to their recommendations made in the CUP when asked for a comment. In their letter to the planning board the Sandown Conservation Commission relied heavily on Bruce Gilday, the environmental scientist, to help them in their list of concerns

and requests of how the Hoytford property is handled. One of those requests is that the contractor use an alternative to silt fences. The Commission also discussed a condition that they get to go and check out the vernal pools when the permit is approved because of the drought over the summer months where they were not able to see the vernal pools in their prime condition. The Commission will still keep a close eye on this project as the vernal pools and their safety are their main concern.

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D'Angelo also suggested that they look at some of the other boards in town that don't get paid at all, saying they may want to look at that, and perhaps give those members a token amount of money instead of having it be strictly voluntary.

Landau responded that he wasn't asking for a pay raise, and said that he would probably vote against it, but said he wanted to make the point that people understand that "None of us are here for the money."

Selectman 'Doc' Hagan jumped in at that point and asked whether the board has control of this or if they would need to take it up in a

Warrant Article and was told it could be done internally. He then recommended that the board receive \$5,000 per year, with the chairman receiving \$10,000 and the Vice Chair would get \$7,500 per year. We could look at it for next term.

D'Angelo thought that sounded like a good proposal, but said he wanted to make sure they were on par with what other towns are doing.

Also discussed at the meeting was the need of a pick-up truck for the maintenance department.

Landau said the police department is in need of a new truck, so it would be a good idea to give their old vehicle to the maintenance department and replace the

police vehicle.

Selectman Chuck Myette reminded Landau that the proposal of a maintenance vehicle was discussed at the latest CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) meeting, saying that a truck from the highway department would be given to maintenance until next year, when the police would be looking to buy a new truck. At that point the truck from the Police Department, with about 16,000 miles on it, would be given to maintenance.

Landau disagreed with that plan saying that the truck coming from the Highway Department was far too big and impractical. He thought a better use for that vehicle would be to be

used as a plow at the school. He felt that only one person in the maintenance department could drive the used truck, and it was too expensive to fuel up.

D'Angelo suggested that the take a look at all the CIP requests before the mid-December meeting and fine tune things before making any decisions. He agreed that the maintenance Department needed a vehicle, but suggested they look at a new vehicle rather than a hand-me-down from the police, saying it would cost a bit of money to remove all the police equipment add-ons.

Landau added that he was just trying to get seven more years out of a vehicle they have hardly used.

OBITUARY

Ronald R. Gorrie



Ronald R. Gorrie, 75, of Derry, NH died Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 at the Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH. Ron was born in Lynn, MA on May 20, 1945, son of the late Thomas and Blanche (McClintock) Gorrie. He

was a 1963 graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry and had been a resident of Derry most of his life.

In Ron's younger years, he was a youth hockey coach and enjoyed camping with his family and riding dirt bikes with his son and friends. He owned and operated Page Street Market on Hannover Street in Manchester for many years and worked for Arlex Oil in Lexington, MA for the past 13 years. He only truly retired a few weeks before his passing, but wouldn't have had it any other way. He loved Raiders football and his yearly trip to Las Vegas and San Diego.

Ron is survived by one son, Thomas J. Gorrie and his wife Kristin of Derry, one daughter, Jill Gorrie Rovatsos and her husband Michael Rovatsos of San Diego, CA, granddaughters Bridget and Dana Gorrie of Derry, fraternal twin granddaughter and grandson Avery and Zachary Rovatsos of San Diego, CA, brothers Craig Gorrie of Manchester and Stuart Gorrie. He is pre-deceased by his wife, Judith A. Gorrie of Derry.

Following cremation, private services will be held at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing.

