

Marijuana Question Going on Derry Ballot in March

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Jan. 18 Derry Town Council meeting the Council discussed whether or not they should put a non-binding referendum question on the ballot asking Derry residents if they think the state of New Hampshire should legalize recreational marijuana.

The idea to have the question on the ballot was from Councilman Joshua Bourdon.

Bourdon explained that right now the property taxes in Derry are high and

that people always beg them to do something about it.

“Our property tax rate is high,” said Bourdon.

But he said one of the things they could possibly do about it is legalizing marijuana in the State to bring in tax revenue.

“Like alcohol the legalization of recreational marijuana could bring in millions of additional revenues,” said Bourdon.

Councilwoman Erin Spencer said that she agreed with Bourdon that it could be a source of increasing the tax revenue for towns, but asked what

the rough price is to have separate ballots made up for it.

Derry Town Clerk Daniel Healey said that it should be able to fit on their regular ballot or they could make the size of the ballot bigger or make it double sided. He said that he doesn’t think they will need to make it a second page.

She said that she wasn’t opposed to putting it on the ballot but wanted to know what they were going to do with the information.

“I think what you do

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Conservation Commission Gets Update on Red Barn Project

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SANDOWN - During the Jan. 13 Sandown Conservation Commission meeting the Commission heard from Don Pollard, the soon to be owner of 44 Lakeside Drive.

He explained during the meeting that he was going to be buying a house at the end of the week and wanted to get a signature in order to advance Wetlands Permit by Notification with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to allow the installation of a seasonal dock onto Angle Pond.

Pollard explained that the property he is purchasing has 60-feet of shoreline frontage while the state requires 75-feet of shore-

line frontage which is why he has to do the full wetlands permit rather than the shorter Seasonal Dock Statutory Permit by Notification.

He explained that he is looking to have a 24-foot-long dock where the first few feet are on land. Also he said that his plan is to place the dock in the center of the property to keep the dock away from property lines. Pollard explained that the type of dock is removable from the water and that the posts to attach the dock to the shore get hand dug into the ground.

The Commission ultimately decided not to sign the application during the meeting since

Pollard wasn’t the official property owner yet and

also because multiple Commission members wanted the chance to review the application.

Also during the meeting Justin Silva from Boy Scout Troop 268 went to the Commission meeting to talk about his Eagle Scout Project.

He was at the meeting to get the signatures approving his cupola project for the Red Barn.

Silva explained to the Commission that he would be using a vinyl siding for the cupola as it is low maintenance and wouldn’t require painting every few years. Silva asked the Commission if they would still like the option to have electric run through the cupola so a light could be placed.

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Beating BG

A large contingent of fans were on hand at the Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros Basketball team’s 74-66 win over the Bishop Geurtin Cardinals. This was the first win in a few years over the Division I powerhouse for PA and it served as quite a gift for head coach Lani Buskey who was celebrating her birthday that evening. See more page 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Chester Selectmen Wrestle With Road Agent vs. Public Works

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CHESTER - During the Jan.20 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting the Selectmen discussed the potential warrant article regarding the Road Agent position.

Earlier this year the

Selectmen decided to form a Committee to look at the possibility of moving the elected Road Agent position to a full-time public works director.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette who is serving on the Committee as a liaison

said that right now they have an evaluation of the work being done on an annual basis and the cost of it along with a job description for a full-time position.

He said that they also have what they are looking for as far as qualifications

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Hampstead Warrants to Be Dicussed at Deliberative

HAMPSTEAD - The will be holding a Deliberative Session on Friday, Feb. 11, starting at 7 p.m., at Hampstead Middle School.

At that meeting they will be discussing and possibly voting on a number of Town Warrant Articles.

Listed below are the Warrants as they stand currently.

Following that meeting, a second session of the Annual Meeting (Voting) will take place on Tuesday, March 8, from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., at Hampstead Middle School

ARTICLE 1

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II-1 Soiled Based Lot Size with the following changes:

In Article II-1:1 Minimum Lot Sizes by adding the following sentence after the first paragraph: "The minimum lot size requirements shall apply to all lots including, but not limited to, lots served by off-site water and/or

municipal sewage facilities."

In Article II-1:3 Relationship Between State and Local Regulations by removing the following sentence: "If the state regulations address an issue not included in the local regulation, or if the local regulation addresses an issue not included in the state regulation, that regulation shall automatically apply." Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning

Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to Amend Article II-2:6 Wetland Ordinance Buffer Provision by adding the following sentence: "D. Also see Buffer Requirements Article IV-12." Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning

Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to Amend Article IV-10:4 D. Elderly Housing Buffers by removing the following sentence: "The criteria for establishing the Buffer zone is found in the "Non-Residential Site

Plan Review Regulations" and "Subdivision Regulations" of the Town of Hampstead, as amended (Also refer to Section IV-12 of the Zoning Ordinance)." And replacing it with the following sentence: "Also see Buffer Requirements Article IV-12."

