

Chester Selectmen Discuss Town Facilities Mask Policy

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - As COVID-19 continues to surge across the Granite State and the country one of the discussion items brought up during the Jan. 13 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to possibly reimplementing the mask mandate for inside Chester town owned facilities.

Selectmen Stephen Landau explained that he thinks that the decision should be left up to the Chester Town Administrator and staff.

"I would leave that up to our Town Administrator and the employees," Landau said.

Landau said that one of the things that has been at different stores and businesses is them putting up signs that read "if you are not fully vaccinated please wear a mask. If you are vaccinated, wear it at your discretion."

Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette asked Chester Fire Chief Philip Gladu if there have been any changes to the guidance regarding masks from the State or the CDC.

"I haven't seen any-

thing," Gladu responded, but said he knows that some other places are getting ready to put more rules in place similar to what was in place earlier in the pandemic.

Gladu said that he thinks a lot of people are of the mindset that if they have been vaccinated and wear a mask and still are getting sick then "what's the sense, and what's the purpose of wearing it."

"So you don't end up in the hospital or maybe die, that's the purpose," said Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo.

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Hampstead School District Sees Decrease In Proposed Budget

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HAMPSTEAD - From the very beginning of the budget process Hampstead School District Superintendent Robert Thompson has said that they would have a zero based budget meaning the District Administration evaluated each need instead of using the previous budget numbers and adding a percentage increase for inflation.

During the Jan. 11 public hearing the School Board explained what the 2022-2023 budget would be. It was announced during the meeting that the proposed budget is \$31,671,796.

Thompson said that this year the District's goal was to be as transparent as

possible during the budget process.

"This year the goal in delivering this operating budget was to really provide the taxpayers as much transparency as possible into the process," said Thompson.

Thompson said that one of the ways they did so was by creating a new and deleted item spread sheet so members of the public can easily see what has been added and taken out of the proposed budget.

One of the biggest budget drivers came from salaries which have a proposed increase of \$843,711.

Another area that has a major increase that was pointed out by School Board Chair David Smith is for health insurance.

"Group insurance as we have seen across the

State and pretty much everywhere is going up," Smith said.

He said that the proposed increase in the budget for health insurance is \$484,807.

One of the biggest decreases in the proposed budget is for repairs and maintenance. It was explained by Smith that the proposed decrease for that area is \$1,841,510. He said that this year's budget includes the funds for the 60s renovation wing which is part of the repairs and maintenance budget line.

It was also pointed out during the meeting that the projected enrollment for next year is eight more students at Hampstead Central School, four more students at Hampstead

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Picking the Winners Derry Garden Club members, from left, Kathy Lane, Marge Garone and Lolly Fleming had the arduous task last week of choosing three sculptures out of ten to move to the next level of a nation art contest. Children at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry have been working for months on the project and all the materials used were from recycled items. See story on page 8.
Photo by Chris Paul

Sandown Budget Committee Present Budgets and Warrants

STEPHEN HAUSER
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - On Jan. 12, The Sandown Budget Committee held a public hearing to present and review all 2022 proposed Budgets and Warrant Articles.

First, the Committee provided the 2022 final

budget recommendations for the Deliberative Session to be held on Mar 8.

Going line by line, the Committee approved the Executive Budget (4130-01) with no changes. Gross expenses of \$380,225. Revenue of \$2,350. Net expenses of \$377,875.

The Committee unanimously approved the office equipment reduction of the Town Clerk Budget (4140-02) by \$895. Gross expenses of \$73,855. Revenue of \$1,400,000. Net expenses of \$1,326,145.

The following Budget lines were accepted with no changes:

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• The Elections, Registrations, Supervisors Account (4140-03). Gross expenses of \$4,025. Revenue of \$50. Net expenses of \$3,975

• The Elections/Registrations Moderator Budget (4140-04). Gross expenses of \$19,262. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$19,262.

• The Committee passed the Finance Budget (4150-05). Gross expenses of \$76,547. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$76,547.

• The Assessing Budget (4150-06). Gross expenses of \$79,573. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$79,573.

• The Tax Collector Budget (4150-07). Gross expenses of \$75,400. Revenue of \$65,000. Net expenses of \$10,400.

• The Committee accepted the Treasurer's Budget (4150-08) with no changes. Gross expenses of \$4,263. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$4,263.

• The Committee approved its own Budget (4150-09). Gross expenses of \$1,771. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$1,771

The Committee approved the Benefits Budget (4155) with an increase to the Social Security Taxes line, raising it to \$80,073. This is due to the Payroll Taxes Per Diem line from the Fire Department moving to its proper line item. This will also

increase the Medicare to \$28,059. Health Insurance Benefits will reduce due to the census changes to \$343,900. Lastly, the NH Retirement System Employee line will increase by \$5,045. Therefore, the Budget's gross expenses raises to \$790,380, an increase of a little over \$3,000.

The Planning Board Budget (4191-11) was accepted with an increase. Colleen Olson, Planning Board Admin, asked for an increase in the Education line of \$200 for new members of the Planning Board to take educational classes. Gross expenses of \$27,045. Revenue of \$2,000.

Net expenses of \$25,045.

The Zoning Board Budget (4191-12) was accepted with no changes. Gross expenses of \$2,830. Revenue of \$2,000. Net expenses of \$830.

The Government Building Budget (4194) was accepted with no changes. Gross expenses of \$78,821. Revenue of \$1,000. Net expenses of \$77,821

The Cemetery Budget (4195) was accepted with no changes. Gross expenses of \$5,001. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$5,001.

The Committee accepted the Insurance Budget (4196) with no changes. Gross expenses of

\$118,495. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$118,495.

The Trustees of the trust funds line (4199) was also accepted with no changes. Gross expenses of \$523. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$523.

The Police Budget (4210) was accepted with a reduction. Chief Gordon asked for a decrease to the Equipment Purchase line of \$10,250. This changes gross expenses to \$795,565. Revenue of \$3,000. Net expenses of \$792,565.

Also accepted with no changes was the Rescue Budget (4215). Gross expenses of \$62,075. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$62,075.

The Fire Department Budget (4220) was recommended with a reduction in the Per Diem Payroll line by \$3,342 which was added to the Benefits Budget. This changes the gross expenses to \$216,545. Revenue of \$100. Net expenses of \$216,445.

Also, the Committee passed the following with no changes.

• Building Inspection Budget (4241-20). Gross expenses of \$24,907. Revenue of \$25,000. Net expenses of (- \$93).

• Code Enforcement Budget (4241-21). Gross expenses of \$3,947. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$3,947.

• Plumbing Inspection

Budget (4241-22). Gross expenses of \$30,128. Revenue of \$15,000.

Net expenses of \$15,128.

• Electrical Inspection Budget (4241-23). Gross expenses of \$16,401. Revenue of \$14,000. Net expenses of \$2,401.

• Septic Inspection Budget (4242). Gross expenses of \$10,795. Revenue of \$10,000. Net expenses of \$795.

• Highway Facility Budget (4311). Gross expenses of \$8,300. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$8,300.