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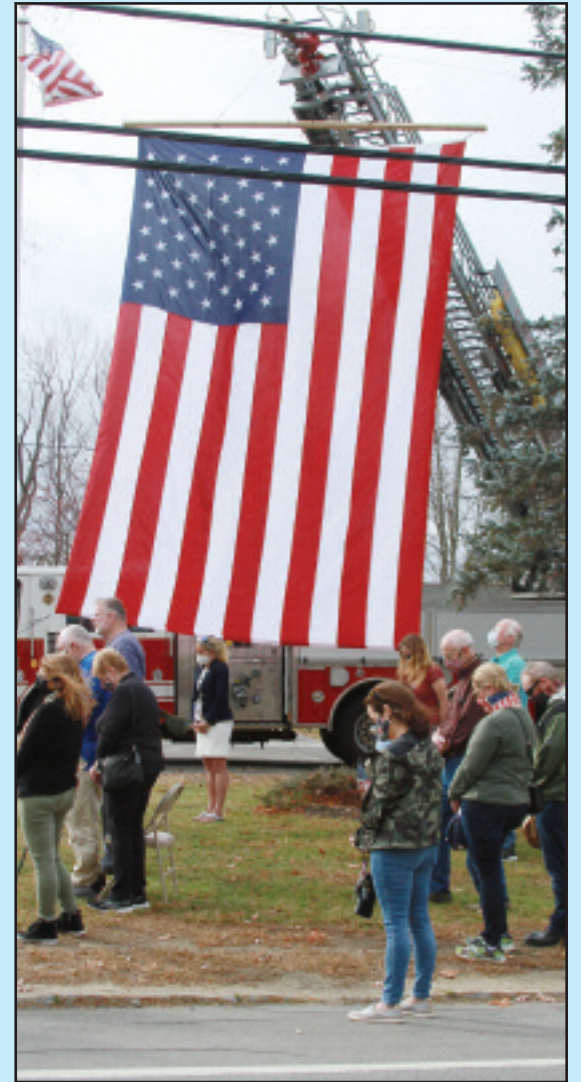
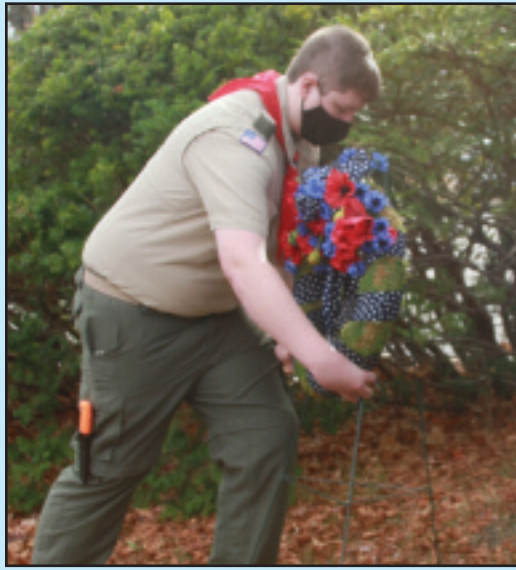
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Chester Remembers

Members of the Chester Community gathered on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the Veterans Monument in front of Steven's Hall to remember those who served in the armed services. Resident Jean Methot orchestrated the event and Fire Captain Phillip Gladu was the Guest Speaker. Garrett Horigan, a Star Scout from Troop 163 had the honor of laying the wreath, while Chester Academy students Andrew Perfetto and Isabella Fall played taps from across the street. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Derry Veteran Brian Thacker was warmly remembered for his service in the U.S. Army with a bench dedication on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Derry Rail Trail near the center of Derry. Thacker was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy in 1963 and was a multi-sport athlete as well as a member of a number of clubs. Thacker served in the Vietnam War and received the Medal of Honor for his actions against the North Vietnamese Army as he held off the enemy, during a retreat, and evaded capture during

that time. Lee Currier (deceased) and William Manning built and installed all the veteran benches along the Rail Trail. The event was sponsored by the American Legion Post 9, VFW Post 1617 and the Halcyon Club. American Legion Adjutant Isaac Miller did much of speaking, while Chaplains Carleton Morrison and Charles Andriolo gave the opening prayer and Benediction. Town Councillor Richard Tripp read the proclamation from the Derry Town Council.