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$8,258,630. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,218,078 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0

(advisory only)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,745,793 for the purpose of an addition attached to and renovation of the existing Fire Station and equipping same and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and take any other action or pass any other vote relative thereto.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for new construction, renovation, and additions for Town buildings and to raise an appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from such fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for new construction, renovation, and additions for Town buildings and to raise an appropriate the sum of \$1 to be

placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from such fund. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the Town's interest in any leases with tower development companies on Town property located at the Kent Farm Transfer Station and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms and conditions of any sale, to convey easements, and to

take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 and authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Town Forest Maintenance Account to be deposited into the Conservation Commission Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

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OBITUARY

Cary J. "Duke" Taylor



Cary J. "Duke" Taylor, 62, of Raymond, NH, died Monday Jan. 17, 2022 in the Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH. He was born in Nashua, NH on May 9, 1959, a son of Richard and Janice (Cobleigh) Taylor. Mr. Taylor had been a resident of Raymond for

the past 10 years, formerly living in Londonderry, NH. He was a graduate of Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, and had attended the University of Lowell. Mr. Taylor had been the owner and operator of Innovative Concepts in Amherst, NH. He was currently employed as a manufacturing process engineer for IMS. He loved music, was an avid guitar player and had been a member of several bands over the years including One-Eyed Jack. In addition to his love of music, he enjoyed fishing, playing tennis, was a car enthusiast and had owned several Porsches. He was well known to have a very dry sense of humor.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his partner, Mary Rieger of Raymond; his daughter, Amanda Taylor of Londonderry, NH; his son, Jeffrey Taylor of Port Orange, FL; his granddaughter, Angelynn Taylor; his brother, Brian Taylor and his wife Lyn; his sister, Lynne Garrison and her husband David; as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Following cremation, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital of Boston. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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5-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to place a "conservation easement" on the following town-owned parcels, thereby restricting its use to wildlife conservation, water protection areas, recreational and trail uses. Description acreage Backlot 9.8 Backlot 9.8 Backlot 9.5 partial wetland area 12.03 abuts cedar swamp 11.56 Map/ Lot 10 / 13 11 / 153 11 / 151 11 /

27 2 /14-1 Location Stony Ridge/Freedom Hill area Stony Ridge/Freedom Hill area Squire Ridge Road Main Street. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the existing Building Repairs and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the existing Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,800 for Rockingham County Community Action. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Recommended by the Budget

Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,142 for CART. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for CASA. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen and our State Representative to request the New Hampshire State Government to consider amending the State Statutes and allow a town to freeze the school portion of town property tax for property owners over that age of 65 years. By doing so it will keep the future school portion of the property tax payable by a property owner, to that applicable at the age of 65 years. This will eliminate escalation of the school portion of taxes for those on fixed incomes.

This is similar to other municipalities in the USA. (by petition)

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of RSA 669:17 to change the Zoning Board of Adjustment from appointed positions to elected positions. ZBA members are currently appointed by the Board of Selectmen—this article seeks to make ZBA members elected by residents of Hampstead. (by petition)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Town Council Gets COVID-19 Update on Derry Residents

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DERRY - The Derry Town Council heard a COVID-19 update from Chuck Hemeon, Director of Emergency Medical Services for Derry during their Jan. 16 meeting. Hemeon said that the update is normally presented by the Fire Chief.

One of the things that Hemeon brought up is the

Omicron variant. He said that they know there was a sudden peak of it in South Africa but after the peak there was a steady decline.

Hemeon said that experts think that by the middle of February they should start seeing a fairly significant decline.

At the time of the meeting Hemeon said there were an average of 265,000 positive cases across the country per day.

"We know it's highly, highly transmissible," said Hemeon about the Omicron variant.

Hemeon said that he is always pushing for mask wearing.

"Mask is the number one defense here," he said.

Since the last meeting Hemeon said that they had 189 EMS calls and 35 were related to COVID-19 which is 19 percent.

One of the concerns

that Hemeon also pointed to is the amount of people in the hospital.

He said that last month Parkland Hospital was overrun by COVID which meant that the hospital received less of a percentage of Derry patients than they normally do. He said that they are receiving them again. When they aren't able to be brought there they have to take them to different area hospitals.

Right now about 84 percent of their patients are able to go to Parkland, said Hemeon.

It was also pointed out by Hemeon that as of Jan. 14 they had 652 positive cases in town but at the

time of the meeting they only had 531.

"We're moving in the right direction," said Hemeon.

While he said it was a good thing that the numbers were beginning to trend down, they were up significantly compared to the numbers at their last meeting when there were 252 positive cases in Derry.

"That's just how serious it is in Town," said Hemeon.

At the meeting Hemeon said that the Derry Fire Department had seven cases since the end of November, one who will probably be out with long term complications.

For the Police Depart-

ment Hemeon said that they have had 17 cases since the last week of December.

"All are expected to return to work this week," said Hemeon.

For Public Works, Hemeon said that since the last week of December they have had six positive cases.

At the meeting Hemeon said that the positivity rate for the School District was at 26 percent.

He said the week of Jan. 7 they had 107 cases and a week later had 205 positive cases.

"That's pretty high," said Hemeon, noting that it includes both students and staff.

Sandown

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Commission Chair Brian Butler said that he would be in favor of that adding that there were two potential options for Silva to build. One of the options was to have panes of glass with the vents being on top of the glass.

He said that option two was having panes of glass and having a louver vent on

the back. Butler said that both options would make it a functioning cupola.

Silva told the Commission that he would be working on the project with Jerry LaChance to build the cupola and sketch it out.

The Commission asked if Silva would come back with finalized plans.

It was asked by Commission member Timothy Robinson what the time-

line for the project is since it has to be completed before his 18th birthday.

Silva said that his plan was to fundraise for the project in February, build in March and raise the cupola in April. His 18th birthday is in May.

Robinson volunteered to be Silva's mentor on the project saying that he has experience with it from his own work in the Boy Scouts.



