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Conservation Commission Defends Their Hanley Road Parking Area

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the Guest Portion of the Hampstead Conservation Commission meeting held on Wednesday night, Nov. 18, Karl Schumacher of Collins Drive in Hampstead spoke about his concerns with a parking lot project near his home on Hadley Road, which he said was never discussed in an open public fashion.

Schumacher said he wanted to get some clear answers on the parking lot, saying that specifically, he wanted to know when the discussions on moving forward with this project took place in non-public sessions.

He

understands the importance of having residents being able to access the and members of the comtrails with this parking lot, but stressed the negative long-term impact the lot would have to the area's

residents He added that he was told that there was a petition signed by a number of residents who were in favor of the project, but when asked to see the petition, it was never produced

Conservation Commission Chairman Tim Lovell responded that the petition was thrown away some time ago, because it pertained to the parking lot developer of an adjacent site, and they would be added that he building it at no cost to the

taxpayers.

Lovell added that he mission were responsible for collecting the names on that petition, and remembers exactly how many names were on it.

He also told Schumacher that when deciding on something like this project, the commission takes into account the entire town, not just a small neighborhood group.

Schumacher then responded, "If this was such an important project, for the people of the town, why was it discussed at non-public session."

Lovell said that "It's being constructed by the been discussed so many times, it's at nausea. We have discussed this parkcontinued on page 7



Discussions on Maintenance Truck Continue with Chester Selectmen Marker Revealed Pinkerton Academy Trustee Mark which is a liability for the nance Department re-

Kelsey Derhak NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The issue of a new Maintenance Department vehicle continues for the Chester Board of Selectmen meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19.

Maintenance Department liaison Steph Landeau brought the issue to the forefront as he stated that the maintenance crew is in need of a new vehicle. Currently the Maintenance Department is using a passenger vehicle to pull around their trailer and carry their equipment around. If they are not using the passenger vehicle, they are using their own personal vehicles,

town because of insurance. ceived a trailer instead of a There is a town owned vehicle is because the year F550 that is available on the trailer was purchased occasion to the Maintenance Department but has been deemed not suitable for everyday use due to the costs of fuel and having only one person qualified to operate it. Landeau's suggestion is that Maintenance get the pick up truck that is currently being used by the Police Department, and then move up the purchase of a new pick-up truck for the Police Department. Landeau mentioned that this would be a way of saving the town money at Because of this, the truck some point and that this is that is looking to be trans-

a way of being frugal. The reason the Maintethe Planning Board was told to be more conservative. Since the town already had a F550, the solution at the time was to have them use the F550 to pull the trailer with the equipment.

When Chief Berube was in the process of getting the truck for the Police Department, it was with the intention that it would be moved to a different department if the Board of Selectman chose to do so. ferred to the Maintenance

Laliberte explains the process of having the historic marker installed at the school on Friday, Nov. 20. The marker recognizes some of the significant figures from the school and was erected on the campus in front of Stearns House along Bypass 28. See more details on page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Many Area Holiday Events Effected by COVID Pandemic

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

Although a couple annual Holiday events will still be happening as the holidays approach, one annual parade, that usually signals the start of Christmas in Derry, was just recently cancelled.

The "Nutfield Holiday continued on page 5 Parade: Unsung Heroes,"

place as a stationary, drivethru parade on Saturday, Nov. 28, at Pinkerton Academy was recently cancelled.

The annual Holiday Parade sponsored by the Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce and the Derry Village Rotary usually rings in holiday festivities with floats, bands and

was scheduled to take civics groups parading down Broadway, and even though the groups had planned to do a more conservative rendition of the parade this year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it ended up being cancelled last week.

According to one of the parade organizers, Stephen Dente, "With the increase continued on page 8

Chester Planning Board Meets, Hadik Now Town Planner

TJ RUZICKA NUTFIELD NEWS •

CHESTER - The night of Nov. 18, had the Chester Planning Board meet via a Zoom videoconference. due to COVID-19, and the Board went over Pandemic related issues, fee waivers, the CIP, and before the night was done decided to make Andrew Hadik the Chester Town Planner.

agenda for the board members was whether an nently display" at the top amendment should be of the homepage of the made to how the Board is supposed to notify the townspeople of meetings.

COVID-19 pandemic and any potential changes coming down from the state in response to it, the Board considered alternatives to the circulation newspaper as the medium to inform the public.

After a quick runthrough of options, the Board felt that a temporary switch to using the town website rather than the town paper would be the best course of action. The first item on the The meetings and their times will now "promitown website according to the amendment.

The second item on members felt that starting

tude Learning.

at a prior meeting, and again brought up as the \$345 worth of fees Latitude Learning has to pay to the town was seen as "untenable" to those within the organization. The discussion posed was to see what fees the Board could waive for the non-profit organization.

After some discussion was had, the word on the mind of the Board was unprecedented. As the Board had never recalled waiving fees previously,

debate about newspaper fees, the Board ultimately decided not to waive any fees for the organization.

The next topic of discussion for the Board was Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), with two coming to the forefront of the agenda: the alarm systems for the highway salt shed, as it quoted both a fire alarm and fire security system.

The quotes and subsequent costs of the system were the focal point of the discussion.

The Board looked in Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Given the effects of the the docket centered that practice now would depth at the alarm sysaround the fees at Lati- lead to potential future tems, looking into rev- of exploitation of it down enues, the unassigned This issue was raised the road. Through some fund balance, and current CIP funds when taking the new systems into account. Ultimately, the Board decided to turn to the Board of Selectmen to make the final decision on whether the alarm systems should be in the CIP.

> With that said, the Board still felt that after looking into some of the highway funding under the CIP, that a public meeting would benefit the matter. With that, a motion to hold a public meeting was passed. The meeting is scheduled for night.

Before the final points discussion were brought up, Chairman Brian Sullivan brought up the work of Planning Coordinator Andrew Hadik, before motioning to have [Hadik's] role be changed to town planner. After a second from, Aaron Hume, the motion ultimately passed.