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When It All Feels Wrong, You Can Give Thanks Anyway

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

Thanksgiving: it's right in the name. A holiday for reflecting on what we have been thankful for this past year, what we are thankful for in general.

This year, however, this may be easier said than done for some. The COVID-19 pandemic has made 2020 difficult, to say the least, and it doesn't seem to be showing any mercy as we get into the holiday season.

Families have been kept from each other for months upon months, creating a feeling of isolation for many. Work has slowed down or shut down for many more, causing financial insecurity. Tensions and anxiety have mounted for all citizens sur-

rounding issues of health and civil liberties, to name a few.

In the midst of such tumultuous times, it can be difficult to remember that there are still things to be thankful for.

The CDC is not advocating for total isolation during the holidays, but the organization does ask that families be mindful of a few important safety measures.

Families should not host or participate in Thanksgiving gatherings in person if they meet any of the following criteria:

If there has been a diagnosis of COVID-19 in the household within two weeks.

If anyone in the household has been exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

If anyone in the

household has been waiting for COVID-19 test results.

If anyone in the household has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

If anyone in the household is at an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

The CDC also urges families to take into consideration, in the interest of safety for all involved, community levels of COVID-19, risk of exposure during any travel, location of any gatherings (as far as ventilation and proximity of guests), duration of gatherings and the number of people present during, the health and behaviors of guests prior to gatherings (ensuring that guests have been adhering to safety guidelines

thus far).

There isn't any way around it. Things will have to be different this year.

Let's face it, sitting at the dinner table via face-time just isn't the same. Families all across the Granite State will likely be facing that fact as their loved ones who may be learning or working out of state may find themselves unable to fly home for Thanksgiving dinner.

But we must try to be thankful that we will at least be able to see our loved ones' faces, be able to talk with them, and be able to see with our own eyes that they are staying safe.

Menu planning and ingredient shopping, while stressful for many, may have been a favorite part of the Thanksgiving season for some. While grocery stores remain open as an essential service, the experience may be dampened for those who once enjoyed venturing around their

favorite stores without having to maintain six feet distance from other customers, or having to follow one-way arrows through the aisles.

But we must try to be thankful that these stores are open, that many offer online shopping with pick up service, and that employees have been working so hard to keep the stores as safe as possible for their customers.

The Macy's Thanksgiving parade has been a Thanksgiving staple for families all over the nation. But for the first time in several decades it will not be held. At least, not in the way we are used to. This beloved tradition that families look forward to all year, the thing that would have been a more than welcome escape from the dark year that has been 2020, will not be the same this year.

But we must try to be thankful that even though it will not be the same, at least there will be something in its place. And

perhaps in its absence we can create new traditions, unique to our own families, creating something to look forward to in the years to come.

The list of reasons to dread this year's holidays could go on and on. But the same can be said for the list of reasons to be thankful anyway.

Even though times are tough, we can be thankful that we live in a time where healthcare advancements are being made every day, that resources are still relatively easy to come by (often without having to leave the comfort of our homes), and so on.

Many events have been cancelled this year in the interest of health and safety, but Thanksgiving, as far as what it stands for, cannot and will not be cancelled.

For further details on CDC guidelines for a safe and healthy Thanksgiving 2020, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and search "Holidays."

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Derry Middle Schools Move to Full Remote Learning

In a letter released by MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian, Ed.D., the Superintendent of Derry Schools this week, families were notified on the plan to revert back to complete Remote Learning for two schools.

