

Derry School Board Agrees to Superintendent Search Contract

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – The Derry School Board discussed their contract with the New Hampshire School Boards Association, which is helping the School District with their search for the next superintendent during their Jan. 25 meeting.

It was explained during the meeting that the total contract would be \$15,000 plus expenses.

As part of the contract if the School Board doesn't pick a candidate another search would take place at no cost to the School Dis-

trict.

"In the event no superintendent is selected by the Board, NHSBA agrees to provide a second Superintendent search at no additional cost to the District, aside from expenses, as described above," the contract states.

School Board Chair Erika Cohen explained that the Committee would consist of 12 members including teachers, three board members, parents, SAU staff, and assistants.

Cohen said that she would be sending out an inquiry to the people who know who would be best to

serve on the community and they will decide who the different representatives are for the committee.

"The people who are picking will be the people who know who will best represent us," said Cohen.

Cohen said that the people who will be helping them with the search are experts in helping school districts find superintendents.

"They are experts in doing these searches and they know NH well," said Cohen.

It was announced by Cohen that along with her-

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Chester Chief Takes Exception to Budget Committee Comments

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CHESTER – During the Jan. 27 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting Police Chief Aaron Berube explained to the Selectmen that the Budget Committee had some questions and comments regarding the Department's proposed budget.

He said that during the last budget Committee meeting he said that we're comments made about him that he didn't appreciate.

"I don't like being vilified," said Berube.

In July Berube first went to the Board of Selectmen and explained that there were some issues with their budget in the budget and explained what the deficiencies were.

Berube said that during the Budget Committee meeting they said that they wanted him to address the concerns they had with the Board of Selectmen.

He said that they changed the process a few years ago so department heads provide the information to Selectmen who then go to the Budget committee.

"We eliminated department heads going to the budget committee for a reason because when they went in that room they were attacked and it turned into a volatile situation," said Berube.

One of the things that Berube pointed out is for salaries. He said that they now have the pay matrix in place, which accounts for the salary increases.

"Finally we have the ability to pay an appropriate level of pay," said Berube.

He said that if they removed the matrix from the budget the budget increase would be less than two percent.

Overtime was another line item that the Budget Committee questioned during the meeting.

Berube explained that each year the police department's overtime budget line would also include the money they needed to pay out for holidays. He said that this year after paying for holiday pay for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day along with New Years Eve and New Year's Day there was only \$12,000 left for the entire year.

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The ice on Beaver Lake in Derry is plenty safe to support the Bob Houses brought out this month. Winter anglers and skayers have been taking advantage of the cold January temperatures. Derry's Frost Festival is set to be held later this month to take advantage of the cold weather and winter snow. See what activities are planned on page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Sandown Board of Selectmen Recommends Warrant Articles

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SANDOWN – During the Monday, Jan. 24 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items was to vote on the proposed 2022 warrant articles.

One of the warrant arti-

cles that the Selectmen voted on was in regards to the budget.

The warrant article will ask voters to approve the Town to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted sepa-

rately, 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 \$4,924,225.

If the warrant article were defeated the default budget would be in the

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Chester Planning Board Sends Zoning Amendment to Ballot

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CHESTER - During the Jan. 26 Chester Planning Board meeting the Board discussed a proposed zoning amendment.

The purpose of the proposed zoning amendment is to amend the definition for "Educational Institutions" and differentiate between public and business educational facilities.

The current definition is "an elementary or secondary school which meets

the criteria of the State Department of Education for compulsory attendance under RSA 186:11, or an institution for post-secondary education approved by the post-secondary commission under RSA 292:8-b et seq."

The proposed change would define it as "public and private elementary and secondary schools and postsecondary institutions of higher learning. Private elementary, secondary, and post-secondary educational institutions shall be classi-

fied as businesses."

The Board approved sending the proposed zoning amendment to the ballot.

Also during the meeting Chester Town Planner Andrew Hadik told the Board that he talked to Benjamin Kilar, the Technology Director for the School District to see if there were any devices the school district has that they may be able to use for Planning Board meeting documents. It was brought up during a previous meeting where the Board dir-

ected Hadik to look into it.

Hadik said that Kilar recommended that they get Chrome books because they have keyboards, and recommended something like Google Workspace for a common hosting location for their documents.