After Hadik's new role had been voted on and secured by the Board, a few non-public matters were raised and worked out as the meeting closed. Those last remarks acted as the bookend to the meeting, capping off the

Governor Chris Sununu Issues Statewide Mask Mandate

substantial and an increase in hospi- Friday, Nov. 20, and will Chris Sununu. "Instituttalizations, today Gover- remain in effect through ing this commonsense nor Chris Sununu signed Jan. 15. an Emergency Order instituting a statewide substantial mask mandate in New community transmission, Hampshire, as cases rose and an increase in hospito 529 - the state's high- talizations – the data sup- and workforce it needs

With rising cases, est total to date. The ports

"With rising cases, statewide

enacting mask mandate today will ensure our health care system has the capacity

statewide mask mandate takes statewide mask man- wearing a mask, Granite doors, where they are areas, outside plazas or community transmission, effect at 12:01 a.m., on date," said Governor Staters can keep our unable to or do not confriends, family, neigh- sistently maintain a physbors, and critical work- ical distance of at least force members and those six feet from persons outallow us to keep our they care for safe - with- side their own houseeconomy open and help out shutting down the holds. economy."

For purposes of this Beginning on Nov. Order, the term "public Executive Order can be 20, all persons over the spaces" includes any part age of 5 within the State of private or public propof New Hampshire shall erty that is generally wear mask or cloth face open or accessible to coverings over their members of the general &id=1bc3e1abc7&e=8b6 noses and mouths any public. Public spaces f11991f. time they are in public include, but are not limit-

a in the coming weeks. By spaces, indoors or out- ed to, lobbies, waiting patios, restaurants, retail businesses, streets, sidewalks, parks, beaches, elevators, restrooms, stairways, parking garages, etc.

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Sandown Heritage Hopes to Have Springtime Scavenger Hunt

Kelsey Derhak NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - As a part of their Educational Outreach initiative, the Sandown Heritage Commission discussed the interactive as possible idea of a historical scavenger hunt for the town of cal spots in town. The Sandown in the coming Commission plans to hold spring in their latest meeting on Nov. 12. Because topic to finalize more there are very limited options for socializing these days, the Heritage mission is also in talks to Commission is looking to reprint the book written provide an activity for by Richard Holmes called Sandown and its residents A View From Meeting to get outside and be able House Hill, which in-

Heritage Commission is drawing inspiration from the Conservation Commission and their Sasquatch Scavenger Hunt. They plan to make it as and include many historimore meetings on the details for the springtime. The Heritage Com-

to participate in a fun and cludes a lot of history of hardcover books and a

educational activity. The Sandown. Chair of the softcover would cost meeting was an opportu- of some of the different Commission, most amazing recounts of growing up in Sandown about 30 years ago." sion hopes to print more make sure they can cover copies to sell as a their costs the HC will fundraiser. The they received from the pre-order to gauge the publisher of the first interest in the amount of book would cost \$654 for people looking to purthe first 10 copies of chase the book.

quote probably be looking at a

Pamela them \$601 for the first 10 nity for the Heritage historical structures in the Gaudreau, included that copies. The cost includes Commission to do a 3D Holmes is a "historian the publisher digitizing structural map of the hissince retired and has the book for reprint. For torical structures in the any copies after the fact it town of Sandown using will cost the commission ground penetrating radar. \$14.37 per hardcover and This would give a full There are few copies left \$9.77 per soft cover. The picture of the structures, throughout the town and HC also has to look at the even the parts below the it is currently available cost for a proofreader ground. The machine that on Amazon for \$39.95 which will cost them at would be used to do the dollars. The Commis- least \$3 per page. To mapping can also remove foliage to give a clearer picture as to what the full structure might look like. Chairman Gaudreau has sites and then give the been looking at different Commission a quote to places and found one gen- see if it something the tleman that has agreed to town can afford. Also discussed in the come and take a site walk

town. This will help get the structures dated and mapped and allow people to come to the town of Sandown and learn more about these historical structures. Once they are dated and mapped it could help bring archaeologists and language experts to take a closer look. The gentleman that will be doing the mapping will walk the historical

Derry Planning Board Discuss a Potential New Tourist Attraction

HENRY GREENBAUM NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry, Planning Board met on Wednesday, Nov. 18, for their annual meeting. The meeting was held both in-person at the Derry Municipal Center and on Zoom. The secretary was not present for the meeting, so board member Mark Grabowski acted as the secretary for the meeting.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the possibility of a new lodging and events business. Mark Siragusa and his father Jerry Siragusa,

with a second presentathey want to start-up on their properties.

The father and son own the properties of 49 S. Main St. and 45 S. Main St. which has a combined 9-acres of land. On the land there Coronavirus pandemic main goals with this new are two buildings, a the property is broken up back on their feet. So, for the town. into multiple phases. the "Our first phase has always been to convert the existing two buildings, the house, as well ness, they want to be as the former Circle of able to host many speowners of 49 South Main Friends School into a cial events. Examples of

buildings and the area."

to have a core restaurant people to stay Siragusas have decided to change phase business, Derry could one to a core events use. see an increase in eco-

With this new busi- nomic activity as well as

St., Derry, LLC, returned hospitality use," said the events include wed- the population itself. available, people will be Mark Siragusa. "...we dings, luncheons, semi- Deciding to start with onsite for multiple days tion on the new business think that is really the nars, baby showers, events and lodging at a time. This will give best use for the land and birthday parties, bar and instead of a restaurant them ample opportunity the character of the bat mitzvahs, and wine may even potentially to explore the property tastings. The Siragusas bring in business much and the rest of Derry. As Initially, phase one also want the property to more quickly. Mark Sira- a result, those who visitof their plan was going act as an inn or hotel for gusa said, "As we men- ed would fall in love in tioned before, instead of with the town and recuse. But because of the overnight. One of the doing the restaurant first ommend others to visit we're looking at doing as well. Even though the the restaurant industry business is to make the events first with Coronavirus has forced house, and the former has been struggling and Derry more of a tourist lodging. So, in a way, we 49 South Main Street Circle of Friends School. it may take upwards of destination and to bring think this might actually Derry, LLC to change The plan they have for two years for them to get in more outside business create more of a draw their plans this new more quickly because change may actually By attracting outside we're getting people on benefit Derry much more site and keeping them than if it were to remain here for multi-days."

with the original plan to By having lodging open a restaurant first.



Have an Announcement?