The Committee recommended the Highway Operating Budget (4312) with a decrease in the Plowing line by \$20,000. Adjusting the gross expenses to \$854,361. Revenue of \$1. Net expenses to \$854,360.

The Committee accepted the Street Lights Budget (4316) with no changes. Gross expenses of \$2,650. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$2,650.

The Sanitation Department Budget (4321-28) was accepted with no changes. Gross expenses of \$9,130. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$9,130.

The Sanitation Operating Budget (4321-29) was accepted with an increase to the Hauling line by \$9,750 to \$120,000. The committee voted to increase the Waste Disposal line by \$8,600 to \$185,000. Gross expenses of \$439,490. Revenue of \$18,000. Net expenses of \$421,490.

The Committee passed the following Budget lines with no changes.

• Sanitation Site Budget (4325). Gross expenses of \$2,000. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$2,000.

• Recycling Budget (4326). Gross expenses of \$133,401. Revenue of \$15,000. Net expenses of \$118,401.

• Health Officer Budget (4411). Gross expenses of \$4,967. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$4,967.

• Health and Human Services Budget (4415). Gross expenses of \$19,334. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$19,334.

• Community Assistance Budget (4445). Gross expenses of \$11,202. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$11,202.

The Committee passed the Parks and Recreation Budget with no changes. Even though the position is currently empty, the Board of Selectmen intend to fill the position. Gross expenses of \$90,321. Revenue of \$1. Net expenses of \$90,320.

Summer Special Recreation Budget (4520-37) was accepted with no changes. Gross expenses of \$20,217. Reimbursement

Summer Rec \$13,717. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$6,500.

The Committee concluded accepting the following with no changes.

• Recreation Building Operations (4520-38). Gross expenses of \$17,898. Revenue of \$3,000. Net expenses of \$14,898.

• Library Budget (4550). Gross expenses of \$337,182. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$337,182.

• Patriotic Purposes Budget (4583). Gross expenses of \$250. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$250.

• Conservation Commission Budget (4619). Gross expenses of \$9,628. Revenue of \$240. Net expenses of \$9,388.

• Principal Budget (4711) Gross expenses of \$50,000. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$50,000.

• Debt Expense Budget (4721). Gross expenses of \$10,514. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$10,514.

• Tax Anticipation Note (4723). Gross expenses of

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OBITUARY

Steven John Marion



Steven John Marion, 57, of Derry, NH, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, in Parkland Medical Center, Derry. He was born in Lawrence, MA on Aug. 29, 1964, a son of the late Raymond and Carol (Gauthier) Marion. Steve worked for Pinkerton Academy for 13 years in the building and grounds department.

Steve enjoyed concerts, beach trips and trips to Foxwoods. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids and going to the family camp.

He is survived by his partner, Kim Donaghey of 32 years; three sons, Steve Marion, Jr. and his wife Shawna, David Marion and his wife Jahairy, Jay Marion and his wife Katie; daughter, Linda Marion and fiancé Nick; 10 grandchildren, David Marion, Emma Marion, Jordan Marion, Evie Marion, Ava Marion, Liam Marion, Chris Dube, Corey Marion, Ollie Marion, and Grace Marion; brother, Ray Marion; three sisters, Debbie Solomon, Donna McLlarky and husband Bruce and Gina Caron and husband Jimmy, as well as several nieces and nephews. Steven is predeceased by his brother Billy Marion.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, f in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Funeral services were held on Thursday at the funeral home. The burial followed in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry Rd., E. Derry, NH. At the family's request, all those in attendance are required to wear face masks while in the funeral home.

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Town of Hampstead's Proposed Budget Up 10 Percent

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Board of Selectmen held a public hearing on Jan. 13 to discuss the proposed budget for next year.

It was announced during the meeting that the proposed budget is a total of \$8,258,630.

The proposed budget, if approved by voters in March, would be an increase of \$716,424 compared to this year's budget of \$7,542,206 which is a

10% increase.

One of the concerns that was brought up by Hampstead Selectmen Joseph Guthrie was in regards to the default budget which going into the meeting was a total of \$8,177,526.

He explained that after reviewing the proposed budget he noticed that the benefits for the library staff that went from part-time to full-time this year didn't have their benefits included in the default budget total for the library.

It was explained that

some positions went from being part-time to full-time starting on Jan. 1 meaning that those employees are now entitled to benefits that they weren't previously eligible for.

Administrative Assistant Sally Theriault explained to the Selectmen that the advice that they received from the Town's legal counsel was to not include it in the default budget but the Board of Selectmen could vote to add it if they felt inclined to do so.

Theriault said that if the

default budget is voted on they can still stay on as full-time but they would need to find the financial resources from somewhere else.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Sean Murphy said that he thinks it makes sense to make sure the benefits are included in the default budget because either way they have to pay for them and they need the positions to be full-time.

"The need still exists whether the proposed budget passes or the default budget," said Murphy.

The Board of Select-

men ultimately voted unanimously to increase the proposed default budget to include the increases for the benefits.

The new default budget is \$8,218,078. The proposed budget is \$40,552 more than the default budget.

One question that was asked by t was if they would be able to clarify in the future how many employees there are for a particular salary line.

For example under police officer salaries instead of just stating how much

the total is for salaries it will also say how many people are in that position.

That information was added to the budget spreadsheet posted to the Town's website.

The Board of Selectmen recommended the warrant article with a 5-0 vote.

The Hampstead deliberative session is scheduled to take place on Friday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School.

Voting will take place on Tuesday, March 8 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School.

Hampstead Central School Bond Sent To Warrant Article

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HAMPSTEAD - For several years the Hampstead School District has asked voters to approve raising and appropriating funds to build an addition for the Hampstead Central School.

This year the School Board hopes the voters will approve it.

School Board Chair David Smith explained with a new Superintendent in place they asked Superintendent Robert Thompson to look at the school and the plan and to give his fresh perspective on it.

Thompson told the School Board and the public that he has spent a lot of time at the Central School to try to find a workable solution for the space there and wasn't able to.

"I've arrived at the conclusion that there is no workable solution other than the addition project as

proposed," said Thompson.

Thompson explained that there are a number of different space deficiencies for the school that need to be addressed.

"There's an urgency to fix some of these deficiencies," Thompson said.

One of the issues that he pointed to is in regards to the visitors entrance.

He explained that right now visitors have to go through several sets of doorways including through the main hallway of the school in order to get to the office which Thompson said was less than ideal.

To get to the nurse's office visitors have to go across the school Thompson said.

Thompson said that there are a variety of different safety concerns associated with the current set up that he has but didn't go into detail during the meeting.

"For the purpose of a public meeting it is not

appropriate for me to go into those specific safety concerns but they are numerous," said Thompson.

Another issue discussed by Thompson during the meeting was the lack of space for music.

"We don't have a music room at the Central School," said Thompson.

He said that they have a small stage that they have for the music program, and that it's also next to the gym and auditorium which makes it less than ideal conditions due to the sound.

For the gymnasium, Thompson pointed out that they have a partitioned wall making a dual purpose for physical education classes and lunch.

"We can't have physical education classes when the gymnasium is being used as a cafeteria," said Thompson.