It was explained by Hadik that the School District didn't have any extra ones for the Planning Board to use or to borrow because they are all accounted for and have to be turned in at the end of the lease period.

One question that was asked was what the costs are for them. Hadik said that they could be as low as \$120 and \$80 to \$120 for refurbished ones. Hadik warned however, that the refurbished ones only have a 90-day guarantee on them.

Planning Board member Michael Weider said that instead of submitting an increase for the Planning Board budget to get them he said that they could look at the end of the year expenses and see if they have any money available

to use at the end of the year in order to purchase them.

Weider said that the main reason why he thinks they are important is because it will cut down on documents that are printed for the meetings.

Hadik said that if they are able to buy them he will set up folders on them for each meeting so Board members can reference documents from previous meetings when needed.

The next Chester Planning Board meeting is slated for Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

Derry School Board Approves School District Calendar

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DERRY - The Derry School Board discussed the proposed 2022-2023 School District calendar during their Jan. 25 meeting.

Superintendent Mary-Ann Connors-Krikorian said that the plan is for the first day of school for students to take place on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Aug. 24, 25, 26, and 29 are scheduled as teacher workshop days.

The proposed schedule has June 13 as the last day of school if they don't need to make up any days due to snow or other emergencies.

If make up days are needed the first make up day would take place on June 15 and the last day

would June 22.

In the case of snow days Monday, June 19 would be a day off as it is June tenth.

"If all goes to plan June 13th would be the current last day of school for students," said Connors-Krikorian

Another date highlighted in the calendar is for the holiday recess, which is scheduled to take place from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2.

The winter recess is scheduled to take place from Feb. 27 to March 3 and the spring recess for the school year is scheduled to take place from April 24 to April 28.

School Board member Jonathan Dugan said that he understands that they align with Pinkerton Acad-

emy and understands that they have a State calendar but asked if there has been any serious thought about getting rid of either February or April break and make more a spring break so everyone can get out earlier in the school year.

"I know a lot of school districts outside of the region do that," said Dugan.

Connors-Krikorian said that they have discussed it in the past, as a leadership team but didn't this year. She said that this year they followed the proposed State calendar, but said that it could be up for discussion if the School Board wanted to.

School Board Vice Chair Derrick Anderson pointed out that they have staff that work in their

schools from other towns that could make it difficult if they have kids in other school districts with different vacation schedules.

"It would almost have to be that NH itself goes to spring break and not just us," said Anderson.

Connors-Krikorian said

that their school vacations align with the Pinkerton Academy Schedule and the proposed schedule by the State.

Early release days for next year are scheduled for Sept. 30, March 31, and May 19.

Labor Day Weekend

will be from Sept. 2 to Sept. 5.

The school board unanimously approved the 2022-2023-school calendar.

Connors-Krikorian said that they will publish the calendar online so families can begin to prepare for next school year.

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He said that it has to pay for covering shifts, along with training, court and other things.

Berube also pointed out that the fire department gets \$7,500 per full-time employee. He said that if they received that they would get \$52,500.

He also explained that they have inherent costs with being a 24-7 department.

"We need to move away from a small town police department," said Berube.

He said that if they want to continue to be a small town department then they need to consider what

resources they want to keep and what they can eliminate.

Berube also noted that there are only two towns in NH that don't have 24-7 police coverage.

Another issue that was brought up was in regards to the park ranger position.

Berube explained that the position was removed from the 2021-2022 budgets and instead was moved to the Recreation Department budget since the Recreation Director mainly provides the day-to-day guidance.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said that the crux of the issue that the Budget Committee had was whether or not there

were enough issues there to have a park ranger position. The Board of Selectmen agreed that the position was needed.

Berube said that his job is to provide a budget that he deems is progressive and moves them into the future and the Board of Selectmen ultimately has the discretion to say what things are appropriate or not in the budget.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette said that throughout the budget process Berube came to them and explained his proposed changes to the budget and that transparency is coming through to the Board of Selectmen.

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Hampstead School Board Gets Update on Strategic Plan Process

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board received an update regarding the School District's strategic plan during the Jan. 25 School Board meeting.

Presenting on the behalf of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee was Superintendent Robert Thompson.