This service is provided free of charge to Londonderry residents who wish to announce the birth of their child or grandchild, marriage engagement, wedding or milestone event such as a Silver Wedding Anniversary. This is a great way to share your news with your local community. The Londonderry Times also accepts obituary notices. Please contact us at 537-2760 or e-mail to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.





probably hard at work filling up your holiday to-do list. After all, it's the most wonderful (and most busy) time of the year.

What's included on your lists are certainly important but there's likely something missing from your holiday agenda. Something equally, yet so easily forgotten.

Town and school district budgets: not as exciting as deciding what decorations to put up or what cookies to bake, but perhaps just as critical.

Those budgets NEED your input. After all, it is your money at stake and you do have a say on how it is spent.

All of our towns and school districts are evaluating budgets, whether it's costof-living increases, services, or on rare occasions, finding new ways of doing things.

Citizens have the right-NO-the duty to tell their elected officials what they consider important for inclusion or exclusion in the budget and what can be held out, especially considering the difficulty most people have in finding the money to pay their ever increasing taxes.

You've likely just gotten or will be getting your tax bill. Are you satisfied with what your paying for?

We hear a lot about making sure employees are paid well and have strong benefit packages so they don't move to better-paying jobs. However, those better-paying jobs just aren't around.

Is every job vital, in having a positive

an impact on the community? Could some jobs be combined or eliminated, or maybe even out sourced to a local business? Will we be made to feel guiltily about letting them go?

These are things that happen in the public sector, all the time. We don't hear much of that conversation.

It's up to the residents to advocate for budgets that maintain the "needs" and cut the "wants," especially in hard times. It is up to the residents to question and ask for the back up documents to support officials' statements as to why they need all of our hard-earned money.

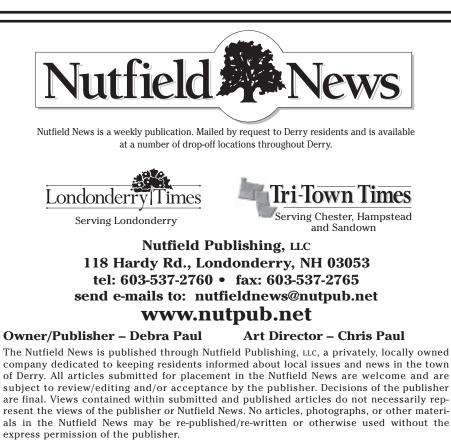
If you don't let your elected officials know Right Now what you think, you'll miss the opportunity.

The default budget isn't the answer to everything. It has fluff built in it, as well. Wouldn't a more realistic budget proposal be better for all of us, rather than just keeping it below default?

Once again, we encourage you to get involved, ask hard questions and have a say now, while changes remains possible.

December brings more than the sound of Santa's reindeer. Democracy is calling. Make your voices heard, or keep silent and just write the check. The choice is yours.

Go to the Public Hearing on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall. This is a very important meeting. Especially important because we a sure to experience cuts on monies that come from the State. I so hope to see you at his meeting on Dec. 7.





ANIMAL BLESSING In October Hampstead Congregational Church celebrated a Blessing of the Animals. All were invited to bring their pets or pictures of their pets to the service. Many dogs, some cats, and even horses and bunnies were blessed! This was a wonderful opportunity for all to remember how animals bless our lives, and how God blesses them for their presence with us. We hope you and your pets will join us next October! Courtesy photo

Town of Derry Establishes New Tax Rate at \$24.34

Rockingham County

The appropriation for

Town services funds

police, fire, emergency

works, recreation, public

libraries, public health,

enforcement, the transfer

station, water, wastewater,

community access TV, and

government administra-

tion. Public Works services

include the purchase,

maintenance and replace-

ment of roads, parks,

bridges, dams, vehicles,

equipment, land, and

buildings. Revenues raised

by service fees, permits,

and grants reduce the

amount that is needed to be

raised by taxation. Public

water and wastewater sys-

2019: \$0.98

2020: \$0.86

2019: \$26.12

2020: \$24.34

Total

DERRY - Chief Financial Officer Mark Fleischer reports that the NH Department of Revenue has set the Town of Derry's 2020 tax rate at \$24.34.

The rate is \$1.78 lower than in 2019, due to the state- required revaluation of all taxable property in Derry. Tax bills will be mailed shortly with an expected due date of Dec. 28, 2020.

Property taxes are assessed to cover the cost of county, town and education services. The chart below shows the 2020 tax rate as compared with the 2019 tax rate.

> **Town Services** 2019: \$7.72 2020: \$7.15

Local School 2019: \$15.36 2020: \$14.45

State Education 2019: \$2.06

tems are funded by user 2020: \$1.88

television is funded by Comcast franchise fees.

The School District funds support the education of students in Pre-School - Grade 8 providing both general and special education services. Additionally, the district currently pays tuition for Derry students to attend medical services, public Pinkerton Academy for grades 9 - 12.

The revised net taxable welfare, planning, code assessed valuation of the Town of Derry for 2020 is \$3,555,437,130 compared to \$3,209,317,945 for 2019, or an increase of 10.8%.

Due to the revaluation of property, it is difficult to gauge any changes in tax burden. Based upon the 2019 assessed valuation and any increases due to new construction in the community, the changes in the tax burden for 2020 has been calculated as follows: Town 1.8%, Total School 3.4% and County fees. Community access (2.6%).

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Pinkerton Academy Unveils Marker Recognizing School History

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Pinkerton Academy representatives held a unveiling on Friday morning, Nov. 20, to announce the new historic marker in front of the Sterns Building at their campus. The marker points out the the schools achievements from 1815 and some noteworthy faculty and alumni of the school.

Pinkerton Alumni Mark Laliberte was one of the people responsible for having the marker set, and he spoke on the significence of the over oneyear process to having it done.

Recently reelected State Senator Regina Birdsell, pictured above, attended the event, and delivered a New Hampshire Senate Resolution in recognition of the historic marker designating the school as the the state's largest independent high school and one of the oldest. Governor Chris Sununu sent a letter congratulating the school for the wonderful achievement. Headmaster Dr. Timothy Powers also spoke briefly at the event.