In the letter she states, "I am writing today to inform you of an initial transition

from the current Plan A instructional model (in-person learning) to Plan C (complete remote learning). At this time, this temporary transition will only impact students attending Gilbert H. Hood and West Running Brook Middle Schools (Grades 6-8), beginning Monday, Nov. 30, and will

address two primary needs. First, the decision allows the District to proactively manage its finite resources to support anticipated staffing shortages, thereby extending the duration of time that students in Pre-kindergarten through Grade 5 may continue to access on-site, in-person instruc-

tion under Plan A. Second, the decision focuses on quality by maximizing the number of middle school students learning consistently with school-based educators in a manner uninterrupted by the changing landscape of COVID-19. Middle school students working in the Alternative Remote Learning Plan (ARLP) will continue to do so. As a reminder, Plan C, Complete Remote Learning, currently allows for small groups or individual students who may need to receive specialized instruction on-site in schools, as permissible by health and safety guidelines. The decision to move to this temporary instructional model at the middle school level will be reviewed and communicated to you prior to the return to school from the holiday break on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

"Students in Pre-kindergarten through Grade 5 will return to school after Thanksgiving on Monday,

Nov. 30, in the current Plan A. The ARLP will also continue to be available for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5. Currently, the last three school days in December (21, 22, 23) are proposed to be fully remote instead of on-site for all students. The proposed calendar revisions will be included in the December 8th School Board agenda to replace the original 2020-21 school year calendar. We will continue to evaluate if there is a need for a temporary transition to Plan C, Complete Remote Learning, for Pre-kindergarten through Grade 5 students prior to Friday, Dec. 18.

"It is important to note the proposed return date of Nov. 30 (Pre-kindergarten through Grade 5) is subject to modification since conditions within our schools vary daily. Our local health officials and experts continue to collaborate with us while we remain watchful of the level of school impact.

School impact criteria include transmission within the school facility, student absenteeism due to illness, and staff capacity to conduct classes and school operations.

"The decision to temporarily move to a remote instructional model at the middle school level was not arrived at without full consideration given to the impact on students, families, and staff. We have much to be proud of in terms of providing a quality education to our students in the midst of the ongoing pandemic. This current determination continues to allow us to serve all of our students in the best manner possible with a degree of certainty.

"Please stay safe and healthy while remaining vigilant to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Your school administrators are available should you have questions. As a District, we continue to be most grateful for your understanding."

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not wish to go that route and hopes the Town Council will review what she has given them, and ask for the resignation of Morgan. She finished by saying she would be back in two weeks to find out what route they choose to take.

Resident Tom Cardon followed her in public comment with an opinion on the subject. He felt Morgan has every right to voice his opinions on the cable program, aside from what he does as a Town Councilor.

He also mentioned that there is a history of councilors hosting shows and being pretty tough on candidates.

Cardon felt that the homophobic overtones in the text that Morgan received were a line that shouldn't be crossed, even in politics.

Later in the meeting, during the councilor comment section of the evening, Morgan addressed the grievance that Copp had with him, explaining that he was within his rights as a councilor to speak on the matter brought up. He said, "So if you're going through stones, stick around to catch the ones coming back. Otherwise your credibility is not that great."

He also said that Copp was fabricating facts, and said after the primary he wasn't planning on taking any side until he received a text from Copp.

"If you're a gay man and someone says to you crawl out from under your

skirt, that's a petty bigoted comment, and I would highly suggest you up the definition of bigot."

He also stated that he thought Copp should stay away from threats of a lawsuit, if she wants to sue, she should just do it.

Morgan also slammed her support of President Trump saying that he finds it interesting that she supports someone who does a lot of name calling, but when someone does it to her, she gets upset.

He also stated that the State Reps Derry has in Concord have been a disas-

ter as far as helping Derry on state funding issues.

Morgan continued by say that if she wants to sue him, he has about eight lawyers he can refer her to.

His frustration is the Copp has not come to a meeting explaining what her plan is to help the community, just to slam the council.

He asked his fellow town councilors to end this harassment, and to keep her to three minutes of comment time.

He felt that Copp should take legal action directly with him and not the citizens of Derry.

A Message From Plummer Tree Farm

In response to Covid-19 we will be making changes in the way we sell Christmas trees this year.