Thompson told the School Board that they held a Strategic Planning

Steering Committee meeting yesterday via Zoom after not being able to meet for a while due to the holidays and COVID.

"It was nice to get back together and we sort of hit the ground running and were looking at values and priorities," said Thompson.

Thompson said that they have a follow-up meeting in the works.

"We'll be bringing a draft strategic plan to the next strategic planning steering committee," said Thompson.

After forming the committee over the summer Thompson said that the Committee is looking forward to presenting a plan to the School Board.

"We're very excited about that and look forward to being able to present something," said Thompson.

Thompson said that originally the proposed plan was supposed to be submitted to the School Board by Jan. 25. He said however, that the timeline turned out to not be realistic.

"It wasn't a realistic timeline so we're shooting for March 22," said Thompson.

He said that the new timeline actually makes more sense.

Thompson said that they will seat a new School Board on March 22, and one of their first tasks will be reviewing a proposed for the future of the District

"I can think of no better activity than to have the new Board seated and then we roll out 'here's the vision and here's the focus

of the work ahead," said Thompson.

Thompson explained that they didn't necessarily throw out the original plan that they had and instead they reviewed it and realized that there were some needed updates

One of the areas that they have been looking at is communications which Thompson called a "timeless theme."

"How do we improve communication within our organization? How do we do a better job improving

communication with the community," said Thompson.

Thompson said that after experiencing the pandemic they are also looking at how they provide the social and emotional well being of both their students and also their staff.

"There's been a lot of really good conversations about where we are right now where we need to go analyzing our values and it's really been a great self study about what we value as a District," said Thompson.

Derry School District to Hold Deliberative Saturday

The Derry Cooperative School District will hold the first session of Annual Meeting, the Deliberative, at the West Running Brook Middle School, 1 West Running Brook Lane, on Saturday Feb. 5, starting at 10 a.m.

This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles numbers 2 through 7. The warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended; (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

Second Session of Annual Meeting, the Voting on warrant articles 1

through 7 will be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with Town voting on Tuesday, March 8. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road.

Article 1: To choose the following School District officers:

Three School Board Members (at large) (each for a three-year term)

Article 2 reads: Shall the School District 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 \$94,252,087? Should this article be defeated, the 2022-2023

default budget shall be \$94,354,540, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the School District 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.

Article 3 reads: Shall the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Derry School Board and the Derry Education Association that calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year Estimated Increase
2022-2023 \$1,052,136
2023-2024 \$1,072,710
2024-2025 \$1,090,590
and further raise and

appropriate the sum of \$1,052,136 for the upcoming fiscal year (2022-2023), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the changes in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels?

Article 4 reads: Shall the School District, if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only? (Recommended by the Derry School Board)

Article 5 reads: Shall the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached

between the Derry School Board and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council No. 93, Local 1801 that calls for the following changes in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year Estimated Increase
2022-2023 \$268,937
2023-2024 \$189,002
and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$268,937 for the upcoming fiscal year (2022-2023), such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the changes in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current

staffing levels?

Article 6 reads: Shall the School District, if Article 5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 5 cost items only?

Article 7 reads: Shall the School District vote to authorize the School Board to enter an agreement with the Next Charter School to modify the term/duration of its lease of space at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School that will allow the Charter School to finance the construction of improvements to the leased space, all on such terms and conditions as the School Board determines are in the best interest of the School District?



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Editorial

It Starts with Respect, As Elections Start-up

What exactly is respect? It's the sense of worth or personal value that you attach to someone. Respect is an overall evaluation you give someone based on many factors; what that person is doing with their life, how they treat you and others, whether they are honest or not, and if they seem to consistently do good things, large or small, for other people.

Showing respect for others, just like with yourself, when you demonstrate respect for others, you give value to their being and ideals. In addition, you'll make someone feel good by granting them respect, provided that it's something that they deserve.

One of the best ways to show respect for someone is to truly listen to another's point of view. Obviously, we'll not always agree with one another on every topic and you should never adopt a point of view with which you do not agree, but we should allow each other to have and express our own views regardless of whether we agree with them or not.