Photos by Chris Paul

Chester continued from page 1

Department, would meet all the requirements to be of suitable use for day to mowers, Wason Pond day needs of the department. The F250 is the biggest truck the town can get that will pull the trailer and the operator of the vehicle does not need a medical card or a CDL. Board Coordinator, And-

truck would be for picking verified that he had reup recycling at all the moved the Police Departmunicipal buildings as ment Vehicle from the well as transporting lawn needs, and occasional plowing.

would be better to put it into Maintenance CIP then came up, but Planning

2023-2024 Fiscal Year CIP and put it into the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year CIP to be discussed at the next Plan-The question of if it ning Board meeting on Dec. 2. If the Board of Selectmen are in agreement they have the power to move up items in the

The everyday use of the rew Hadik, spoke next and CIP and can do that to the Police Department vehicle so the Maintenance Department can then be transferred a truck plausible for daily use. The matter of a new Maintenance vehicle now goes to the Planning Board on Dec. 2, and then a public hearing for the upcoming CIP on Dec. 9.



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Zoning Board Works Toward New Variances in Cases

TJ RUZICKA NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - Nov. 4, saw the Hampstead Zoning Board meet and view various cases from applicants. By the end of the evening, the Board had seen three total cases.

The first case for the Board was regarding a variance in a Hampstead zoning ordinance at 141 Central Street. The case was a continuation from a hearing in October. The applicant was looking to

use a workshop and office on their residential propertv as a commercial space.

On top of the applicant's case, the board added a list of additional terms and requirements that the potential commercial needed to follow in order for a motion to be heard. With the applicant agreeing to the terms, the board felt comfortable to motion, second, and pass the case, allowing the workshop and office

be used as commercial areas.

The next case presented to the Board was centered around a variance in a Hampstead zoning ordinance at 20 Bailey Shore Road. The case was a continuation from a hearing in October. The applicant was looking to have a change in a zoning ordinance to permit the demolition of an already existing seasonal structure, and to then permit construction of a new the Board was in regard to

to pass the variance in the town ordinance on the property, allowing the new house to be built on the site, and the old house to be demolished. The one stipulation the Board had, was there had to be variations to side and back setbacks of the new home. With that, the Board then seconded the motion and it ultimately passed.

The next case brought

change the ordinance to space on the property to dwelling on the property. three variances in a The Board motioned Hampstead zoning ordi- took the concerns seriousnance at 664 Route 111. The case was broken down into two subsections regarding all three of the variances. The applicant was looking to change the ordinance to permit the placement of a septic system on the property, permit construction of a building within 50 feet of poorly drained soil, and to permit alteration of the landscape of

poorly draining soil. After the initial pitch of the desired variances, the meeting opened to the public. The Conservation Board stepped in to speak about their concerns about the desired alterations to the property. Their main concern was the applicant's intent to convert some of the wetlands on the property to an asphalt parking lot.

The Zoning Board ly and continued questioning of the property and the applicant's case with a main focus on the wetlands ordinance. Discussion of whether the manmade, runoff created wetlands counted toward conservation, and whether the newly redirected water would have a large impact dominated the conversation.

After the applicant's explanation of how the redirected water would affect the surrounding area, and how natural the wetlands at question are, the Board was prepared to make a decision. Ultimately, after all was said and done the Board decided to approve the applicant's case with a motion, second, and unanimous vote capping off the night.

Schools Help Sign Up Families for Free and Reduced Lunch Program in signing up families district is factored into of signing up for Free and DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SUBMISSION

The New Hampshire Department of Education has published a flyer to assist local school districts

the Free and under Reduced Lunch Program, and is encouraging eligible families to apply. The number of families signed up for the program in each

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.

If you have visited us on the first weekend in the last couple of years you must remember what a crush there was. This is what we have decided on as the best way for us to protect our customers and our employees.

Thank you for your understanding.

state and federal education Reduced Lunch, regardless funding formulas, and could impact how much aid each district receives next year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued waivers allowing New Hampshire schools to provide free meals to all New Hampshire families, but filling out the short, confidential application may not only increase the district's state and local funding under next year's formula, but also help districts qualify for a range of programs, including technology grants, classroom resources, and fee waivers for college applications and testing. At the request of local school officials, the Department has published a "More Than A Meal" flyer, outlining the various benefits

of this year's no-cost meals.

"The Free and Reduced Lunch Program is a lynchpin for assessing needbased aid across state and federal programs," said Cheri White, Administrator of the Office of Nutrition Programs and Services. "We want to encourage New Hampshire families who are eligible to sign up. It won't change this year's free lunch programs, but it could have real benefits to New Hampshire schools next year."

Eligible families can download the confidential, 10-minute application from their school's website, or from the district's food service director. They must apply through their local schools.



OBITUARY





Susan M. Selfridge, 78, formerly of Hampstead, NH, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 in the Bedford Hills Care and Rehabilitation Center in Bedford, NH. She was born in Hingham, MA on Oct. 31, 1942, a

daughter of the late William and Cynthia (Magee) Garvin. Suzi was a dedicated daughter, sister, wife, mother, nana, and friend. Her generosity had no limits and would give the shirt off her back to anyone. She was an active resident of Londonderry as a member of the Newcomers Group and a founding member of the Woman's Club. She built and maintained the rose garden at the Londonderry United Methodist Church. Affectionately known as Kermit, her love for Miss Piggy lasted until her passing.

She is survived by three sons, Peter Lincoln and wife Shelly, Aaron Selfridge and wife Marcia, and Derek Selfridge and (wife) Karen; her daughter, Cindi Fisher and husband Rick; eight grandchildren, Derek Selfridge Jr., Cameron Mancera, Evan and Vivian Selfridge, Kyle Fisher, Kaitlyn Rissoni, Nolan and Maya Lincoln; two great grandchildren, Serena Selfridge and Maverick Rissoni; two brothers, Paul and Robert Garvin; one sister, Janice Seiferth; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Richard J. Selfridge in September 2020.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, graveside services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 DW Highway, Boscawen.

Derry Dancers Earn Roles in NEDE's Production of The Nutcracker

DERRY - Talented young dancers from sever- Drive-In style production first time ever, you can al Southern New Hamp- are scheduled for Dec. 5, 6, shire and Massachusetts 12 and 13th at BarnZ's dance studios auditioned Drive-In Movie Theater, for roles in the New England Dance Ensemble's performance of The Nutcracker. Local dancers, ages 5-17, earned membership in the well-known and highly regarded nonprofit arts organization, including eight Derry residents.