He also noted that it is

taxing on the custodial staff because they have to repurpose the area multiple times a day which takes away from their time in the rest of the school.

Another area of concern that Thompson pointed to is the lack of bathrooms saying that there is only one boys room and one girls room on the second floor.

He said that oftentimes when he walks by there are long times to use it meaning that the students are losing out on instruction time.

It was announced during the meeting that the total amount that the School District is looking to raise for the project is \$12,595,000.

The bond would be for

10 years and the interest rate would be 1.5% or less.

Smith noted that what they are looking to do at the school isn't a wish list but instead is what they

feel is needed.

The School Board ultimately voted unanimously in favor of sending the bond for the addition to be voted on as a warrant article.



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Editorial

Calling All Residents, It's Time to Step Up

The filing period to run for open elected positions in town and school starts on Wednesday, January 19 at 8:30am and ends on Friday, January 28 at 5p.m.

Are you frustrated after seeing your tax bill? Do you feel officials are not listening? Do you feel that your officials make decisions you don't agree with?

To all the residents who stayed at home while your elected officials crafted school and town budgets. To those who don't offer suggestions during public hearings, we expect you are satisfied with the final numbers for the budgets and with your tax bills.

It's plain and simple: without asking questions, you will never truly know for sure what is being spent and why.

Some residents will be losing their jobs, working without raises again, struggling to stay in their home. Yet town and school budgets continue to go up, town and school employees get raises, and benefits. Officials seem to be increasing purchases and more building continues.

One must ask, are these needs or wants?

The hearings are for the most part over, and your next shot at participatory democracy comes at the Deliberative

Session and Town Meeting. It's not too late to offer a well thought out and practical way to save money, or to offer your thanks if you think your elected officials pay attention to the woes of the taxpayers.

There's something else you can do as well, particularly if you are ardent about fiscal and personal responsibility. You can make change by running for elected office yourself.

If you have great love for your community, if you are truly willing to listen to others, if you can seek a middle ground among differing opinions, if you have really thick skin, and if you are willing to put in long evenings to serve your constituents, put your name in the running. No personal agendas needed to apply.

In a country founded on citizen participation, in a state where the voice of the individual is honored, an elected office is a possibility for anyone who cares to make the effort.

You'll have a say in what happens in town, and you'll be responsible for helping your town move forward. You'll truly be part of your community, and you'll be part of democracy in action.

Don't let the apathy continue to run wild. Take a stand today to preserve the community tomorrow.

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\$5,000. Revenue of \$0. Net expenses of \$5,000.

Next, the Committee recommended the following Warrant Articles:

Warrant article 2 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an Operating Budget of \$4,924,225. If defeated, the Default Budget shall be \$4,709,135. The estimated tax impact of this article is \$7.23 per thousand.

Warrant Article 3 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$162,044 for Road Improvement Programs to be supplied by the NH Highway Block Grant. The estimated tax impact of this article is \$0.

Warrant Article 4 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$547,500 added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. Estimated tax impact is \$.80 per thousand.

Warrant Article 5 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 added to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The estimated tax impact is \$.22 per thousand.

Warrant Article 6 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. The

estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand.

Warrant Article 7 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,000 for purpose of an additional Per Diem Fire-fighter and/or EMT Staffing and Coverage (no benefits). The estimated tax impact is \$.08 per thousand.

Special Warrant Article 8 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to the Storm Water Management Capital Reserve Fund. The estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand.

Special Warrant Article 9 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. The estimated tax impact is \$.07 cents per thousand.

Special Warrant Article 10 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,245 for treatment to control exotic aquatic species including invasive variable milfoil and fanwort in Phillips Pond. Cost will be offset by grant funds and a \$10,000 donation from the Phillips Pond Association. The estimated tax impact is \$.04 per thousand.

Special Warrant Article 11 - create an expendable trust fund to be known as Phillips Pond Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of preserving, enhancing,

monitoring and protecting the pond, its water quality and natural ecology, parking and boat ramp installation, maintenance and repairs, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be placed in the fund. The estimated tax impact is less than \$.01 per thousand.

Special Warrant Article 12 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to be added to the Government Building Capital Reserve Fund. The estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand.

Special Warrant Article 13 - shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Plowing Expendable Trust Fund coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance. The estimated tax impact is \$0.

Special Warrant Article 14 - shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Old Home Day Celebration Expendable Trust Fund. The estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand.

Special Warrant Article 15 - shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for fire-works. The estimated tax impact of this article is \$.01 per thousand.

The deliberative session is scheduled for Feb 5 and the final vote for the Town is on Mar 8.

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Middle School and two more students at Pinkerton Academy.

In total the projected enrollment for next year is 1,225 students.

The total decrease for the proposed budget for next year compared to this year's budget is a total of \$674,487 which is a 2.09% decrease.

According to the presentation the last time there was a decrease for the proposed school budget was in 2012-2013 when the budget decreased 0.79%.

It was pointed out during the presentation that the default budget would be higher than the proposed budget.

The default budget which will be the operating budget for next year if the proposed budget is not approved is \$31,972,403.

The School Board ultimately unanimously approved sending the proposed budget to the warrant article.

Also during the meeting the School Board discussed a proposed warrant article regarding the capital reserve fund.

The warrant article

would ask for voters approval to transfer up to \$500,000 from the budget surplus into the Capital Reserve Fund. The first \$150,000 of the surplus would be returned to the taxpayers. Any additional surplus pass \$650,000 would also be returned to the taxpayers.

The School Board voted in favor of sending it to a warrant article.

The deliberative session is scheduled for Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School. Voting will take place at the middle school on March 8 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Chester Planning Board Allows Continuance For Subdivision

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CHESTER - During the Jan. 12 Chester Planning Board meeting the Board held a public hearing regarding an application from the MacLean Family Revocable Trust of 2018 for an extension of the original conditional approval for a 2-Lot Subdivision at the end of Pulpit Rock Road.

Presenting to the Planning Board was Tim Peloquin from Promised Land Survey.

He said that they haven't made any major changes to the original plan that was approved before.

"You've seen their application a couple of

times and nothing has changed," said Peloquin.

The 120 acre lot was given conditional approval by the Planning Board to subdivide two of the acres into a lot, in 2019 leaving 118 acres remaining at 82 Pulpit Road.

Peloquin said that the idea down the road is to subdivide another piece of it but they aren't proposing that right now. He said that it was always known that eventually there would be a 2 acre piece of property, a 18 acre piece and then a remaining 100 acre piece of land.

"We're keeping this off the table for tonight's discussion," Peloquin said, noting that the two

acre lot has been ready to go for more than a year and that all the conditions have been met.

One question that was asked was what has changed if anything since the original proposal that was approved.

Peloquin said that the monuments have been added to the plan.

"That's a good change," said Planning Board member Rick Snyder.

Another question that was asked was why they needed to receive state subdivision approval.

It was explained by Peloquin that they needed to since it's less than five acres of land.

No one from the public spoke for or against it

during the meeting.

The extension was ultimately approved with Snyder abstaining since he was involved with the ZBA process when it went in front of them.