Try to keep this in mind, you owe everyone a basic level of respect for being a fellow human

being, but your level of respect for others will vary from person to person. Just like your self-respect will grow as you master the ideals discussed above, your level of respect for others will vary depending upon your view of them and their own self-respect.

There's nothing wrong with affording some people greater respect than others. You should be kind and polite to everyone no question about that. For obvious reasons, some of us simply deserve more respect than others. For example, I think we would all agree that a consistently honest person deserves more respect than a habitual liar. So, always be kind, polite and afford a basic level of respect for your fellow man, but you shouldn't afford beyond basic respect to those who aren't working on ideals you believe to be important.

Respect is one of mankind's most noble sentiments. The highest levels of respect are always earned, never given. This is true of self-respect as well as respect for others. Before granting the highest level of self-respect or respect for others, make sure the person is worthy of the honor.

Letters

Friends of Derry Library

To the editor,

Looking for a worthwhile and enjoyable volunteer opportunity in the new year? Consider joining the Friends of the Derry Public Libraries. We are a small but dedicated group that works to support both the Derry Public Library and the Taylor Library.

Through our monthly book sales, sales of T-shirts, book bags, donations and membership dues we are able to fund many of the needs of the libraries that are not always possible with their allotted budgets.

Some examples are purchasing Museum Passes to the NE Aquarium, the Currier Gallery, the SEE Science Museum, the Aviation Museum to name a few, funding special programs such as Ghosts and Legends, a gardening program, participating in Trick or Treat on Main Street, Derryfest and Carnival Night among others.

The Friends group meets only six times a year, on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7 pm at the Derry Public Library.

New members are always welcome! Please consider joining and mak-

ing a difference in the community by supporting our very vital Libraries.

For more information stop in to check us out!

Diane Arrato Gavrish
Derry

Salvation Army of Greater Derry

To the editor,

The Salvation Army of Greater Derry has served the communities of Derry, Windham and Londonderry for over 20 years. There are many services and programs offered including assistance to our local homeless population. Now, we find ourselves potentially homeless.

New Hampshire Department of Transportation is adding a new exit to Route 93, known as "Exit 4A". Exit 4A creates a bypass through Londonderry and Derry that impacts Folsom Road. Our Service Center was taken by NHDOT through Eminent Domain along with several other Folsom Road properties. Our buildings located at 18 Folsom Road will be demolished as NHDOT widens the roadway to accommodate Exit 4A.

Salvation Army is in search of a new home. Ideally, we would like to purchase commercial space similar in size to our current location which is approximately 10,000 square feet. With the scarcity of available commercial properties in the area, we have yet to locate anywhere suitable.

NHDOT has already acquired 18 Folsom Road and Salvation Army is leasing it temporarily while we search for a new home. That lease expires at the end of May 2022 at which time we need to vacate the property which is scheduled to be leveled shortly thereafter. We are hoping that someone may be able to direct us to a property for sale or lease so that we can continue our much-needed work in Greater Derry.

Further details are available by contacting Lieutenant Tyler Adcox or Lieutenant Sojourney Adcox at the Salvation Army of Greater Derry, 603-434-7790.

Thank you.

Vern Thomas

Chair of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army of Greater Derry

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self, Board members Brenda Willis, and Jessica Ring would be serving on the search committee.

The School Board approved the contract with the New Hampshire School Boards Association and for the Committee to be formed. Willis ab-

stained from voting because she is on the School Board Association Board.

One the committee is finalized, Cohen said that they will make it available and they will begin the process of their next superintendent.

Also during the meeting Derry School District Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian asked

for approval to hire Miranda Kelsey as a Special Education Teacher at South Range Elementary School.

The School Board unanimously approved of the hiring.

The next Derry School Board meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 8 at 7 p.m.

Annual Frost Festival Returns to Derry Saturday, Feb. 20

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The town of Derry is gearing up for the annual Frost Festival scheduled to take place throughout the town on Saturday, Feb 19.

All of the events are free, and family friendly and they will take place at various locations in Derry.

Last year, due to the pandemic many of the activities were condensed,

and this year the events have expanded slightly.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, most programs are suggest to be done with family members, weather permitting, and some require pre-registration.

According to a flyer recently posted on the town website there will be quite a few events for families to enjoy.