Known for its professional productions, NEDE programs offer growth opportunities for the region's most dedicated students of the performing arts.

Things looked different at the NEDE studios this and intricacies of a high year. Though lights in theaters across the country are Barbara Mullen, director of The Nutcracker, didn't let a pandemic dull the holiday spirit.

586 Calef Highway, No. 1, Barrington, N.H. Each show will begin at at 6 p.m.

Rather than the traditional theatrical performance, New England Dance Ensemble cast, rehearsed, and staged a full-scale cinematic feature while observing COVID-19 safety precautions. Filmed without an audience, New England Dance Ensemble's The Nutcracker combines live theatrical dance with the dimensional aspects quality feature length film.

There are 65 aspiring dark due to COVID-19, dancers joined by guest artists from the Pennsylvania Ballet and accompanied by a live recording of Tchaikovsky's magnificent

Four screenings of the score. And now, for the watch New England Dance Ensemble's fullscale professional cinematic performance of The Nutcracker from the comfort and safety of your vehicle.

A magical growing Christmas tree, real falling snow, toy soldiers, vibrant costumes - and the nostalgia of a Drive-In theater movie experience complete with concessions make this a safe, entertaining way to experience the enchanting beauty of The Nutcracker.

Join Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they battle the Mouse King and embark on a journey through the Land of joy of the holiday season

Hampstead

continued from page 1 ing lot for the last two years, almost at every meeting."

Lovell went on to say that other projects the Con-Commission servation have built in town were discussed far less than this one. When the parking lot at West Road was constructed, he said, it was a five-minute conversation with the Selectmen at the had far more residents

Ipeksu Yucel as Clara. Courtesy photo

Plum Fairy. Audiences of all ages will have the opportunity to share in the

time, and asked if Jon

Worthen could help him

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Schumacher argued that

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the nostalgia of the drive-in parking, \$35 per person for movie experience.

Tickets for admission to the movie experience are

Sweets to meet the Sugar while being enchanted by \$25 per person for general priority parking. Streaming and download options too! Visit www.nede.org.

> against clearing trees at the West Road site.

Schumacher again argued that the two projects cannot be compared saying that the Hadley Road lot is quite remote. But Lovell responded that the parking area on Hadley is in clear sight.

Schumacher again argued that he felt the project was done behind closed doors and not open to the public and felt that all residents should have been

able to have their say. Schumacher's biggest disagreement with the project was that he felt the process of planning for it

was done out of the publics

eye. Lovell disagreed saying that everything pertaining to it was done in the public for the last twoyears, the commission had heard the concerns of the neighborhood residents, but felt the community needed the parking lot.

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OBITUARY **Robin Perrin**



Robin Perrin, 72, died peacefully Tuesday Nov. 17, 2020 at his home in Auburn with his family by his side after a period of declining health. Robin was born in Lynn, MA, the

son of the late John Winning Perrin and Florence (Sluinski) Perrin. He was a graduate of Lynn Classical High School, received his bachelor's degree from Boston University and his master's degree from Antioch University. He worked for Pinkerton Academy for over 30 years in a variety of communication and public relations positions. Robin was the founding President of the Samaritans of South/Central New Hampshire, a long-term member of the Public Relations Society of America and a member of its national board of directors. He was an advocate of creative problem solving. Teams he coached won numerous awards at the state level, a first place in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals and the prestigious Da Vinci creativity award at the Destination Imagination Global Finals. He was an intrepid traveler, an expert skier, a so-so golfer, and a lover of classical music, especially organ music.

Robin is survived by his wife Kathleen, his son Scott, his daughter in law Mara and 2 grandsons, Case and Cole of San Diego, CA, as well as his brother, D. Richard Perrin of Plaistow, NH.

Services will be private. However, a memorial organ concert will be arranged following the pandemic. Memorial donations may be made to the Speckels Organ Society, 1549 El Prado, Suite 10, San Diego, CA 92101-1661 or at https://donorbox.org/spreckels-organ-society-online-donation

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in positive cases and Covid transmission, we felt it was the safest decision. We had a good plan, with a lot of precautions, but the chance that someone could possible spread the virus was just not worth the risk."

Dente added. "We can always have another Parade but we can't replace a life. It was a hard decision, but It is the right one."

Two events that will still be taking place are the annual Greater Derry Track Club Turkey Trot and the Hampstead Lions Club Holiday Parade.

Although the Turkey Trot race will take place again on Thanksgiving Day it will have some major modifications.

One of the biggest things will be that the race day participation will be limited to just 500 runners. There will be an option for participants to run a virtual race starting after 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26 until Sunday, Nov. 29.

The 5K Race takes a route around Beaver Lake in Derry, starting along Route 102 at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving morning. Organizers ask that participants bring non-perishable food items to the race.

Another Holiday event that still seems to be scheduled to take place is the annual Holiday Parade in Hampstead.

The annual event was sponsored for a great many years by the Hampstead Fire Fighters, and more recently, the Hampstead Lions Club has taken over sponsorship.

This year, the parade route will be considerably longer, as they are asking residents to remain in their own neighborhoods, and the parade will travel through a number of neighborhood throughout the town.

The parade will start at 1:30 p.m. this year instead of the traditional 2 p.m.



Last year's Holiday Parade in Hampstead featured Santa Claus greeting all his fans along Main Street, this year it will done through social distancing.

time. The parade is all handouts. Any questions, vehicles this year and will contact Roxanne McGaffitravel approximately 19 miles around Hampstead. There won't be any pedes- and end at St. Anne's/Centrians or candy throwing or tral School this year and

gan at 315-405-7905.

The parade will begin

head to Main Street. The complete route can be found at the Tri-Town Times Facebook page.

According to McGaffigan, "We currently have 24 separate entries/vehicles which we are happy about considering of COVID. If we don't come to your street grab a socially responsible area to watch. The theme this year is Silver and Gold Holidays of Old."

Another holiday event is recently created and called "Light Up Derry!"

The event hopes to "Promoting Holiday and Community Spirit. Through a friendly holiday decorating competition for Derry Residents, community members are encouraged to decorate their homes, showcase their holiday cheer and outshine their neighbors." According to the Town website.