Also during the meeting Chester Town Planner Andrew Hadik gave the Planning Board an update regarding the plan for the Garabedian Gravel Pit.

Hadik said that they

received a review letter from DuBois and King, which is the engineering firm that the town of Chester uses.

"Jeff was pretty comprehensive in his review letter," Hadik said.

Hadik said that the first comments he made is that they need to submit a Swift Plan and also that they need an Alteration Of Terrain permit and that

would require groundwater runoff management.

Two days later he got the Swift Permit emailed to him, Hadik said.

Hadik said that he is going to be reviewing it and will be discussing it with the lead engineer.

The next Chester Planning Board meeting is slated to take place on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.

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Gladu said that everyone has a different mindset and everyone has different emotions and opinions about it.

D'Angelo said that he ultimately wants to just make sure the staff feels comfortable and said that the Selectmen should leave it up to them to make the decision.

"I just want to make sure our people here feel comfortable, that's all," said D'Angelo.

No action was taken by the Selectmen regarding the mask policy during the meeting.

Also during the meeting it was announced that registered voters in Chester can file their Intent for Candidacy for open offices in the Town Clerk's office from Wednesday, Jan. 19, to Friday, Jan. 28.

The open positions include:

Selectmen
Town Moderator
Supervisor of Checklist
Trustees of the Trust Fund
Budget Committee

Library Trustees
Village Cemetery Trustees
Great Hill Cemetery Trustees
Wilcomb Townsend Trustees

School Board Member
The Chester town elections are scheduled to take place on March 8 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room located at 84 Chester St. The Town Meeting will take place on March 10 in the same location at 6 p.m.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

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Sandown ZBA Discuss Three Applications for the Same Property

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed three applications submitted for 7 East Lane at their Thurs. Dec. 30, 2021 meeting.

Charlie Zilch of S.E.C and Associates submitted the applications on behalf of Richard and Helen Farrell. His clients are seeking a special exception to the Zoning Ordinance that would allow for the conversion of a residential structure from seasonal to full time occupancy.

They are also requesting a variance that would address land regulations. Their third and final request proposes a variance that would allow for a portion of the residential structure to be within the property line building setback.

Zilch was asked to clarify to the ZBA why three applications were submitted for review concerning the same property.

"With the special exception for the conversion you got to meet certain criteria and then you grant the special exception. We do not meet the criteria in regards to the

lot size requirement," said Zilch. "That one particular section we don't meet as a special exception, so we are asking for a variance on it. For the conversion to year-round we need the special exception for the majority of it as well as one variance to complete the special exception."

After hearing Zilch's initial arguments, Chairman Christopher Longchamps pulled out and read an excerpt from the Town of Sandown Zoning Ordinance. "Special exception must be granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustments prior to the conversion of any existing residential structure or dwelling from seasonal to full-time occupancy," read Chairman Longchamps. "For the purpose of this ordinance, a seasonal, residential structure is any existing dwelling which as of March 5th, 1974, was not suitable for habitation on a year-round basis."

Based on the information that was read in the Zoning Ordinance, Chairman Longchamps asked Zilch if this structure would be a whole new building which Zilch con-

firmed to be the case. Chariman Longchamps said, "I think that opens a can of worms though as far as what is needed. It was there in '74 is what [the Ordinance] is saying. Then you have to be up to current code. That is how I interpret this special exception...I think we have to figure that out."

The ZBA was ultimately torn on what to do with the property. They were unsure if the special exception was even needed anymore for it. If a new house is being built, then it would need to meet the requirements of the 2022 Zoning Ordinance. On the other hand,

it would need a whole new variance as the lot may not necessarily be able to conform to those newer regulations.

They voted unanimously to accept all three applications, but they do want clarification on whether the special exception will be needed in the process or not.

Earlier in the meeting, the ZBA revisited the Public Hearing for 25 Hale True Road. John Ferreira requested a variance to the Zoning Ordinance that would allow him to park two work trucks and four employee vehicles at his home. The ZBA saw no issues with it, nor did

they see a need for his application so it was withdrawn.

The ZBA also discussed an application made for Montana Drive/Riverbend Drive. Attorney Christopher Drescher asked the ZBA on behalf of his clients for the rehearing of a variance that would allow for a single-family home to be

built on a previously approved lot from their Oct 28, 2021 meeting. After hearing Drescher's arguments, the ZBA voted unanimously to deny his application for rehearing.

The Sandown, Zoning Board of Adjustments will meet again for their monthly meeting on Thurs. Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Sandown Town Hall.

OBITUARY

Nancy Howes Pierce



Nancy Howes Pierce, a longtime school administrator and teacher of Derry, NH, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at her home after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 76. Born on March 27, 1945, in Hyannis, MA, she was the daughter of Harold D. and Dorothy (Canning) Howes of Dennis, MA. She graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in 1963, earned a bachelor's degree in English from Bridgewater (MA) State College in 1967 and a master's in education for school administration from Rivier College in Nashua, NH, in 1981.

Nancy retired in 2007, having worked for eight years as assistant principal of Highland-Goffe's Falls Elementary School in Manchester, NH. She also led the English Department for 14 years at Windham (NH) Middle School, where she taught English and French. Before that, she was the chairman of the English and Reading departments and taught English, reading and social studies at Hudson (NH) Memorial School and Alvirne High School from 1969-1985. She also taught summer school English at Pinkerton Academy in Derry and started her teaching career at Hanover (MA) High School in 1967.

She was a three-time finalist for the NHASP Assistant Principal of the Year award for the state of NH and received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement. Among her numerous leadership positions, she served as president of the Windham Education Association, secretary of the Manchester Association of Principals, and was the chairperson of the Career Education and Communications committees and the school to careers coordinator for the Windham School District.

Nancy was deeply involved in community service and volunteer work. She served in several capacities for the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, VFW Post 1617 of Derry, Derry Police Department Senior Advisory Board, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Rivier College Alumni Association, and was an election official for the Town of Derry.

She loved animals and provided a forever home to more than 30 pets, many of which were old, sick or unwanted. She was known to see a distressed or emaciated stray on the side of a road or at a gas station and immediately spring into action to find a veterinarian at her own expense, and a good home after networking with local organizations. She was a voracious reader who loved historical novels and biographies, a dedicated daily reader of local newspapers and a plethora of periodicals, and did crossword puzzles every day. She loved traveling, sailing, music, and was passionate about her community, her country and public service. She believed you never stopped learning, and she knew in her heart that education could change everyone's life for the better.

Nancy was the beloved wife of Rodgers E. Pierce of Derry and is also survived by her sons, David E. Pierce and his wife, Dana, of Nashua and Eric R. Pierce of York County, PA; grandchildren Andrew, Ryan, Michael, Emma and Elizabeth; her brother, David L. Howes of East Dennis, MA; her sisters-in-law Judith (Pierce) Livingstone of East Dennis, MA, and Carol (Pierce) Lindop and her husband Jim of Cornwall, England; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents.

Visiting hours were held Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A memorial service and celebration of life will be planned for the spring, with burial to follow at the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy wished that donations be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) or to your local humane society.