Find Frosty Before He



Frosty will be available for photos with the kids throughout the day during the Frost Festival on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Melts Away

Find Frosty posters at local shops, restaurants and public buildings, snap a photo of Frosty and post with #findFrosty for a chance to win a cool prize.

Virtual Puppet Show

Link on to Derry's Frost Festival on Face Book and join in for a spectacular family puppet show from our friends at the Derry Public Library.

Pick-up Cookies

The Culinary Playground at 16 Manning street #105 will have cookies. Pre-registration is required by going to; www.culinaryplayground.com.

Shop and Eat Local

There are many cool Derry spots to warm up go to #derryrestraintsmonth.

Live Music

Located at One West Broadway there will be live singing, and music, by Jason R. Flood Memorial /Pizzastock with Healing through music, connecting through community. Weather permitting.

Food Trucks

Visit B's Tacos, The Walking Gourmet, and Grind Away for a yummy treat located near 1 West Broadway.

Ice Sculptures

Ice Breakers will be back again and will be creating beautiful ice sculptures near the Pocket Park at One West Broadway.

Ice Skating

Free skate on your own at Hood Pond located at 4 Rollins Street. Weather permitting.

Pick-up Crafts

From Derry Parks and Recreation at 31 West Broadway. Pre-registration is required by going to www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation for questions call 603-432-6136 M-F from 9am to 4pm.

Sledding

Sledding and snowboarding on your own at Alexander-Carr Park located at 28 Pierce Ave. Weather permitting.



Ice Breaker artists Dennis Hickey and Dave Soha will be on hand once again to create Ice Sculptures in down town Derry.
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Derry Candidates Enter the Race for Town Positions

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - Signs have started to spring up along Derry roadways as candidates for town positions start to campaign.

Those residents interested in becoming a town candidate had until Friday, Jan. 28, to get their names

for the March ballot and some positions will have contested races.

Local elections will be held at on Tuesday, March 8, with polls opening from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road this year and the candidates are listed below.

Councilor at Large
One seat, three-year term
Douglas Flood
David Love

Councilor District 2
One seat, three-year term
Charlie Foote

Councilor District 4
One seat, three-year term
Brian Chirichiello

Nick Sands

Derry Public Library Trustee
One seat, Three-year term
Victoria Austin
Elizabeth Greenberg
Caitlin Powers

Supervisor of the Checklist
One seat, six-year term

Judy Strakalaitis
Katherine Prudhomme
O'Brien
Maria Toledo
Taylor Library Trustee
Two seats, three-year term
Lynne H. Townsend
Raymond Fontaine
Taylor Library Trustee
One seat, two-year term
Angel Fontaine
Taylor Library Trustee

One seat, one-year term
Samantha Hamlin
Town Clerk
One seat, three-year term
Daniel, Healey
Town Moderator
One seat, two-year term
Tina Guilford
Trustee of the Trust Funds
One seat, three-year term
Craig Cunningham

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amount of \$4,709,135, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

The estimated tax impact would be \$7.23 per thousand.

On a unanimous vote the Board of Selectmen voted to support the warrant article. The Budget Committee previously voted 7-0 in favor of the budget.

The Board of Selectmen also unanimously approved their support for a number of different warrant articles.

Article 3

Should the Town raise and appropriate \$162,044 for the road improvement

programs to be recommended by the Sandown Highway Department and approved by the Sandown Board of Selectmen. The State of NH Highway Block Grant would supply the funding. The estimated tax impact would be \$0.

Article 4

Should the Town raise and appropriate \$547,500 to be added to the previously established Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The estimated tax impact would be \$.80 per thousand.

Article 5

Should the Town raise and appropriate \$150,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The estimated tax impact would be \$.22 per thousand.

Article 6

Should the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The estimated tax impact would be \$.01 per thousand.

Article 7

Should the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$54,000 for the purpose of additional per diem firefighter and/or EMT staffing and coverage (no benefits). If this warrant article passes, future appropriations will be included in the operating budget. The estimated tax impact would be \$.08 per thousand.

Article 8

Should the Town vote to raise and appropriate

\$10,000 to be added to the Storm water Management Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The estimated tax impact would be \$.01 per thousand.

Article 9

Should the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The estimated tax impact would be \$.07 per thousand.