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Editorial

Playing an Active Role

Deliberative sessions are the times specifically set aside to discuss and potentially change warrant articles.

Residents don't vote on whether or not to approve, they vote on the warrant article as is. The warrant article at deliberative sessions are not voted in, but instead on whether or not changes should be made and or to send the warrant article to the ballot on Election Day.

At deliberative session, voters can amend a warrant article (except those whose language is prescribed by law), so long as they do not change the subject matter. They can change the dollar amount, or they can leave it as proposed.

School and Town budget articles, for example, can be amended up or down before they go to the ballot in March. That's why you often hear the fear that some groups will "pack" the deliberative session and "force" their views on everyone else by changing the dollar amount. Someone can say to add money to the budget or take money out.

There's no force. It's up to whichever registered voters decide to show up or not. If the turnout is poor and few people are there to promote or defend their views, the majority of those present will have their way. It's all in the hands of the voters who attend.

To participate in the deliberative secession, all you need do is register to vote, attend deliberative, pay attention as the moderator explains the rules, read the proposed warrant articles, listen to public comment and vote on any changes or to send the article as is to the warrant.

The articles on the warrant hit us where we live, and as New Hampshire residents, we have the right to express our views in a forum specifically designed for that purpose, and to change articles if we have the votes. It's the articles that come out of deliberative session, not necessarily the ones that were on the warrant before the session begins, that we vote on in March.

Voters are clearly in the seat of power. That's why it's so important not only to attend, but also to stay for the whole deliberative session. In the grand scheme of things, it's not such a time consuming commitment to make.

In some towns, a deliberative session takes an hour or so, in others towns could be up to four to five hours or more, depending on the length of discussion.

Plan to attend, and play a role in one of the participatory forms of democracy alive today.

We can wave the flag and claim to be patriotic all we want but if we really believe in democracy, the deliberative session is the place to be.

So go to the school district deliberative and the towns deliberative.

If you want to play an even more active role speak out and let your voice be heard.

Letters

Question: Whether or not to secede from the Union?

To the editor,

Historical question from the southern states prior to the American Civil War? No, a Republican house bill, CACR 32, which was debated and voted on by our NH House State-Federal Relations Committee last Thursday.

This outrageous bill failed unanimously. No surprise, but is this really

what our Republican state legislators are choosing to waste our taxpayer time on? How about if instead these state legislators spent taxpayer time working to ensure that:

- Public schools are being financially supported rather than defunded
- Our elderly and low-economic families are protected from price gouging of prescription medicine
- Our drinking water is not contaminated and causing cancer clusters

- Adequate services for mentally ill and developmentally-delayed citizens are provided
- Affordable housing and safe, well-paying jobs are developed to improve the economic status of working families

If these issues concern you, become informed and VOTE!

Corinne Dodge, Derry

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Derry Town Council Gets Update on State Liquor Store

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DERRY - During the Jan. 18 Derry Town Council meeting the Council heard from Beverly Donovan, the Economic Director for the Town.

Donovan explained that she wanted to give them an update about the New Hampshire State Liquor Store that used to be in the Derry Meadow Shoppes plaza.

She explained that last year the store was shut down at 35 Manchester Road.

"A lot of residents were disappointed," said Donovan, saying that it's easier to go in town to the

store than to have to go out of town.

"The result of that closure means that Derry residents now have to travel out of town to Londonderry or Salem or other stores for their spirits or in some cases their wine," said Donovan.

Donovan said that at the time they were told that it was shut down due to a lack of workforce and staffing issues at the liquor store.

Now the unit is available for lease Donovan said.

"It is most definitely closed for good," said Donovan.

A couple of weeks ago Donovan said that she spoke to Andrew Davis,

the Chief Administrator for the liquor stores.

"It was a good conversation," said Donovan.

She explained that with COVID the State put in play their rebranding strategy, and closed 16 stores across the State. Part of it was due to the job shortage.

It was explained to her by Davis that the goal of the Liquor Commission is to run as efficiently as possible. She said that their new strategy is to locate the stores as close to the exits as possible.

"That's due to commuter and shopping patterns," said Donovan.

Another thing that Donovan explained dur-

ing the meeting is the fact that the State looks for lower lease rates. She said despite the fact that they have some properties in Town with enough space the rates are higher.

She also pointed out that usually the State can negotiate rates as well because property owners see having a liquor store

in a plaza as a way of increasing traffic for the other stores located there.

"That wasn't the case with Derry Meadows unfortunately," said Donovan.

Town Council chairman Jim Morgan said that he agreed that for the State it comes to the cost of the lease.

"It really comes down to not only location but lease rate," said Morgan.

Donovan said that while they said there isn't an opportunity in Town today, there could be one in the future.

"I think it's an open door they aren't saying never," said Donovan.

Marijuana

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with the information is you learn from it," said Bourdon.

Councilman Neil Whetherbee said if the voters in Derry indicate that they would want it through the voting, the Town would know and would be able to begin looking at planning and zoning to determine what they would do if it becomes legalized instead of scrambling down the road if or when it happens.

"It kinda starts the process," said Whetherbee

Council Chairman Jim Morgan, said that by having the non-binding vote it allows elected officials a chance to see the data on it saying that a lot of the State Representatives that are voting against it are because they don't think their constituents don't support it.

Morgan said that one of the reasons why he is a proponent of the legalization of it in some form is because of the revenues they can gain from it and the revenue they are losing to other surrounding states

that have already legalized it.

"I feel that we are bleeding revenue in New Hampshire that we shouldn't be," said Morgan.