Derry Parks and Recreation is asking for picture submissions of their decorated homes to be sent to

DerryRecreation@DerryNH.org by Sunday, Dec. 6.

Emails should also include participant names, address and a contact number. Only a photo and address will be posted.

For the first year, submissions will be limited to the first twenty that are emailed to Derry Recreation.

Submissions will be displayed on the Town of Derry's Facebook page, but residents are also encouraged to drive around and view the displays in person.

Voting will open on Monday, Dec. 7, and close on Friday, Dec. 18.

Winners will be will be determined by the community, and announced on Monday, Dec 21.

Go to the town of Derry's Facebook page and "like" your favorite holiday display.

The submissions with the "most likes" will determine the winners.



Isabel Povey Receives Patriots Difference Maker Award

FOXBOROUGH, lenging year, unlike any-Mass. (Nov. 14, 2020) -Ten years ago, the Kraft our lifetimes," said Patriots family and the New England Patriots Foundation introduced a season-long theme called Celebrate Volunteerism. The main focus of the initiative was to recognize community volunteers and to promote the importance of volunteering. Since its inception, New England Patriots players, coaches, alumni, cheerleaders and fans have donated hundreds of thousands of hours to giving back to their New England communities.

Throughout the 2020 season, the foundation will continue its Celebrate Volunteerism initiative by teaming with nonprofit organizations to educate fans about the need for volunteering, highlighting deserving volunteers from across the region and seeking to inspire Patriots fans to become lifelong volunteers. The foundation will present a weekly "Patriots Difference Maker of the Week" award, which recognizes deserving volunteers who go above and beyond to support their New England communities.

"This has been a chal-

thing we've experienced in Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft. "Charitable organizations have been called upon to support more children and families than ever before. We admire all of the hardworking volunteers that have stepped up and helped these nonprofits to continue to serve those in need. Through this Celebrate Volunteerism initiative, we will shine a light on some of these outstanding volunteers, make a donation to their respective charity and encourage our fans to get involved."

Sixteen-year-old Isabel Povey, from Hampstead, was selected as a 2020 Patriots Difference Maker of the Week for her commitment to Seeds of Hope and the New Hampshire Food Bank. As part of this recognition, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation will be making a \$5,000 donation to Seeds of Hope.

Isabel started volunteering in her hometown of Hampstead at age seven and has become a force for good, serving with multiple organizations through food drives, coat drives, crop walks and charity events. Over the past three

years, Isabel has been growing the scope of her efforts and recruiting new volunteers while leading high impact service projects. On Saturday mornings, you'll find her sorting, packing food boxes and helping the NH Food Bank distribute donations. On Sunday, she volunteers at mobile or local food pantries while helping secure donations to Tag Out Hunger.

When she learned that demand at the NH Food

Bank had tripled in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she quickly organized a virtual "Povey Power 5K" on Global Youth Service Day to raise needed funds. She recruited more than over 80 participants and raised over \$4,200 in one week. Those funds helped to provide 8,400 meals for the NH Food Bank.

Beyond her work in New Hampshire, she has also created an international nonprofit called Seeds of Hope that delivers vegetable seeds to schools, orphanages and churches the New England Patriots in Africa, Pakistan, Haiti and Tonga. She visits Girl Scout Troops and after school programs locally to teach elementary aged students how to grow and share. She has already volunteered more than 1.300 hours in 2020 and shows no signs of slowing down.

"I am so thankful to the Kraft family and the Patriots Foundation for this recognition and for allowing me to spread even more hope with this donation," said Isabel. "The need is unprecedented right now so this will make a huge impact for local families. Most of all, I am grateful for this opportunity to show people young and old that we have the power to make a difference, because from the smallest of seeds grow the mightiest of trees."

The Kraft family and Foundation encourage fans to show their support for local charitable organizations and to nominate a volunteer for the Patriots Difference Maker of the Week Award. To get involved, visit www.patriots.com/community.



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Santa Claus to Arrive by Helicopter at Aviation Museum on Dec. 12

Kids, families are welcome to meet Saint Nick in free Covid-adjusted outcoming to town, and he's arriving by chopper.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the big guy will land via helicopter at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Rd., in Londonderry.

Touchdown is scheduled for 11 a.m. outside the Aviation Museum. The free event is designed to be Covid-19 safe and all are welcome.

Families wishing to see the helicopter land should arrive at the museum no later than 10:45 a.m. to park and then make their way to the landing observation area, where there will be plenty of room to observe social distancing.

After arrival, Santa will occupy a special outdoor throne, where he'll speak to children and take as scheduled on Saturday,

requests via microphone. Santa will visit and take requests until 1 p.m., when door event Santa Claus is he'll depart by fire truck courtesy the Manchester Airport Fire Department, which will whisk him off to his next appearance.

Families are requested to dress appropriately for the outdoor event, which will be held rain or shine.

Hot chocolate will be provided free by the Airport Diner/Common Man restaurants, which will also have a food truck on hand for the event.

Children who speak to Santa will be rewarded with goodie bags given out by Santa's helpers.

Also, Santa will lead the socially-distant singing of several holiday carols, accompanied by his special tuba-playing elf.

The helicopter arrival is weather permitting, but Santa's visit will take place

Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

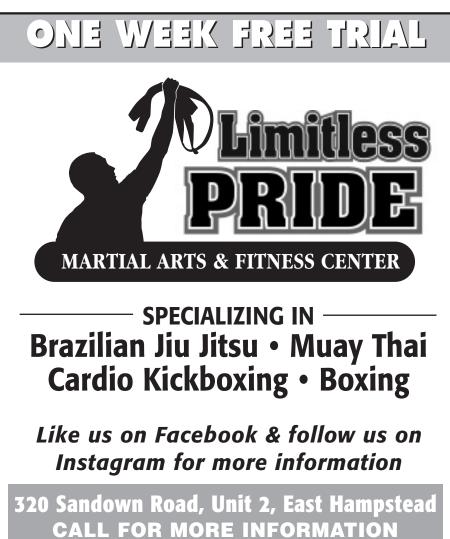
The Aviation Museum has changed this year's annual visit by Santa to be as safe as possible, following all Covid-19 public health guidelines.