Article 10

Should the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$28,245 for treatment to control exotic aquatic species including invasive variable milfoil and fanwort in Phillips Pond. Costs will be offset by grant funds and a \$10,000

donation from the Phillips Pond Association. The Board of Selectmen designates the article as a special warrant article. The estimated tax impact is \$.04 per thousand.

Article 11

Should the Town vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the 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, repairs and improvements and to raise and appropriate \$500 to be placed in this fund and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. The estimated tax impact would be less than \$.01 per thousand.

Article 12

Should the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500 to be added to the Government Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The estimated tax impact would be \$.01 per thousand.

Article 13

Should the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the Plowing Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. The estimated tax impact would be \$0.

Article 14

Should the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 to be added to the Old Home Day Celebration Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The estimated tax impact would be \$.01 per thousand.

Article 15

Should the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500 for fireworks with a date and time to be determined by the Board of Selectmen. The estimated tax impact would be \$.01.

The Deliberative Session is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

The Town Elections are scheduled to take place on Tuesday March 8 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

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Chester, Hampstead and Sandown Residents Enter Election Race

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Town and School District candidates in Chester, Hampstead and Sandown had until Friday, Jan. 28, to get their names on the March ballot and a few positions will have contested races.

CHESTER

Local elections will be held at the Multi-Purpose Room at 84 Chester Street, on Tuesday, March 8, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., this year and the candidates are listed below.

TOWN CANDIDATES

Selectmen

One Seat, three-year term
Aaron Mansur

Charles Francis Myette

Town Moderator

One seat, two-year term

Micheal J. Scott

Supervisor of the

Checklist

One seat, six-year term

Sara Jane Bilbeau
Nicholas Tranquillo

Trustee of Trust Funds

One seat, three-year term

Thomas J. Paton

Budget Committee

Member

Three seats, two-year term

Ronald J. McKinnon Jr.

Library Trustee

Two seats, Three-year term

Deborah J. Munson

Mary L. Richardson

Wilcomb Townsend

Trustee

One Seat, one-year term

Kathryn M. Burke

Terry L. Kennett

Elizabeth S. Liacos

Beth Swanson

Wilcomb Townsend

Trustee

One seat, five-year term

Lorna Hazelton

SCHOOL DISTRICT

CANDIDATES

School Board Member

Two seats, three-year term

Alexandre Nolan Bartels

Jonathan Eckerman

Sabrina N. Harris

HAMPSTEAD

Elections will be held at the Hampstead Middle School on Tuesday, March 8, at Hampstead Middle School from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., this year and the candidates are listed below.

Selectman

Two seats, three-year term

Joe Guthrie

Laurie A. Warnock

Lewis A. Eaton III

Planning Board

Two seat, three-year term

Robert Villella

Robert Weimar

Ryan C. Gray

Town Moderator

One seat, two-year term

Neil Reardon

Trustee of the

Cemeteries

One seat, three-year term

Stephen Wentworth

Library Trustee

One seat, three-year term

Robert O'Brien

Veronica Shelley

Kristina L. Durocher

Trustee Of The Trust

Funds

One-seat, three-year term

Maria Kuhl

Trustee Of The Trust

Funds

One seat, two-year term

Kristina George

Budget Committee

Two seats, three-year term

Lilli Walsh

Supervisor of the

Checklist

One seat, six-year term

Angeline Gorham

SANDOWN

Local elections will be held at Sandown Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., the candidates are listed below.

Selectman

Two seats, three-year term

Eric Olsen

Thomas Tombarello

Planning Board

Two seats, three-year term

John White

Hampstead Library Looks for Help With Pavilion Project

In an effort to provide additional safe places for the community to gather, the Hampstead Public Library has been working to improve outdoor spaces. A sturdy StoryWalk® and a safe off-street path to the Storybook Garden were achieved in 2021, due to grants and generous donations.

The next goal by the Library Board of Trustees is to build a 20x40-foot roofed pavilion on the Library's front lawn. It is to serve all ages and facilitate

outdoor meetings and programs, such as toddler story time, various classes, book discussions, craft activities, and much more. The planned structure provides wheelchair-accessibility, and is equipped with electricity and a wireless internet connection.

This pavilion project is being funded entirely by grants and contributions from community members like you.