Councilman Charles Foote said that he was okay with having it on the ballot since there won't be a big expense to the Town.

"It's just a fact finding mission," said Foote.

The Derry Town Council ultimately voted unanimously in favor of putting the non-binding question on the ballot.

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Derry Municipal Water System Chlorine Disinfection Conversion

DERRY - Manchester Water Works (MWW), who supplies the Derry Water System's drinking water, has scheduled a planned conversion of the disinfectant chloramine used in their water treatment process to chlorine. This conversion is scheduled to begin Dec. 7, 2021 and continue through late March/early April 2022. During this time, you may notice a slight change in the taste and smell of your drinking water that has no harmful effects.

Periodically MWW switches the disinfectant from chloramine to chlorine as part of the essential maintenance of our water distribution systems. During the conversion the Derry Water Division will also conduct selective hydrant flushing to enhance the water quality. This procedure is a common practice for many U.S. public water systems that use chloramine as a disinfectant and the practice is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) which regulates the safe use of chlorine and chloramine.

MWW and the Town of Derry routinely collect and test water samples to monitor for chloramine and chlorine levels throughout the distribution system and will continue to do so during this period. Should you notice a change in the taste or smell of chlorine, we recommend that you:

- Run the cold water tap for two minutes. Run it for five to 10 minutes when water is not used

for several hours.

- Refrigerate cold tap water in an open pitcher. Within a few hours, the chlorine taste and odor should dissipate.

- There are available filters that may reduce the chlorine taste and smell. Those that are either installed onto your faucet tap or pitcher-style filters are recommended. The filter should meet NSF certified safety standards and you should replace the filter as recommended by the manufacturer.

Individuals and busi-

ness owners who take special precautions to remove chloramine from tap water, such as dialysis centers, medical facilities and aquatic pet owners, should continue to take the same precautions during the temporary switch to chlorine. Most methods for removing chloramine from tap water are effective in removing chlorine. Individuals with special

health concerns should consult a health care provider on the use of tap water.

For more information, please review the Information Sheet on our website:

Contact the Derry Department of Public Works at (603) 432-6147 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

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tion and it's all being put together in a report. Myette said that the report will come to them from the Committee by Feb. 7.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo explained that the Budget Committee is supposed to review the Town Budget around that time.

Selectmen Stephen Landau asked if the thought is to put the compensation for the full-time position on the warrant article.

Myette said that the current Road Agent posi-

tion expires in March 2023 so if they wanted to have him start before July 2023 they would need to put it on the warrant article in order to have enough funds before the 2023 budget cycle begins.

He said how much they need would depend on how soon they would want to hire a full-time director if it gets approved by the voters.

"We should have a transition time of two months," said Myette.

Landau said that he is concerned that once they put the compensation on the warrant article then next year the compensa-

tion wouldn't exist unless they add it to the budget or have another warrant article.

He argued that instead they should put the money they need into the budget this year instead.

"That is a good point," said D'Angelo.

D'Angelo said one of the options they could go with is if it gets approved at Town Meeting then they could amend the budget to add in the money they need for it.

He pointed out that if they put it in the budget and it doesn't get passed they'd have extra money in the budget which could

be a red flag for some people in town.

Myette said that they could put the money in the budget for it contingent on the warrant passing but if it doesn't pass they would amend the budget down on the floor at Town Meeting.

"That might be a better way to do it," said Landau.

It was ultimately decided that they would review it again at the next meeting and have someone from the Committee present to them.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Ruthlee (Newell) Root



Ruthlee (Newell) Root, 99, of Derry, NH, died Thursday Jan. 20, 2022. She was born on Oct. 1, 1922, a daughter of the late Dr. Charles and Harriet (Chase) Newell. Ruthlee was a graduate of The Sargent College of Boston University, with a degree in physical therapy. She was an accomplished seamstress; crafting several wedding dresses, school outfits, and even reupholstering when called upon. Ruthlee also served her community for many years as a school bus driver, driver trainer and assistant manager for Timberlane Transportation. Always one to be active, she attended church regularly, and never missed an opportunity to hit the high note in the choir. She was also an avid tennis player, playing in many local groups. To say that she will be missed would be an understatement.

She is survived by her son, Brent Woodward; and six daughters, Dixanne Ricamo, Peggy Ann Raybeck, Louise Heath, Heidi Hartwell, Wendy Sue Furlong and Daphne Thurgood; eleven grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She was predeceased by her husband Weston S. Root and her six siblings, Henry Newell, Benjamin Newell, Edward Newell, Prescott Newell, Louise Audette and Dorothy Newell.

Following cremation, services will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m., at the First Parish Congregational Church in East Derry. In lieu of flowers; the family requests memorial contributions to be made to The First Parish Church of East Derry, Rehabilitation Fund, donated in the name of Ruthlee N. Root. The address for donations is PO Box 110, East Derry, NH 03041.

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State Looks to See Every Kid Go to Camp this Summer

The New Hampshire Department of Education is launching its second year of ReKINDling Curiosity, a unique initiative aimed to ensure that every child can attend summer camp in 2022.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been disruptive to children of all ages, which is why the opportunity for a positive childhood experience such as attending a New Hampshire-approved overnight or day youth recreation camp is crucial to improve their social, emotional and mental wellness.