"It wouldn't be the holidays without Santa coming in by helicopter," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum of N.H. "So we did our best to rework the event to be Covid-19 compliant, so we could go ahead this year, when we need all the holiday cheer we can get."

Unlike previous years, Santa's visit to the Aviation Museum will be held entirely outdoors.

Children will converse with Santa via frequently sanitized microphone; all participants will be expected to wear face coverings and observe social distancing.

Families with children



781-816-3766 OR 603-552-0194

visiting Santa will be asked for contact tracing info, and also get temperature checks.

Santa's appearance is free and open to the public. The Aviation Museum itself will be open to visitors on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with regular admission prices in effect.

Besides Santa's arrival, Saturday, Dec. 12 also marks the debut of this

year's "Holiday Festival of Toy Planes and Model Aircraft" inside the museum. The exhibit, which runs

through Sunday, Jan. 24, includes more than 1,000 aviation-related toys, games, and other items that celebrate the enduring childhood fascination with flight. Santa's appearance at

the Aviation Museum is made possible by generous supporters including Manchester-Boston Regional Airport; CR Helicopters of Nashua; Signature Flight Services; the Airport Diner/Common Man family of restaurants; and Mollov Sound & Video.

The Aviation Museum is located at 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry, For more information, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

The Founders Academy Officially Opens Dedicated Sixth-Grade Wing

Dean of School Cassie Hayes officially opened the dedicated 6th-grade wing at The Founders Academy Public Charter School located in Manchester, NH with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Dean Hayes spoke to the approximately 75 guests about the benefits of a dedicated wing for their school community that encompasses grades 6 through 12. Hayes told the crowd that the dedicated 6th-grade wing will provide an opportunity for students to develop leadership qualities through Round Table, team building activities and academics. Folding partitions between the humanities and STEM classrooms allow teachers and students to work collaboratively throughout the school year. Dean Hayes said the new space falls into line with the theme of the school year which is "community" and said this new space supports the development of a 6th-grade com-

On Saturday, Nov. 14, munity within the school.

Guest speakers included Kimberly Lavallee, cofounder of The Founders Academy and member of The Founders Academy Foundation; Robert Best, Chairman of The Founders Academy Board of Trustees: Gary Thomas, President of Northpoint Construction Management located in Hudson, NH; and The Quigley Family, a current Founders Academy family.

Flanked by the school's Board of Trustees and Northpoint Construction Management, Dean Hayes cut the ribbon and welcomed guests to a VIP tour of the new wing that includes: 4 new classrooms, office space for teachers, and new hallways fully equipped with student lockers.

The Founders Academy is a public chartered school encompassing grades 6 through 12 that is free and open to all New Hampshire students. The

Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example. The Academy recognizes the importance of balance in the development of the whole person. and respects each student's journey.

Principled leadership is fostered by means of a curriculum of classical studies that includes analyzing the lives of great men and women of history, mining the rich classical ideals of the Western tradition, and tracing the evolution of the precious and costly idea of liberty.

The Founders Academy is currently accepting students for most grades for the 2020-2021 school year and recently opened admissions for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more about The Founders Academy or to apply for admission, visit www.thefoundersacademy.org

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Holiday Safety Tips Shared For Caring for Your Pets

The holiday season is upon us, and many pet parents plan to include their furry companions in the festivities. As you gear up for the holidays, it is important to try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Also, please be sure to steer pets clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations

• Oh, Christmas Tree: Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach

Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria, and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe

• Avoid Mistletoe & Holly: Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for justas-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

Tinsel-less Town: Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which

upset - from spilling. can lead to an obstructed damage your pet's mouth even go into a coma, possidigestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.

> • That Holiday Glow: Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!

> • Wired Up: Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can

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and digestive tract.

Avoid Holiday Food Dangers

• Skip the Sweets: By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising pet will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

• Leave the Leftovers: Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

• Careful with Cocktails: If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may

bly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

Selecting Special Treats: Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer.

Plan a Pet-Safe Holiday Gathering

• House Rules: If your animal-loving guests would like to give your pets a little extra attention and exercise while you're busy tending to the party, ask them to feel free to start a nice play or petting session.

"The Signs of Derry"

A print featuring 10 of Derry's historic landmarks

using watercolor, mixed medium, pen and ink.

• Put the Meds Away: to www.aspca.org

Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.

• A Room of Their Own: Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to - complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.

• New Year's Noise: As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears. And remember that many pets are also scared of fireworks, so be sure to secure them in a safe, escape-proof area as midnight approaches.

For more information go



Annual Pantry Plunge will take place at Beaver 11:30 a.m.

fundraiser for the First Baptist Church Commu-Food Pantry has been fighting hunger in Derry surrounding and the towns since 1988. Each month the Food Pantry serves over 350 individuals and more than 150 away. More information can be found at www.fbcfoodpantry.org or www.pantryplunge.org.

DERRY - The Fourth years the event has seen a your funds raised and growing number of local people step up and out of Lake (Gallien's Beach), their comfort zones to in Derry, on Saturday, raise money for the FBC Dec. 12, beginning at Community Food Pantry. This year COVID-19

The event is an annual has made the event more important than ever.

The FBC community nity Food Pantry. The 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 families. No one is turned are especially determined to rally the community to make this event especially successful.

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DERRY

Genealogy Series

Every other Tuesday night at 6 p.m., the Derry Online Library Hosts Resident genealogy expert Erin hosts a session every other week that focuses on a different aspect of genealogy research, sharing her knowledge and experience, highlighting common pitfalls, or sharing interesting stories of local historic individuals. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Manga/Anime Take and Make

This program will run from December to the end of February every other Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Kids aged 10-18 can register for each session they're interested in, pick up their "take and make" kits at the Derry library, and then join the group online to socialize and make a fun manga/anime themed craft. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

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 sings, and share stories to celebrate the holiday season. Masks are required for all participants over three years of

age. Register at derrypl.org or or text Orchard Hill Greencall 432-6140. houses at 603-235-2804 to

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/RXuWcMe9u8e3nRC i7. 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 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.

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

Thanksgiving Break

While the Hampstead Public Library is closed for Thanksgiving break, Nov. 26 29, online resources are always available for Library cardholders. Visit www.HampsteadLibrary.org for a complete list of free digital download services for magazines, books, movies, music, and video. Plus, you'll educational find fun resources such as Heritage Ouest. Transparent Language, Creativebug, and Universal Class.