A Brick Fundraiser is helping to pave the way to

this new outdoor community space. The bricks are to be incorporated into a finished walkway that links the new pavilion to the parking lot. You can be a part of the future by sponsoring a commemorative brick.

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Please consider helping the Library improve services by contributing to this outdoor expansion project. Buy a brick and be part of a permanent community fixture!

OBITUARY

James Joseph "Jim" Gallagher



James Joseph "Jim" Gallagher, 81, of Hampstead, NH, died Wednesday Jan. 26, 2022, in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Oct. 19, 1940 in Newburyport, MA, a son of the late Cornelius and Florence (Richer) Gallagher. Jim was a member of the Iron Workers Local #7 in Boston, MA for over 40 years. He enjoyed all types of auto racing. He and his wife Bettye enjoyed staying active with trips to Myrtle Beach and Lake Winnepesaukee. In his younger years, Jim enjoyed skiing and hiking.

He is survived by his two children, daughter Kathleen Dingman and son James W. Gallagher and wife Kristine; five grandchildren, James Peter Gallagher, Thomas Gallagher, Jack Dingman, Cody Dingman and wife Krystina and Brianna Dingman and fiancé Steve Edge; two great grandchildren, Carson and Connor; two brothers, Joseph Gallagher and Cornelius Gallagher; one sister, Carol Twitchell, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 56 years, Elizabeth A. "Bettye" Gallagher in 2019 and one sister Florence "Snooks" Gallagher.

Due to Covid, at the request of the family there are no services being planned at this time. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Red Cross blood bank.

The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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VEX Tournament Nets Astros Teams Three of Five Awards



Team Absolute Zero Design Award Winners, from left, Kyra Sturdivant, Kai Simpson, co-captain Alex Brillhart and Captain Mannix Muir, missing (Carson Walls).
Photos courtesy of S. Rubio

DERRY – The Pinkerton Academy Robotics teams competed in the Vex VRC Robotics Competition at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy in Northwood New Hampshire on Saturday, Jan. 15 and had a great deal of success at that event.

There were 36 teams present with nine Pinkerton teams competing.

Four Pinkerton teams made it into the finals as the fourth and fifth seeds with 241E-Eclipse and 241G- G-Force competing as one alliance and 241C-Chaos and 241J-Jugger-

naut on another. Unfortunately, the Pinkerton teams had to face-off in the first Quarterfinals match and tied 3-3.

According to VEX rules they needed to rerun the match where 241E and 241G came out on top. In the finals round 241E and



241E- Tournament Champions and Excellence award winners, from left, co-captain James Andrews (on tablet) Diego Rubio, Andrew Bobay, Captain Austin Bobay (missing Wendy Parcel).

241G found themselves in a rematch against a pair of teams from Thetford Academy from Thetford, Vermont who defeated 241E and 241C in the finals match during the competition at Manchester Community College.

This time the Pinkerton

teams emerged victorious beating the teams from Vermont. The match ended in a 96-38 score.

Pinkerton won three of the five possible awards. The Design Award went to 241A (Absolute Zero). The Tournament Champions Award was given to 241E

(Eclipse) and 241G (G-Force), 241E also won the Excellence Award.

Pinkerton Academy currently has four teams that have earned a spot in the VEX Robotic state competition coming up in February.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Swimmers Take First Against Londonderry



Emma Hazard had a number of successes at the meet in Londonderry.



Alex Tovtyn took first in the 100-Yard Breaststroke in Londonderry.

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys and Girls Swim teams competed in Londonderry on Friday night, Jan. 28, against the Lancers and St. Thomas Aquinas High School where they were able to outdistance each of those teams for first place in the competition.

The Lancers unfortunately were put in an immediate disadvantage at the meet with a number of scratches due to illnesses at the event.

GIRLS

The girls' team took a win over LHS 103-38 and they beat St. Thomas 98-52.

In the 200-Yard Medley Relay, the team of Reilly Hazard, Megan Knight, Grace Mack and Erin Stariknok finished in first with a time of 2:08.01 and the team of Jessica Smith

Ella Manning Laura Hammond and Kylie Winer took fourth with a 2:17.79.