"We want every child

to have a chance to enjoy their youth, celebrate summer and create new memories at one of the many enriching summer camps New Hampshire has to offer," said Frank Edelblut, commissioner of education. "For many children, especially those from low-income backgrounds or with disabilities, this opportunity to attend a summer camp could help alleviate anxiety and trauma resulting from the pandemic, and succeed in academic instruction when they return to school in the fall."

The state-operated

summer enrichment program will pay up to \$650 of the youth recreation camp fees for qualifying students. Parents and caregivers of qualifying students may select a New Hampshire youth recreation camp from a list of approved camps across the state; participation in the program is prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis.

"This program truly benefits families, especially those families that want to send their kids to camp but might not have the financial resources to make it possible," said Garrett Colgan-Snyder,

director of Camp Hawkeye in Moultonborough and member of the Board of Directors for the New Hampshire Camp Directors Association. "It is my hope that camps across the state will take advantage of this and more children will be able to access the program, as kids each summer look forward to camp as a way to get outside and socialize with their peers."

Using federal COVID-19 response funds, students with a disability are eligible for a \$650 camp fee, and other eligibilities of \$500 or \$350 are possible

depending on the family's federal poverty level. For more details on the program, or to apply, visit ReKINDling Curiosity <https://rekindlingcuriosityeducation.nh.gov>.

"Last summer we had four children attend our camp who would not have been able to participate

without assistance from ReKINDling Curiosity. I am excited for even more families to utilize this incredible resource in the summer of 2022," said Eleanor Elbers, camp director at Daycamps at Orchard School Community Center in Alstead.

OBITUARY

Robert E. "Bob" Healey



Robert E. "Bob" Healey, 96, of Chester, NH, passed away Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, in Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH. Bob was born on Oct. 27, 1925 in the family farmhouse on Fremont Rd., in Chester NH, where

he lived his entire life. He attended school at Chester's original 1 room schoolhouse. Bob worked for many years as a custodian at Chester Elementary, while also running his family farm producing milk which he sold H.P Hood and Son. He was a member the Chester Lion's Club and a local bowling league for many years. He was happiest on his farm with all of his animals and especially enjoyed visits from his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews when they were little.

He was never on social media but still made a mark on the Chester NH town Facebook page with occasional posts from neighbors sighting loose cows roaming around Fremont Rd.

He is survived by a step-son, Nathan Warren of Loudon, NH; step-daughter, Faith Baird of Raymond, NH; five grandchildren, Scott Nadeau, Sean Nadeau, Stacy MacLeish, Shane Warren and Sarah Prothero, seven great grandchildren, one great great grand, as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his wife Barbara (Sumner) Healey in 2002, three brothers, Alvah Healey, Carroll Healey and Forrest Healey; and five sisters, Dorothy Clay, Myrtle Jenkins, Edna Kimball, Ethel Nichols, and Evelyn Cameron.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, interment will be held privately in the spring by the family in the Great Hill Cemetery, Route 121A, Chester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chester Lion's Club, 133 East Derry Rd., Chester, NH 03036.

State Increases State Benefits To Help Home Heating Costs

Recently Gov. Chris Sununu and the New Hampshire Department of Energy announced an increase in benefit amounts for the New Hampshire Fuel Assistance Program due to highly inflated national energy costs.

This year, the New Hampshire Department of Energy is increasing benefit amounts by 60% over last winter for most beneficiaries. Benefits will range from \$253 to \$2,520, up from \$158 to \$1,575 last winter.

"Ensuring Granite Staters can keep warm this winter is among the most pressing issues fac-

ing our state," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Due to a nationwide spike in energy prices, we are taking steps to help those in need. If you are struggling to pay for home heating costs or know someone who is, help is just a phone call away."

The Fuel Assistance Program provides qualifying New Hampshire households with grants to assist with home heating costs. The benefit amounts for qualifying households are determined based on a wide variety of factors including income, household size, housing type, and fuel type.

"Increased energy costs represent a heavy burden for all Granite Staters, especially for low-income households," said Interim Energy Commissioner Jared Chicoine. "In light of the growing national inflation and dramatic projected increases in heating fuels, the New Hampshire Department of Energy is increasing the benefit ranges for the Fuel Assistance Program. This benefit increase will help make sure that low income Granite Staters can keep their homes warm this winter."

The Fuel Assistance Program is the New

Hampshire arm of the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that is funded through the US Department of Health and Human Services. The Program serves households making up to 60% of the State Median Income figure.

If you or someone you know is having difficulty paying for home heating fuel or utilities, please call your local Community Action Agency. If you need help locating the agency in your area, click on CAPNH.org/cap-lookup or call 211 for additional information.

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'Festival of Planes' Extended



Aviation Museum of NH Volunteers Lou Misiano and Lois Dziergowski string lights, part of the 'Festival of Planes' holiday exhibit of more than 1,500 aviation toys and model aircraft on display now through Sunday, Jan 30 at the museum. The Aviation Museum is located at 27 Navigator Road and is open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m.

Hoping to Start a Tradition



The Chester Congregational Baptist Church was a spectacular sight this Christmas Eve. The church's Reverend, Linda J. Rackliffe, took this photo and sent it in to share with residents. This was the first year of the "Light the Way" Luminary Kit Fundraiser. All proceeds benefited the Meetinghouse Preservation Fund.

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DERRY SPORTS

Lady Astros Beat BG and Lancers to Continue Their Streak

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Basketball team delivered quite a birthday gift to head coach Lani Buskey on Thursday night, Jan 20, beating the always-difficult Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals with an exceptional second half of play.