OBITUARY

Ralph A. Donovan



Ralph A. Donovan, 84, of Derry, NH, died Wednesday Jan. 12, 2022 in his home. He was born in Derry on Oct. 5, 1937, a son of the late James Donovan and Ina Wilson, and had been a lifelong resident. He was the former co-owner of The Derry Diner, and RA Donovan Electric, Inc.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Nancy (Lloyd) Donovan of Derry; three sons, David Donovan, Jeffrey Donovan, and Robert Donovan; two step sons, Justin and Nicholas; two grandchildren, Sara Bureau and Christopher Donovan; three brothers, Harvey Donovan, Lester Donovan, and Richard Donovan; three sisters, Margaret Danner, Florence Presley, Ruth Wells; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brothers, Harold, James, Mahlon, Roger and Leon.

He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

Following cremation, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Ryan Carrigan of Derry plays the leading role. "Evan is a relatable and lovable character who the audience can not only laugh at but relate too in many ways. I think the most unique part of 13 is how the actors are so connected to their roles. The

entire cast is able to see themselves in their roles in one way or another and it allows us to have fun while performing."

People of all ages love the story, the music and the dancing of 13. Parents should consider the content as rated PG, but also know that everyone who has ever set foot in a middle school will be able to appreciate this depiction of young teens finding their way in the world - or at least in their small town. Audience members can expect to laugh a lot, maybe cry a little and to be completely entertained.

13 features an accomplished cast drawn from towns far and wide. The creative team is Director Meg Gore, Music Director Kevin Fisher and Choreographer Mari Frederique-Streitburger. The cast includes Ava Amaro, Alex Barnes, Carter Blanco, Hanna Carroll, Rylee DOLLIVER, Michaela Horan, Cooper Jean, Genevieve Martin, Kate Schulsinger, Malia Smith, Dylan Torre-Moody and Everett Vago of Londonderry; Mabel Backman, Ella Burroughs,



Ovation Theatre Company will present "13" at the Granite State Arts Academy starting Jan. 28.

Courtesy Photo

Hope Frost, Evelyn Morin, Abby Parnell, Moira Smith, Quinn Snyder, Aislinn Sprague, Landon Sprague, Zoe Sternberg, Jonathan Uber and Logan Young of Hampstead; Ryan Carrigan, Audrey Labbe and Bryn Steinmetz

of Derry; Lisette Beauchemin and Cara Berman of Bedford, Debrah Hernandez of Chester, Ryan Kaplan of Windham, Olivia Rader of Bow and Natalie McCormick of Litchfield. 13 will be presented on

Friday, January 28, at 7:00 pm, Saturday, January 29 at 1:00 and 7:00 pm and Sunday, January 30 at 1:00 pm at Granite State Arts Academy (19 Keewaydin Dr, Salem, NH). Tickets

are \$15 and are on sale at OvationTC.com. Ovation is not requiring proof of vaccination, however face-masks will be required for all audience members.

OBITUARY

William P. Burke, Jr.



William P. Burke, Jr., 96, of Derry, NH, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022, in his home with family by his side. He was born in Medford, MA on July 28, 1925, a son of William and Mary (Simpson) Burke.

He is survived by two daughters, Wendy Smith of Derry, and Kathleen Proctor of Bradenton, FL; two sons, William Burke of Lawrence, MA and Kenneth Burke of Claremont, NH; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Gertrude Daley of Malden, MA, and Phyllis McDonald of North Reading, MA; as well as several nieces and nephews. William is predeceased by his wife, Muriel (Orne) Burke, three children, Steven Burke, Scott Burke, and Christopher Burke and two sisters, Helen Foreman and Virginia Zuk.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22, from 2 - 3:30 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services will follow at 3:30 p.m., in the funeral home. The burial will be held at a later date in Crooked River Cemetery, Naples, ME. At the family's request, all those in attendance are required to wear face masks while in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Rockingham VNA & Hospice, 137 Epping Rd., Exeter, NH 03833.

OBITUARY

Herbert D. Webster



Herbert D. Webster, 86, of Londonderry, NH died Sunday Jan. 16, 2022 at the Courville at Manchester, NH. He was born on May 28, 1935 in Manchester, NH, a son of the late Charles and Gladys (Walch) Webster. A former resident of Derry, NH, he had lived in Londonderry since 1997.

Herb served as a Derry Police Officer and was named one of the first Sergeants in the department. He had owned and operated Getty Gas Station in Derry for many years. Herb later worked for Walmart in Derry. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy "Dot" (Naylor) Webster of Londonderry, five children, Susan McKinnon of Folkston, GA, Debra Beaulieu of Derry, Tracy Webster of Goffstown, NH, William Webster and his wife Janet of Derry, and Gary Webster and his wife Mary of Candia, NH, his stepdaughter, Stephanie Marchant and her husband Mike of Londonderry, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, eight great great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Charles H. Webster.

Calling hours will be held on Friday Jan. 21, from 2 - 4 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A funeral service will follow at 4 p.m., in the funeral home. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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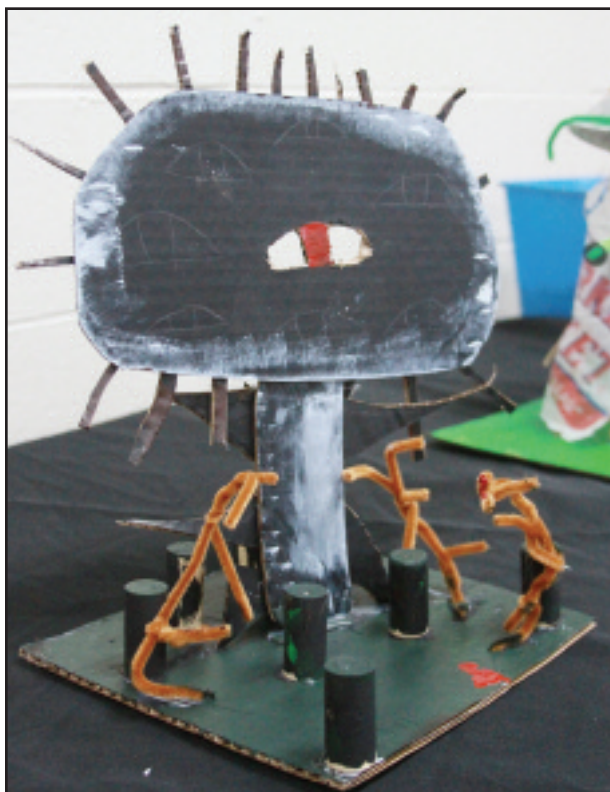


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Derry Garden Club Hold National Youth Sculpture Contest



Mushroom by Ash Whittaker



Duck by Bryanna Kwasniak



Ferret by Micheal McCormack

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Members of the Derry Club organized a youth Sculpture Contest over the past few months and last week three members made

their choices on which sculptures would move on to the state level.

Grade 5 winner: Ferret by Michael McCormack

Grade 6 winner: Mushroom by Ash Whittaker

Grade 7 winner: Duck

by Bryanna Kwasniak.