- We are requiring masks.
- We will not be serving refreshments as it is impossible to drink hot cider or cocoa with a mask on.
- We will be requiring reservations for the first 3 days.
- We will be scheduling 30 people/family groups per hour between 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 27, Saturday, Nov. 28 and Sunday, Nov. 29. Reservations are for both choose and cut trees and pre-cut trees. Please text or call 603 493 4804. You can let us know your preference of day/time and we will do our best to accommodate you.

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DERRY

Online Creepy Christmas

On Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m., the Derry Library will host an Online Creepy Christmas with Jeff Belanger Based on the New England Legends "Creepy Christmas" special that aired on PBS, Jeff Belanger will explore historic holiday monsters like Krampus, Christmas ghosts, and other spooky yuletide stories. This program is not suitable for young children. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Elf Training

On Dec. 8, from 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. the Derry Library will host Elf Training (Socially Distanced Edition!). Family groups can sign up for a specific time slot to have their children go through Elf Training. The children will make crafts, sing songs, and share stories to celebrate the holiday season. Masks are required for all participants over three years of age. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Seasonal Affective Disorder

On Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. the Derry Library will host Online Seasonal Affective Disorder: How to Beat the Winter Blues. Award-winning Psychiatrist Dr. David Mischoulon has spent several decades researching various areas of depression, including

complementary and alternative medicine. He will be giving a lecture on what seasonal depression is, and its symptoms, and different approaches for treating it. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

What Makes a "Christmas" Movie?

On Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m., the Derry Library will hold an Online What makes a movie a "Christmas" movie? Resident movie expert Liz will be giving a full length program asking an intriguing social question about Christmas film culture. What makes a movie a "holiday movie"? And how do some movies, like Die Hard, become Christmas movies in the public consciousness? Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

The Greater Derry Humane Society is holding a Poinsettia Plant Fundraiser from Nov. 9 - 28. A portion of every plant purchased will help with the cost of animal supplies, food, vet care, behavior training, dental care, surgical procedures, and much more. Plants have been grown by Orchard Hill Greenhouses in Londonderry, and come in a variety of sizes: 6.5" pot - \$15 each; 7.5" pot - \$23 each; 8.5" pot - \$30 each. Order Forms are located at the Greater Derry Humane

Society Website at <https://forms.gle/RXuWcMe9u8e3nRCi7>. Plant(s) can be picked up at Orchard Hill Greenhouses, 92 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry, from Dec. 5 - 20. Call or text Orchard Hill Greenhouses at 603-235-2804 to schedule a pick-up day and time. Please bring a copy of your emailed receipt when you pick up your plant(s).

Tiny Tots

The Taylor Library's Tiny Tots story hour for ages 6 mos-2 year olds. Stories with rhymes, music will be held via facebook live on Mondays at 10 a.m., starting now to Nov. 3. For further information, call the library 432-7186.

Taylor Library Pick up

The Taylor Library is taking appointments for patrons to come into the library to pick out books or call the library for curb pickup. Interlibrary loan with the state is also available. For further information, call the library 432-7186

Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

Story with a Craft

On Fridays at 10 a.m., the

Taylor Library will host Story Hour with a craft (ages 2 and up) via Facebook live. Starting now to Dec. 4. Register so you can pick up the kits to go along with each week's story/craft. For further information, call the library 432-7186.

CHESTER

Loaf and Ladle "TO GO"

This year, Chester Congregational Baptist Church will be having a Loaf and Ladle "TO GO" on Saturday Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. - noon in the Vestry. The menu will include: Beef Barley Soup, Corn Chowder and Chili. The meals will include bread and cookies for \$10. Note that additional soups, breads jams and jellies can also be purchased. Curbside pick-up is available if you call the church office in advance at 887-4799. Please visit our website at www.chestermhchurch.org. The church is located in the center of Chester at 4 Chester St., Chester.

Library Closure

The Chester Library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving.