This was the first time Buskey and the Lady Astros have beat BG under the leadership of head coach Brad Kriek and just the second time overall with Buskey as head coach.

Despite spotting the Lady Cardinals to a nine-point lead in the first half, and having a number foul troubles early on, the PA girls showed their mental toughness and came through with a strong second half push and a 74-66 victory to remain undefeated in the division.

The BG squad led 18-13 to finish the first quarter and was leading 36-27 when they headed into halftime,



Sydney Gerossie

but PA battled back in the third to get within two-points, 47-45, to start the final period.

In the fourth, the Lady Astros outscored BG 29-19 for their 12th consecutive win of the season.

The team's offense was largely fueled by two of its younger members.

Sophomore guard Liz Lavoie took a beating driving to the hoop all night and scored a team-high of 24-points. Freshman guard Sydney Gerossie was also a big part of the offense, scoring 21-points including three, three-pointers.

Senior Avah Ingalls did her part driving to the basket all-night and scored a total 12-points.

Fellow senior Kristina Packowski had eight-points and a number of crucial rebounds.

The win put the girls on the top of the Division I standing and set them up for a meeting with the Londonderry Lady Lancers two days later.

The PA girls traveled to Londonderry on Saturday afternoon to take on the 6-7 Lancers where they easily took care of that team with a 72-49 win for their 13th win of the season.

The Pinkerton squad never trailed in this game, leading 16-11 after one quarter and 35-25 by the

half.

In the third, PA outscored LHS 20-10 for a 55-35 lead heading into the final period.

Gerossie was the top scorer for PA with 16-points, 12 of those points came by way of threes.

Lavoie had 14-points, Packowski had 11, and Ingalls tallied nine-points.

Freshman guard Emily Leonard had six points from two, three-pointers.

The Lady Astros have four games left to the regular season.

They played the 2021 Division Champs from Bedford High School on Monday night and lost 62-58 for their first loss of the season.

They will play Exeter (7-6) on Wednesday night.



Astros sophomore guard Liz Lavoie tscored a team-high of 24-points against BG. Photos by Chris Paul

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Astros Boys Hoops Suffers Second Loss, Then Beat LHS



Astros Sean Jenkins goes up to hoop against Lancer Aidan Warren Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball squad suffered just their second loss of the season last week when they faced Bishop Guertin, but then bounced back with a ten-point win over the rival Lancers in Londonderry three days later.

The Astros record sat at 11-2 to start this week, behind Trinity High School, the only unbeaten team in Division I.

At BG, on Thursday, Pinkerton came out of the gate strong, but quickly fell behind due to Bishop Guertin controlling the offensive glass and capitalizing on multiple, second-chance opportunities. Aidan Kane turned in his best offensive performance of the season scoring 13-points while grabbing six-rebounds. Sophomore forward Jackson Marshall had

20-points to lead the team while Tryone Chinn finished with 14-points and five rebounds in the loss.

The Pinkerton team trailed by just one point in the first quarter 13-12 and by two 27-25 headed into the half.

In the third, the Astros were trailing by just one-point 41-40 heading into the final period, but the Cardinals took control for the 71-61 victory.

Pinkerton's Sean Jenkins had five-points, Anthony Chinn, Brandon Gendron and Tyler Herland each had three-points.

In the Saturday afternoon contest against the Lancers in Londonderry, the Pinkerton boys bounced back from an early first half deficit for their eleventh win of the season.

In the 64-58 Pinkerton win, the Astros fell behind in the first half and were down by as many as 12-points in the second quarter as Londonderry made eight 3's in the first half.

With the Lancers leading 32-24 at the half, the Pinkerton defense shut down the LHS offense in the third, and went on a 19-4 run to start the quarter and

establish a six-point lead, 48-42.

Sean Jenkins received a number of great passes by teammate Anthony Chinn's and finished the game with a career-high of 15-points. Anthony Chinn finished the game with 13-points, six rebounds and five assists. Marshall had 17-points, 13-rebounds and three assists. Tyrone Chinn finished with 10-points and five rebounds. Aidan Kane had eight-points.

The most impressive stat for the Astros was going 17-19 from the free throw line in the game.

Pinkerton Bowling Team Beats Hillscats, Loses to Senators

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Bowling team competed against the Hillsboro-Deering High School Hillscats and Dover High School Senators at Strikers East in Raymond on Saturday, Jan. 22. The event was hosted by the Coe-Brown Bears.

The Pinkerton team seeded first with 1,611 total over Dover with a 1,443,

Coe Brown had a 1,206 and Hillsboro Deering rolled a 945 after the standard two games of ten-pin.

Astros bowlers Camron Binette shot two games of 113 and 122; Jonathan Little had a 147 and a 121, Shawn Kelly shot 137 and 109, Michael Fiandaca rolled 135 and 160, Colby Wong hit for 181 and 186, Lance Lemieux rolled an impressive 235 and a 195, Paul Farley had an 89 and an 81, Dylan Kossacoff was at 100

and 119.

The Astros won both Baker games against the Hillscats, scoring 128-90 and 169-100 in Round One.

Pinkerton faced Dover in Round Two and wound up going three games.

The Astros lost to the Senators 160-179 and 160-151, but won 156-148 in one.

The Pinkerton team earned 10-points for the season in the match.

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PA Alpine Skiers Take Second and Third at Latest Meet

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Pats Peak Boys and Girls Alpine Ski Team competed in the Giant Slalom (GS) race at Pat's Peak in Henniker on what was a cold and blustery night on Thursday, Jan. 20.