According to the club, these three entries best represented the criteria for the sculpture contest sponsored by Derry Garden Club using all recyclable materials. The completed

sculptures were photographed and the photos were sent on to National Garden Club, Inc. where they will be judged with all the other Garden Club entries across the United States. The children

worked about 12 hours on their ideas, first coming up with a sketch, then turning their image into a sculpture built on a 8x11" base. Kathy Lane, a former teacher and longtime member of Derry Garden Club,

guided the ten children who participated in this fun activity and photos of the entries may be viewed on Derry Garden Club's website. National Garden Club winners will be announced in February.

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DERRY SPORTS

Lady Astros Hoops Remains Perfect Through Eleven

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The Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball squad kept their perfect season going with three more very convincing wins.

The Lady Astros started the week by scoring a season high 89-points in Keene against the Blackbirds.

From there, the outscored Nashua North by 42-points for their tenth win of the season and finished with a 69-29 hammering of the Lady Jaguars in Derry on Friday night.

In the 89-54 blowout at Keene High School the Lady Astros lead 30-15 to start the contest in the first, widening that margin in the second to 56-32 and never looked back.

As usual, the scoring came from a number of players. Senior captain Avah Ingalls led the team with 21-points, freshman guard Sydney Gerossie had 18-



Astros freshman guard Sydney Gerossie had 18-points to lead her team in scoring Friday night at home.

points, senior forward captain Kristina Packowski tallied 17-points, sophomore guard Liz Lavoie had 15-points and senior Rebecca Farnum finished with eight-

points in the win.

Ingalls had three, three-pointers, Gerossie had two and Lavoie had one in the game.

In the lopsided 65-23 victory over the Lady Titans at Nashua North High School the Astros team was able to keep their opponent to single-digit scoring in each of the four quarters.

Outscoring Nashua 23-3 in the first; 21-8 in the second; 16-4 in the third; and letting up in the fourth 5-8.

Lavoie led with 19-points, Ingalls had 16, Gerossie got nine, Emily Leonard had eight, Alex White had six-points and Farnum finished with five.

Ingalls had another three, three-pointers, Gerossie had two and Lavoie had one from outside the arc.

In Pinkerton's final game of the week, on Friday night at home, the Lady Astros put their season record at 11-0 with

another convincing win.

The PA squad beat the Lady Jaguars of Windham 69-29 in that game and kept that opponent to single digits in three of four quarters.

Gerossie had 18-points, Lavoie had 17-points, Ingalls finished with 13-points, Leonard had eight, Packowski got six and White had four. Gerossie had three, three-pointers in the game. Lavoie and Leonard both had one.

The team will have their biggest test of the season this week when they host the State Champions from Bishop Guertin on Thursday night starting at 6:30 p.m.

A game against the Lady Lancers in Londonderry will follow that contest on Saturday starting at 2 p.m. after the boys play.



Astros sophomore Liz Lavoie extends for a lay up in the Friday night win against Windham High School.

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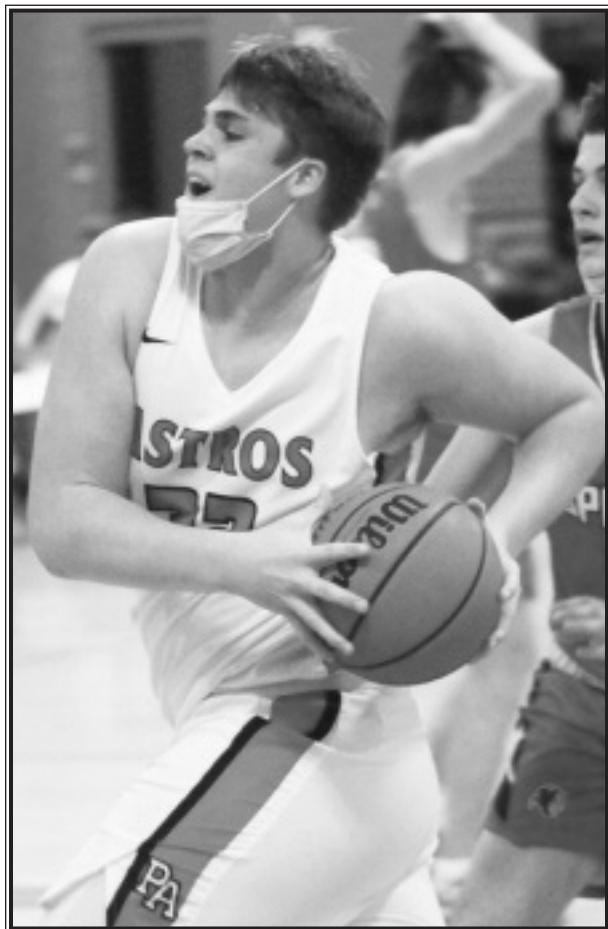
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Pinkerton Boys Basketball Squad Suffers First Defeat



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The Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball squad was riding a seven game winning streak and an undefeated season when they hosted Nashua North to start last week's games and in that meeting the Astros came up six-points short to suffer their first defeat of the season to the Titans.

In the 69-63 loss, the Astros fell just one point short of keeping pace with Nashua in the first two quarters. Trailing 17-16 in the first and 37-35 by half time.

In the third period, PA was outscored 19-11 and couldn't make up for the 10-point deficit in the final quarter.

Nashua North hit for 10 three-pointers and had 14-points from the free throw line.

Pinkerton's Anthony Chinn led his team in scoring with 24 points and five

rebounds. Jackson Marshall scored 18-points and grabbed eight boards. Brandon Gendron had a good game off the bench with eight-points.

After the loss, the team bounced right back when they traveled south to Windham and picked up their eighth win of the season.

The Astros Outscored the Jaguars in all but the second quarter for a very sound 64-46 victory.

Anthony Chinn once again led the team in scoring with 22-points, six rebounds and two blocked shots.

Marshall had 20-points and 15 rebounds, Tyrone Chinn got five-points, Anthony DeSalvo had four-points and seven rebounds and Sean Jenkins finished with four-points.

In the team's final game of the week, on Saturday, Jan. 15, at home against Keene High School, the PA squad improved to 9-1 with a 58-43 win.

The Astros got off to a slow start but picked up the defensive intensity during the second and third quarter to outscore the Black Birds 37-15.

Marshall had a very big

game, scoring all 11 of the Astro's points in the first quarter enroute to a season high 30-points and 10 rebounds.

Anthony Chinn chipped in with 13-points and nine rebounds and five assists.

Quinn Hammer came off the bench to collect eight rebounds three assists and two steals.

This week, the Astros faced Winnacunnet (4-6) on Tuesday, will play Bishop Guertin (6-3) on the road Friday night, and then meet up with Londonderry on the road Saturday at noon.

Astros Wrestlers Drop Bout with Windham Win Three in Mass.