Stranger Things Escape Room

Can you escape the Upside Down? Come find out at the Chester Library on Mondays in November at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Register by calling 887-3404. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers down. We cannot guarantee social distancing; it is at the patrons' discretion and masks MUST be worn.

Dog Man Party

Come one, come all, Dog Man Fans. Attend a fun afternoon with crafts, snacks, and prizes for Ages 7 and up on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. Register by calling 603-887-3404 or email assistdirector@pl@gmail.com. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers down. We cannot guarantee social distancing; it is at the patrons' discretion and masks MUST be worn. Please advise if you have any food allergies.

Storytime

Chester Library Storytime

is every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. Bring your little ones for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo. Registration is mandatory to keep numbers down. We cannot guarantee social distancing; it is at the patrons' discretion and masks MUST be worn. Please advise if you have any food allergies.

HAMPSTEAD

2020 Hampstead Turkey Trot

The Hampstead Recreation Commission will be hosting their annual Turkey Trot at Saint Anne Parish on Thursday, Nov. 26, at 8:30 a.m. Registrations are open for the 2020 Turkey Trot. There will be electronic timing and staggered starting times. You can sign up online. Please go to the following website for more information www.sites.google.com/.../recreationhampstead/turkey-trot

Hampstead Holiday Parade

The 56th Hampstead Holiday Parade is happening! Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. 2020 is not going to stop the HLC from bringing the parade to you... literally. This year's parade will be mobile, no pedestrians, and no after-parade celebration. Hang tight as we are busy at our workshop, planning with the town, HPD and HFD to ensure we have a safe journey around socially-distanced Hampstead, spreading holiday cheer (and not germs). Participant entry forms will be available very soon with all the details you need to keep everyone on the nice list. Route will be made public in late November.

Lego Challenge

The final LEGO® Challenge for students in grades K-12 is issued on Nov. 23 via the Hampstead Library's Facebook page. Inspired by the challenge theme, participants build and share a photo of their creation on the Library's Facebook post by 9 pm on Saturday Nov. 28. Each entry/photo-shared earns the builder one raffle ticket in a drawing for a new Harry Potter Room of Requirement LEGO® set. The prize drawing takes place on Nov. 30. Good luck and happy building!

Story Time

There is no Hampstead Library Story Time the week of Nov. 23. December Story Time will be online. Details about schedule and format are coming soon. Refer to the Library's website and Facebook page for Story Time updates.

Santa For Seniors

The Hampstead Public Library is working with Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels to help with the Santa for Seniors Program. If you'd like to provide holiday gifts for a senior in need, check out the tag-tree in front of the Library (during business hours.) Please carefully read the instructions. Select what you can help with, shop, include the code number on the gift bag, and drop off the gift at the Library or the Rockingham Nutrition office in Brentwood by Dec. 4. It is very important that the gifts be dropped off by the deadline. If you have any questions, please email circulation@hampsteadLibrary.org.

Holiday House Hunt

Do you wish more people could see your amazing holiday display? Want to know where to go to enjoy them? Look no further, the PTSA is creating a Holiday House Hunt Route Map. To add your display to the map, simply email your address to 2ndvp@hampsteadptsa.org (all addresses will be kept private, only street names will be added to the map) by Dec. 10. Map will be made available online or by email. Happy Decorating.

Community Grief Support

Hampstead Congregational Church will hold their monthly Community Grief Support Group on Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 10:30 a.m. - noon in Hadley Hall, 61 Main St., Hampstead. Safety protocols will be followed 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

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of loss. Please know you are welcome to just drop in. If you have any questions, please call 603-329-6985.

Blue Christmas

Hampstead Congregational Church will offer an online Blue Christmas: Service of Remembrance, Comfort, and Hope, on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. This is an unprecedented year of grief and loss. So many of us have lost so much: lives lost to the virus; the inability to be with

the vulnerable and sick; the loss of rituals and celebrations, the loss of employment and stability; and even the loss of being able to gather together. You are invited into a space and time to acknowledge your sadness, grief, and exhaustion. We will offer a contemplative service of prayer, scripture and music. Join us on Facebook Live (Hampstead Congregational Church) or visit hampsteaducc.org for a link to a live stream option.