The Astros boys finished in second place behind the Bedford Bulldogs who claimed a third straight first-place spot with 390-points.

The Pinkerton boys finished with 362-points for second for their best team finish in the last four years. The event host, Nashua South, took third with 354-

points.

The Pinkerton girls team finished with 366-points to claim third place behind Concord High School who took first with 376-points and Bedford finished in second with 374-points.

GIRLS

Junior speedster Ava Sezgin continued to lead the girls with a 7th overall and team first.

Senior captain Madeline Frank laid down a blazing run for another career-high 11th place overall and team second place.

Rookie Emma Tancrede came in 12th overall and placed third for her team.

In fourth for the team,

Teagan Stinson cruised into a personal best 14-place overall.

Junior Hannah Flagg followed closely behind with an 18th overall.

Junior Lauren Martin, in her first ever ski race, claimed a 45th out of a field of 65 racers.

BOYS

Junior Chris Bennett found himself in familiar territory on top of the podium winning his third straight event. He had an overall first and a team first scoring 100-points. He was lightning fast in the gates.

Fellow junior Colton April was close behind with an eighth overall and a team



The Pinkerton Ski Team braves the cold on Pat's Peak.

Courtesy photo

second. Colton scored 93-points for the team.

Senior captain, Jackson Kuncik, found himself in 19th overall and was third

for his team notching 85-points

Junior Jameson Colby finished with a 20th overall that included a dramatic fall

on the third gate of his second run with an epic recovery. He finished fourth for his team and scored 84-points.

Pinkerton Hockey Squad Suffers Fifth Season Defeat

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Hockey Team had a short schedule last week and only faced one team where they suffered their fifth shutout

loss.

After coming off a very productive 7-1 victory over Nashua South-Pelham four days earlier, the Astros were shutout 7-0 by Exeter High School at home on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Exeter started with a goal of a power play at 7:46 in the first and kept the offense up from that point on.

The Blue Hawks added another in the first period then four more in the sec-

ond for a 6-0 lead headed into the final period.

Exeter added one goal for the lopsided victory.

Astros goalie Damien Carter had 24 saves and the Pinkerton team had 27 shots on the Exeter net with nothing to show for it.

ing to show for it.

Pinkerton had just two penalties in the game, both resulted in goals and Exeter played a relatively clean game, with just one infraction being called against them.

Pinkerton has two road games this week, the first in Concord, on Wednesday, against the undefeated Crimson Tide and the second on Saturday against Keene High School (3-4).

New Jersey Mike's Opens February 9 in Londonderry

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Jersey Mike's known for its freshly sliced and grilled subs is opening Feb. 9 at the Apple Tree Mall in Londonderry. Franchise owner, Matt Goyette, is a proud Lancer alumnus and is thrilled to come back to his roots for his third Jersey Mike's location. The grand opening fundraiser will raise money for the athletic program at Londonderry High School where Goyette graduated in 1993 as an honor student and athlete.

The new restaurant located at 4 Orchard View Dr., hopes to break records with its 3000 coupons distributed throughout the community offering a free regular sub as a thank you for a \$3 or more donation to Londonderry High School athletic program. The fundraiser will run from Wednesday, Feb. 9 through Sunday, Feb. 13.

"We are proud of the Jersey Mike's brand and all the good it spreads nationwide, especially in such harrowing times. The culture at Jersey Mike's is to deliver top notch sandwiches and customer experience. I am very lucky to have the privilege of bringing this phenom brand to my hometown," Goyette said. "It feels full circle because Shaw's here at the Apple Tree Mall was my first job in high school. It's exciting and nostalgic and an honor to hopefully become a staple in the community."

Goyette is an exemplary Jersey Mike's franchise owner who shares the company's commitment to quality products and superior customer experience, and who is dedicated to giving back to the local community. With a 25-year background in commercial finance, Goyette not only chose the Jersey Mike's family based on its culture, trajectory, and opportunity in New England. He was also compelled by the March Month of Giving throughout the brand. Opening three stores in the last eight months, starting in Exeter, NH last May, Goyette can't wait for his three locations to participate in Jersey Mike's Month of Giving this March.

The first philanthropy event Goyette participated in after committing to Jersey Mike's was helping construct a playground in Randolph, MA that honored fallen officer, DJ Simmonds, who lost his life while apprehending the Boston Marathon bombers. This left an indelible mark on his decision to join the Jersey Mike's family. Since 2010, Jersey Mike's locations throughout America have raised more than \$41 million for local charities directly impacting the communities they serve. Goyette is eager to charge into this March's Month of Giving in Londonderry. He is confident that his hometown will significantly contribute to the national effort.

At heart, Goyette is a sub guy. He loves the menu. When asked what

to try first, Goyette suggested, "The #13, the Original Italian he recommends trying it Mike's way - with onions, lettuce, tomatoes, red wine vinegar and olive oil blend, oregano and salt. It's all about the juice."

The store hours are 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., seven days a



week. For coupons and incentives follow Jersey Mike's Londonderry on Facebook and sign up for Shore Points on the Jersey Mike's app. It's user friendly and has worthy incentives to frequent your local Jersey Mike's. You can also call the store directly to order, 603-505-4390.

Astros Wrestlers Have Mixed Success at Nashua South Quads

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team traveled to Nashua South on Saturday, Jan. 22 and faced two teams in Dual Meets.