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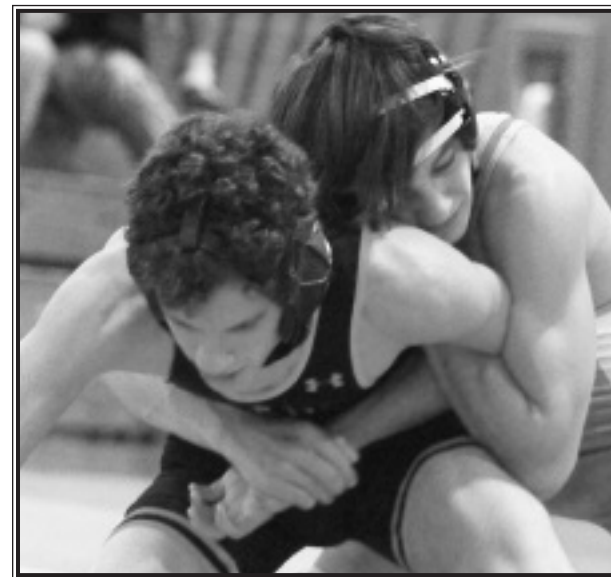
The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling Team traveled to Windham High School on Thursday, Jan. 13 and suffered their second team loss of the season with a 60-18 defeat.

The Astros squad was only able to get three victories against the Jaguars and gave up three weights to forfeit.

The wins came by way of three consecutive pins, the first coming from Jack Mackiernan at 182 lbs. Mackiernan gave his team six points with the fall at 1:02.

At 195 lbs., Mike Demartino added six more points with his pin at 1:30.

Herve Durocher gave Pinkerton their only other point of the contest with a



Anthony Borbone was 5-0 with four pins in the Springfield Dual Meets on Saturday.

quick pin at 220 lbs.

Over the weekend, the team traveled to Springfield, Mass and competed in five duals, winning three of them.

The Astros beat Suffield,

Conn. 54-18; Westfield Mass. 36-18; and Lincoln Sudbury, Mass. 37-30.

They fell to the host Springfield Central 54-21 and to Mount Anthony Union of Vermont, 54-24.

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Astros Boys Hockey Squad Gets Third Victory of Season

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With scoring goals being a hard commodity to come by this year for the Pinkerton Academy Hockey team scoring seven goals in a game was certainly a pleasant turn of events last week.

The Astros got the third win if the season on Saturday, Jan. 15, with a 7-1 victory at home over the Nashua South-Pelham squad (1-5).

Before that win came a tough tie, when they played the Trinity High School Pioneers on Wednesday,

Jan. 12, at the JFK Coliseum in Manchester.

In that game, Trinity had its only goal in the first period at 3:49 on a Pinkerton turnover.

Pinkerton responded in that period with a goal from defenseman Campbell St. Pierre, assisted by Connor Clifford and Joseph Richards to tie the game.

The game stood at 1-1 through two more periods of regulation and an overtime period.

Despite Pinkerton having four power-plays throughout the game (two in the second and two in the third) they were unable to

capitalize on any of them to break the stalemate.

Damien Carter had 36 saves in the game.

In the Pinkerton 7-1 win over Nashua South-Pelham on the Astros home ice, the PA squad opened the scoring floodgate in the first with six unanswered goals.

Just 49 seconds into the game, Jack Doherty scored from Lorenzo Corsetto.

Pinkerton had a second goal at 9:09 when Carter Choquette got his first varsity goal, unassisted. Just eight-seconds later, Choquette got his second unassisted goal.

Lorenzo Corsetto added

another at 9:54 with an assist from Jack Doherty.

At 12:30 in the first period, Joe Richards had his first varsity goal.

Tylor Pappalardo had an unassisted goal to finish the scoring barrage in the first.

Pinkerton's seventh goal of the game came at 7:30 in the third period, Ryan Leighton scored with an assist from Bryce Cronin for his first varsity goal.

Carter had 14 saves in the Pinkerton win.

The Astros are scheduled for just one game this week, on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 19, against Exeter High School at Tri-Town.



Astros junior forward Jack Doherty scored the first goal against Nashua South. Photo by Chris Paul

Astros Alpine Ski Team Competes in Second Event

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The Pinkerton Academy Alpine Ski Team was back on Pat's Peak in Henniker for their first Slalom event of the season. There were 11 schools taking part in challenging event.

GIRLS

In the girls team results, Bedford High School took an overall first place with 371 points with the Pinkerton Academy girls a mere 3.5 points behind in

second place with 367.5. The Keene Black Birds followed in third with 359 team points.

Astros Junior standout Ava Sezgin continued her mastery with a fifth overall finish and a team first scoring 96 points. Ava recovered nicely from a slip at the end of her second run to maintain her streak of consecutive top six finishes.

PA Freshman Emma Tancrede made her debut on the mountain with a seventh place overall and the second

spot for her team, scoring 94 points. A solid effort for her first high school race.

Senior Captain Madeleine Frank placed 11th overall and third for her team, scoring a career high 90 points.

In fourth place for team was Junior Hannah Flagge place 13th overall and scored 87.5 points for the team.

Junior Teagan Stinson (19th overall) and sophomore Amanda Holcombe-Buendia (41st) also skied

well for Pinkerton.

BOYS

The Bedford boys took a team first with 388-points, Keene took second with 373-points and Pinkerton finished third with 358-points.

Junior Captain Chris Bennett layed down another dominating performance with an overall first place as well as the team first. With splits of 29.86 and 29.49, he

was the only racer of the 135 competitors to have a sub 30 second run. He beat the nearest finisher by 1:28 seconds which is an eternity in ski racing!

Junior Jameson Colby scored 89-points in his first ever slalom race with a 15th place overall and a team second.

Rookie Zachary Hall placed 18th overall (team

third) scoring 87-points.

Sophomore Anthony Terrile placed 25th overall and a team fourth for 82-points.

Ryan Bright also skied well with a 26th overall.

The Pinkerton Academy Ski team will continue their 2022 campaign next week on a Giant Slalom course Thursday, Jan. 20, starting at 3:30 p.m. at Pat's Peak.

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Lady Astros Hockey Team Gets Third Consecutive Win

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After starting the season with a 5-2 defeat to St. Thomas-WNC-DOV team

back in mid-December, the Pinkerton Academy Girls Hockey squad has strung together three consecutive wide-margin victories. The Lady Astros fin-

ished the year with a 10-2 thrashing of the Manchester Central-Memorial squad and followed up that success with an 8-0 blanking of the Keene-Mon-Fall Mountain team.

Last week, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, the team had another lopsided victory with a 10-1 win over ConVal-Conant on their home ice in Hooksett.

In that one-sided contest the PA team was ahead 5-0 by the end of the first period and got the remainder of their goal in the second period.

The ConVal girls were never really able to keep the puck out of their zone throughout the game, but they did finally manage a lone goal in the third period.

The team was scheduled to play at UNH on Tuesday, Jan. 18 for a game against Oyster River High School who are currently at 5-1 for the season.



Top, Sophomore forward Riley Dunn moves the puck up the ice during the one-sided victory over ConVal on Saturday. Bottom, Freshmen forward Emily Gosselin takes a shot on a ConVal goalie. Photos by Chris Paul

Athlete of the Week

Week of Jan. 9



Anthony Borbone
Sophomore, Wrestling

Borbone, the Astros 126 lb. sophomore, went 5-0 in Dual Meets on Saturday with four pins.