Virtual Meditation

There is one more Virtual Meditation Class this month,

scheduled on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m., at the Hampstead Library. Classes continue into next month with three planned sessions, Dec. 2, 9, and 16. According to the Mayo Clinic there are many benefits of meditation, including reducing negative emotions, building skills to manage stress, and increasing patience and tolerance. Join us for these relaxing evening classes to help you feel more balanced during the holiday season and beyond. It is time well spent on yourself. If you have not already signed up, please do so via the Library

website Events Calendar. You will then receive information about how to access these classes via Zoom.

Nonfiction Book Club

Books are available to borrow for the Hampstead Library's Nonfiction Book Club. The group is reading *Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee* by Casey Cep, and will discuss it on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. Call the Library if you wish to reserve a copy to get during Curbside Pickup hours. In *Furious Hours*, Cep master-

fully brings together the tales of a serial killer in 1970s Alabama and of Harper Lee, the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, who tried to write his story. If you are interested in participating in the discussion, please register in advance via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org. Space is limited for the in-person meeting.

SANDOWN

Santa Claus is Coming

The Sandown Fire Rescue will be escorting Santa on Dec. 5. This will be a socially

distanced trip, and Santa won't be stopping, but he will be dancing and jiving to Christmas music, and FD sirens. If you want to help replenish the food pantry in time for Christmas we will be accepting donations all day at the station. Just stop by and one of the Firefighters will be able to accept your donation.

Story Time

Bring your preschooler or kindergarten age child to enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more on Tuesday, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1, at 10 - 11

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a.m. This story time will be held at the Sandown library, outdoor weather permitting. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. Downstairs Meeting Room Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

Family Butter Making

The Sandown Library will hold a Family Butter Making Workshop (All ages) Bring the family and have fun making your own butter for Thanksgiving on Saturday Nov. 21, at 11 a.m. - noon. Registration is required so we have enough supplies for everyone. Come shake up some butter. Downstairs Meeting Room. Contact Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

Monday Morning Mystery Book Club

Are you a mystery reader? Looking for some new authors or a chance to read a favorite one? Join us at the Sandown Library on the 1st Monday of the month to discuss the monthly book choice from 10:30 a.m. - noon. This month's book: The Wych Elm by Tana French Books are available to pick up at the library. Please register so we have enough copies of the books available. Contact Susan Kehoe at 887-3428 or skehoe@sandownlibrary.us.

Library Closure

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, The Sandown Library will be closing at 2 p.m., and will be closed on Thursday Nov. 26, for the Thanksgiving Holiday today. Have a great holiday!

Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board Of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

Virtual Mother Goose

Join the Sandown Library Monday mornings, 10 - 10:30 a.m., 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 for ages up to 36 months. 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 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too. Contact: Adrienne Skora, at 603-887-3428, or youths@sandownlibrary.us

Messy Mondays

From 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, join the Sandown Library for some creative, child-centered science and art exploration. Wear your old clothes and get ready to be messy! This activity will be outdoors, and will be rescheduled in the event of rain. While this event is geared to children aged 6 and under, we will make accommodations for older siblings. Please be sure to register each child that will be in attendance. Location: outdoors. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

Legos And More

Come and build with us VIA ZOOM from 4 - 5 p.m. for Ages 6+! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc... Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the program has started, so please arrive on time. Virtual. Contact: Adrienne Skora, at 603-887-3428, or youths@sandownlibrary.us

PJ Storytime-Facebook Live

Join Miss Adrienne live on Facebook every Wednesday from 6:30 - 7 p.m., for Virtual PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Virtual. Contact: Adrienne Skora, at 603-887-

3428, or youths@sandownlibrary.us

Family Fun In The Kitchen

Via Zoom from 4 - 5 p.m. Fall is here which means lots of apples. The Sandown Library will be making apple crisp. Participants are required to register and will receive an email with the login information to this Zoom event. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or youths@sandownlibrary.us.

BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches 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. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary

REGIONAL

COVID-19 Response Help Needed

The South Central NH Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is recruiting medical and non-medical volunteers to help with the COVID-19 Response in the region. Are you a practicing or retired medical professional or a concerned local citizen (with or without medical expertise), and interested in assisting your community during an emergency? The MRC pro-

vides communities with medical and nonmedical volunteers trained to assist in the event of public health emergencies. Volunteers may be called to assist during emergencies, such as the COVID-19 response. Activities may include but not limited to greeting, registration, and vaccine administration. Free training will be available within your scope of practice. For more information, please reach out to Kate MacDonald at katemacdonald@catsn.h.org or 603-505-7216.

Toys for Tots

It's safe to say 2020 has been a tough year for everyone. Kids and parents more than ever could use a little extra "Merry" in their Christmas this year and we're hoping to help bring bright smiles to their faces this Holiday Season! Derry PD will be participating in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Campaign for the 2020 season. Please drop off new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys to the main lobby of the station.

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Basketball Tryout

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Winter AAU tryouts at the Candia Youth Athletic Association in Candia, NH. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 2nd - 8th. The first tryout date is Saturday Nov. 28. Times are 2nd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 2 - 3 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: 3 - 4 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@hotmail.com.

Toy Sale

Do you have toys to donate to the annual St. Gianna's Toy Sale? Drop off any time to: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry (Aquinas Center), 5 Isabella Dr., Londonderry and St. Matthew's Church Windham. The sale will take place on Dec. 5, at St. Thomas

Church, Derry, from 9 a.m. - noon. Must wear a mask and bring your own bag.

Career Skills

Need career skills? Work-Ready NH will hold Virtual Class on Monday - Friday, from noon - 2:30 p.m. for 10 hours independent work. To register, call 603-230-3435 Learn Session: Dec. 18.

Grandparent and Caregiver Support

Are you a grandparent or caregiver raising another person's child? Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at the YMCA Londonderry Facilitated by The Upper Room, the YMCA- Londonderry and the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy [www.urteachers.org/remote-learning-and-support#Youth\(SoRock\)](http://www.urteachers.org/remote-learning-and-support#Youth(SoRock)) Contact: Seren Elizabeth at sElizabeth@urteachers.org.

TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children.

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.

Fourth Annual Pantry Plunge, Dec. 12

DERRY - The 4th Annual Pantry Plunge will take place at Beaver Lake (Gallien's Beach), Derry, on Saturday, Dec. 12, beginning at 11:30 a.m. This event is a fundraiser for the FBC Community Food Pantry. The Food Pantry has been fighting hunger in Derry and the surrounding towns since 1988. Each month the Food Pantry serves over 350 individuals and more than 150 families. No one is turned away. More

information can be found at www.fbcfoodpantry.org or www.pantryplunge.org.

For the past 3 years the event has seen a growing number of local people step up and out of their comfort zones to raise money for the FBC Community Food Pantry.

This year COVID-19 has made the event more important than ever.

The FBC community is working hard to raise as much as they can, so that none of our neighbors will

go hungry this coming year. The demands on the Food Pantry this year are especially high. The need is especially great. They are especially determined to rally the community to make this event especially successful.

Form a team or come solo. Bring your towel, your funds raised and your "can-do" spirit (and see the useful information on the pantryplunge.org website) and become a part of the solution to

local hunger. If you cannot plunge, then please make a donation today at either of the above websites. We're Freezin' for a Reason!

As a donor or as a Plunger, please be a part of The 4th Annual Pantry Plunge and show our neighbors your commitment to fighting hunger in the Greater Derry area.

For more information contact Nancy, Pantry Plunge Organizer at 603-505-2843 or rafnraf@myfairpoint.net.

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