They were able to easily

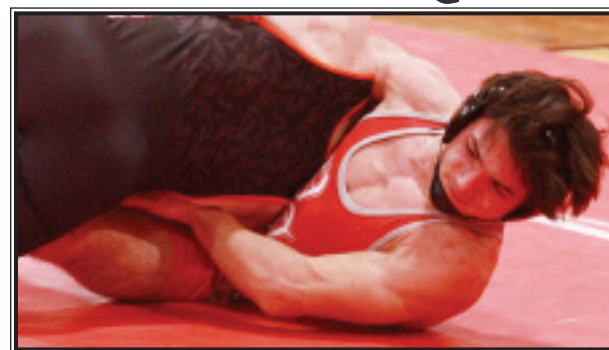
beat the Alvirne Broncos 60-6, but fell to the team from Hollis-Brookline 42-20.

One major highlight from the meet was freshman Sean Broderick picking up a pin in his first varsity appearance at 182 pounds.

The Pinkerton Academy wrestlers wins over Alvirne came from Nathan Linquest, who had a pin at 138 lbs.; Konstantinos Savvas pin win at 145 lbs.; Nelphison DeAlmeida got a pin at 152 lbs.; Jack Mackiernan wins with pin at 170 lbs.; Sean Boderick pin win at 182 lbs.; Herve Durocher forfeit

win at 195 lbs.; Anthony Borbone got a pin at 126 lbs.; and Mike Follo with a pin at 132 lbs.

In the loss against Hollis-Brookline wins came from: Mackiernan with a pin; Durocher with a forfeit; Borbone with a 11-1 major; and Follo with a 14-6 major decision.



Nelphison DeAlmeida

Athlete of the Week

Week of Jan. 17

Sydney Gerossie

Freshman, Girls Basketball

Gerossie was an important contributor to Pinkerton's big win against Bishop Guertin with 21 points and was the leading scorer against Londonderry with 16 points.

Sophia Phaneuf

Junior, Gymnastics

Phaneuf has had a consistent season thus far, scoring in each meet for the Astros in the all-around. This weekend she had one of the highest scores on the floor, an event she does not normally compete in. She continues to display great leadership, a positive attitude, and filling in wherever she is needed.



Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Astros Girls Hockey Takes 5-4 Loss

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Hockey Team had just one game last week and they took on the combined Oyster River-Portsmouth team on the road on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Oyster River-Portsmouth girls were riding an eight-game winning streak and their only loss came in the first week of the season to Hanover.

The Lady Astros came into the game riding a hot-streak of their own, winning three of their first four games of the season and outscoring opponents 30-8 in those contests.

The Oyster River contingent proved to be a bit too strong, and the Pinkerton squad lost its second game of the season 5-4 to finish the week at 3-2.

The Astros will play two home games this week, with Souhegan (0-4) on Wednesday, Jan. 26 and Concord High School (3-2) on Saturday, Jan. 29.



Junior captain Madison Gibeault shoots on net.

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DERRY

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The NH Spartans, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding tryouts at the Derry Sports Center located at 7 A St, Derry, NH 03038. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls' grades 3rd-High School. Our next tryout date is Sunday Feb. 6. Times are 3rd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 11 a.m. - noon, 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: noon - 1 p.m., High school boys and girls 1 - 2 p.m.

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The Taylor Library will hold a Story and Building Club on Thursdays, at 4 p.m., this group is open to all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

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

Library Closure

The Chester Library will be closed for President's Day on Monday, Feb. 21.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Join the Friends of Chester Library a the month-

ly meeting on Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., and help with fundraising to benefit the library. Interested in joining? Call 603-887-3404 for more information.

Teen TikTok Extravaganza

Come record some funny TikToks for the Chester Library TikTok account (@chesterpubliclibrary) on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m., Can't make it? Record a video and email it to assistdirector-cpl@gmail.com! Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Stop by the Chester library on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., with your child there will be a Scavenger hunt and crafts!

Adult Afternoon Book Group

This Chester Library book group will meet on

Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 1 p.m., to discuss 'The Language of Flowers' by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for card-holders.

Crafting Club

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) to the Chester Library on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m., and meet other crafters! Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Adult Evening Book Club

This Chester Library book group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m., to discuss 'The Giver of Stars' by Jojo Moyes. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for card-holders.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Astrology 101

Let's talk Astrology! 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, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. 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 informa-

tion 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

Robot-building Party

A robot-building party is planned for girls in kindergarten through third grade in Hampstead and the surrounding area on Monday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m., at the Hampstead Public Library, in the second-level large meeting room, at 9 Mary E. Clark Dr., Hampstead, hosted by the girl scouts. Older girls are also welcome to find out more about Girl Scouts. Parents and caregivers are invited to participate! RSVP to 888-474-9686 or customer@girlscoutsgwm.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

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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 root- edness to survive, but have not given up hope.

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.

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.fun-draisingbrick.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 sup-

plies 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 participant 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.us

Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning sign language, and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers At the Sandown Library. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under and will take place on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children with their parent/caregiver. 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

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 pro-

gram 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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Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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TOWN OF CHESTER BUDGET COMMITTEE

Notice of Public Hearing

Monday, February 7, 2022, 7:00 pm
84 Chester St., Chester NH

Agenda:

Proposed 22-23 School District Budget
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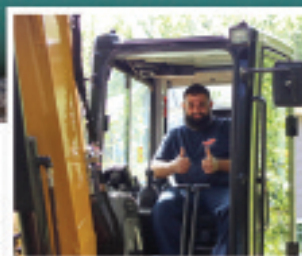
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