Grace Mack, Sophomore
Girls Swimming

Mack had two individual first place finishes and two relay firsts and two qualifying times in the 100 Butterfly (1:05.85) and 100 Breaststroke (1:18.94).

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

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DERRY

Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. A Story and Craft for preschoolers ages 3 - 6 will be held on Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

Tiny Tot

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot's on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m.

Story and Building Club

The Taylor Library will hold a Story and Building Club on Thursdays, at 4 p.m., this group is open to all ages.

Senior Movie Special

Free movie, popcorn & soda for seniors on the last Friday of each month at noon at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

CHESTER

Adult Evening Book Club

This Chester Library Book Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. to Discuss The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders. To register or get more information call 603-887-3404.

ASTROLOGY 101

This Chester Library workshop will provide a basic overview of western astrology, including the twelve zodiac signs, the ten traditional planets and the twelve houses of a natal chart on Monday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. Attendees will be given a personalized printed copy of their birth chart and instructions on how to read it step-by-step. The goal is to demystify astrology in order to empower you to use your chart for self-reflection and

personal growth. Participants must provide their birth information (date, exact time and location) in order to receive a printed chart. Due to the personalized nature of this program, we are asking for a \$5 non-refundable deposit when you register. Registrations will be at the library circulation desk in person only.

Pedigree Chart Class

Four-Generation Pedigree Chart Class with Ele West Part 1: Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m.; Part 2: Thursday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. In this informative program for beginners hosted by the Chester Library, Ele West will teach you how to research your ancestors and track your family back four generations to your second great-grandfather. You will also learn how to organize your pedigree chart and group sheets. Please bring a notebook and pen. Limited to 8 people. This program has 2 sessions;

attendees must come to both sessions. Registration Is Required. To register or get more information call 603-887-3404.

Storytime

Bring your little ones to the Chester Library for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Canasta Club

Looking for a card game to join? Learn to play with the pros at the Chester Library every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. New members, call 603-887-3404 to sign up.

HAMPSTEAD

Downsizing Event

On Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. A presenter from the AARP NH Speakers Bureau will hold a presentation at the Hampstead Library. This presentation helps participants understand why stuff is important, but also tackles practical easy-to-follow downsizing and decluttering tips. Learn how to get your home, office, or vehicle organized in no time. Tips include sorting things into four piles: keep, sell, donate, and trash. Register in advance via the Events Calendar.

Storytime News

For 3 to 5-year-old children on Monday Jan. 24 at 10 a.m., for a 4-week indoor session at the Hampstead Library. The plan is to gather in the large second floor meeting room, and masks are required. There will be a take-home craft each week for attendees. Please be aware that in-person program status is subject to change. Mother Goose on the Loose, a story time class for infants to age two, is on winter hiatus and is expected to return in the spring.

Borrow Snowshoes

The Hampstead Public Library added snowshoes and snow molds to its collection. Cardholders can borrow snowshoes and walk around the StoryWalk®. Take them home and walk around their yard or visit the Hampstead Conservation Trails. There are three sizes available. The Library also has snow mold toys available. Make snow ducks, hearts, snowmen, and penguins with the snow-molds. It's a fun way to decorate a yard and play with snow! These items can be reserved via the catalog on

www.HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411 and speak to a librarian.

Nonfiction Nomads

This Hampstead Library group is reading Nomadland by Jessica Bruder and discusses it on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. Nomadland tells a revelatory tale of the dark underbelly of the American economy, one which foreshadows the precarious future that may await many us. At the same time, it celebrates the exceptional resilience and creativity of these Americans who have given up ordinary rootedness to survive, but have not given up hope.

Winter Reading Challenge

Winter Reading Challenge that runs from Jan. 10 - Feb. 28. There is a challenge for young Children and Teens and another for Adults and High School students. Children can register on www.HampsteadLibrary.org. Every child who completes at least ten hours of reading will get hot chocolate, a bookmark, and a book. Additional prize-affle opportunities can also be earned. Adults can visit the Hampstead Library anytime

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Friends Benefit

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library has been selected by local Hannaford store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Community Bag Program. For the month of January 2022, Friends of the Hampstead Public Library will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Hannaford store located at 305 Sandown Rd., E. Hampstead NH.

Book Club

The Hampstead Public Library's Third Thursday Book Club is reading *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate and discusses it on Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow. This riveting novel inspired by historical events pivots between five children in 1936 Memphis, Tennessee, and the tale of a woman in present day South Carolina who discovers her family's long-hidden history.

Bricks For Library

Individuals, clubs and businesses can purchase a brick for the Hampstead Public Library's Pavilion Project fundraiser. The bricks will be part of a walkway from parking lot to pavilion. Each brick can be personalized. Bricks can be purchased by filling out a form at the Library or visit www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/hampstead. If you are giving a brick as a gift, the Library has special cards and a limited supply of decoratively wrapped bricks which you can present to the recipient. Purchase of a bag, brick, or any fundraiser to benefit the Library is tax-deductible. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.

Bridge Club

At Hampstead Public Library on Mondays, starting at 1 p.m. Players of all levels are welcome. Come meet old friends or make new ones.

Please note: no instruction is given, and the club does not meet on weeks where there is a Monday holiday.

SANDOWN

Harry Potter Book to Movie Club

Do you love all things Harry Potter? If so, this club is for you! On the fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m., this Sandown Library group will watch a Harry Potter movie based on one of the books and have a discussion comparing them. Is the book always better than the movie? There will be great snacks! Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk.

A Novel Bunch

Join the Sandown Library teen book club, A Novel Bunch. It will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be snacks. At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk. This book group is for those in grades 8-12.

Drop in Decoupage Candle Craft

Drop by to create a candle holder at the Sandown Library on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. All supplies will be provided, you bring your creativity. Patrons are welcome to supply their own glass jar or cup if they would prefer.

Dog Man Book Club

This Sandown Library club will meet once a month on Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m. to discuss a Dog Man book and do some fun activities. For this month, we will be reading *Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties*. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk.

Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown

Library and explore recipes and cooking. Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month. Each month we pick a chef/recipe, prepare the food, and meet together to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. A great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. Registration is required for this event.

PageTurners Book Club

This Sandown Library group will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be great snacks! At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk.

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.

Mother Goose On The Loose

On Mondays, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., a Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months) will be hosted by Sandown Library. Join Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered par-

ticipant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or programming@sandownlibrary.us.

PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night at the Sandown Library for PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Weather permitting, summer story times will be held outdoors on the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email youthservices@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

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

Toddler Tuesdays

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Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! 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. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and youthservices@sandownlibrary.us

Story Hour

Come join the Sandown Library for fun with stories, songs, puppets and more. This themed story and craft

times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This event will take place on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. director@sandownlibrary.us.

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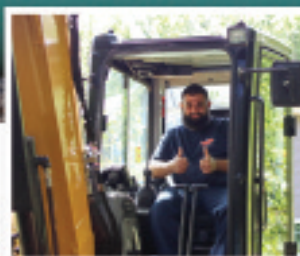
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