Meditation Classes

Hampstead Librarys Virtual Meditation Classes continue in Dec. 2020 on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Certified instructor/librarian Sue helps you form good meditative habits, which can help reduce stress. Other common benefits of meditation include improving breathing efficiency, and reducing depression and anxiety. If you haven't already registered for these classes, please do so via the **Events** Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org.

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/.../rec reationhampstead/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 afterparade 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.

Story Time

Hampstead Library's 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 holi-

day 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.

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 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

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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 masterfully 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 the recreation page to find the

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 **Holiday Coloring Contest**

Children ages 3 - Grade 5 are invited to enter the Sandown Recreation 3rd Annual Holiday Coloring Contest between now and the Dec. 10 deadline. Visit the website town at www.sandown.us and head to

Children's page with all the info. Categories are: Preschool ages 3 & 4; Grades: K & 1; Grades: 2 & 3 and Grades 4 & 5. Then do your best job coloring, include the information requested and drop off your entry to the recreation building. Winners will be announced Dec. 14 during the meeting of the Board of Selectmen. For questions please call the recreation office at 887-1872 or by e-mail to: recreation@sandown.us Top winner in each age category will win a \$25 prize. To reduce Covid-19 risks, coloring pages will only be available on the town website. If printing from the website will present a challenge to you, please contact the recreation office.

Essay Contest

A new holiday contest for students in Grades 6 - 8 this year from the Sandown Recreation. Tell us what the Holiday Season means to you, in 250 words or less. Essays will be reviewed by a panel of judges on or around Dec. 10 - 13, with winners announced at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday, Dec. 14. A prize valued at \$25 will be awarded to the winner for each grade level. Please note the recreation department reserves the right to publish the name, photo and submitted essay of the winner. Entries may be returned via email to: recreation@sandown.us If internet access is an issue please contact the recreation office at 887-1872.

Santa Claus is Coming

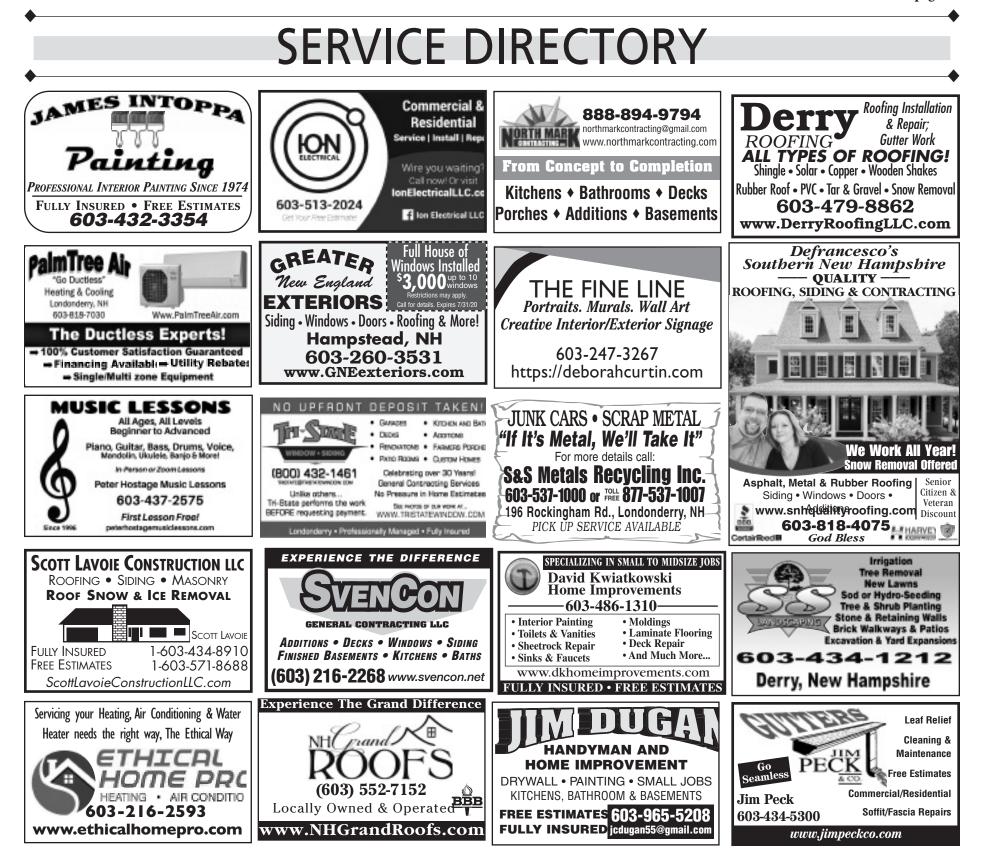
The Sandown Fire Rescue will be escorting Santa on Dec. 5. This will be a socially distanced trip, and Santa

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, Dec. 1, at 10 - 11 a.m. This story time will be held at the

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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.

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 youthservices@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 youthservices@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 youthservices@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 youthservices@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

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31st Annual Christmas Tree Sale

St. Mark's Council #10488 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce details of its biggest fundraiser of the year, Thirty-First Annual its Christmas Tree Sale. It will begin on Black Friday, Nov. 27, with special hours of 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., at Chuck's Londonderry BP Station on Rte. 102 in Londonderry, between Dunkin's and Crossroads Mall. Over 300 grade one quality, New England-grown, balsam fir trees, mostly from 6-7 feet in height, will be available along with a few premium taller trees and some smaller ones of "Charlie Brown" size. The Knights will be selling the trees on Saturday's and Sunday's from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Monday through Friday from 6 - 8 p.m., until they are gone. We would like to encourage everyone to pick theirs up as early as possible, especially those who wish to buy a taller tree. As always, all proceeds will go directly to several charities and organizations supported by the Knights of Columbus and St. Mark's Parish, a Roman Catholic Community which serves parts of Londonderry, Windham, and Hudson.

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 provides 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 katemacdonald@catsnat 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.

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 con-Chris Coates tact 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) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org.



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-onone supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizabeth@urteachers.org.

Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

Raising Another's Child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the



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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 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.

Grandparent and Relative

Caregiver Support Group.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

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/3 02497889. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@urteachers.org