In the 200-yard Freestyle, Stariknok took second with a 2:10.56 and Tiya Edsall finished third at 2:17.41.

In the 200-Yard Individual Medley, Emma Hazard had a 2:40.22 for second place.

In the 50-Yard Freestyle, Reilly Hazard took second (27.99), Mack finish in third (28.30) and Emma Hazard was fifth (29.70).

In the 100-Yard Butterfly Hailey Conway was first with a time of 1:12.63 and Reilly Hazard got second with a 1:14.01.

In the 100-Yard Freestyle, Tiya Edsall was second (1:05.68) and Madison Lague was third (1:07.84).

Winer took third in the 500-Yard Freestyle with a time of 6:06.85.

The team of Knight, Edsall, Lague and Emma

Hazard were winners in the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:58.30 and Conway Hammond Manning and Smith came in third at 2:04.74.

In the 100-yard Backstroke, Mack was first at 1:11.10, Hammond took fifth at 1:19.12 and Smith was sixth (1:23.30).

In the 100-Yard Breaststroke Winer was a first place winner with 1:21.97, Erin Starinock was third with a 1:23.16 and Manning took third at 1:24.46.

The team of Mack, Reilly Hazard, Emma Hazard and Stariknok were winners in the 400-Yard Freestyle with a time of 4:03.17, and the team of Winer, Edsall, Lague and Conway were third with a 4:18.23.

BOYS

The boys had an 80-13 win over the Lancers and a 98-52 win over St. Thomas.

In the 200-Yard Medley Relay, the team of Ryan Develbiss, Alex Tovtyn, Anderson Sharp and Owen Muskrat took second place with a time of 1:56.50.

In the 200-yard Freestyle, Tovtyn took second with a 2:03.14, Cole Alden was second (2:14.51) and Adam Scala was third at 2:19.81.

In the 50-Yard Freestyle, Jatin Patel finished in second (25.62), Ryan Divelbiss was third (25.78) and

Muskrat was fourth (25.97). Bailey finished in second in the 100-Yard Butterfly with a time of 56.22. Moscat was fourth (1:02.77).

In the 100-Yard Freestyle, Scala was second with a time of 1:01.41.

The team of Patel, Scala, Sharp and Alden finished first in the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:48.35.

In the 100-Yard Backstroke, Alden finished in

third with a 1:07.65, Muskrat was fourth (1:09.34) and Patel took fifth (1:09.93).

The Astros took the top three spots in the 100-Yard Breaststroke with Tovtyn in first 1:13.97, Divelbiss second at 1:14.18 and Sharp in third (1:18.93).

The Pinkerton squad also took first in the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay, the team of Muskrat, Patel, Divelbiss and Tovtyn finished in 3:47.22.

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Astros Hoops Adds Two Wins as Season Winds Down



CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Basketball team only has three game left to the regular season and as of Monday, Jan. 31, the team sits in second place in the Division I standings with a 13-2 record. Trinity High School is currently the top team with a 13-1 season record.

Pinkerton will finish the regular season this week with games against Trinity, Alvirne and Nashua South.

Last week, the Astros had big wins against Bedford High School and the Exeter Blue Hawks.

On Monday, Jan. 24, the Astros squad traveled to Bedford and defeated the Bulldogs 69-50 to put their season record at 12-2.

In the nearly 20-point victory, PA and Bedford finished the first quarter with a close 16-15 Astros lead.

The second quarter was

all PA, with Pinkerton holding Bedford to just four points in the second quarter, giving them a 35-19 lead by the half.

The Academy squad had a 20-point lead by the end of the third and maintained that cushion until the final buzzer.

Sophomore forward Jackson Marshall had 25 points, 10-rebounds and three assists to lead the team. Junior Tyrone Chinn had 13-points and four

assists, with his brother Anthony Chinn getting 11-points and three assists. Aidan Kane had 9-points in the win. The Astros also got some really good minutes from Quinn Hammer and Sean Jenkins defensively.

Two nights later, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, the Astros played a shorthanded Exeter High School team, at home, came away with their 13th win of the season.

The lopsided 71-45 victory had junior Anthony

Chinn finish with 19-points on 7-8 shooting and 4-5 from the line with five rebounds and five steals.

Marshall wound up with 18-points and eight rebounds and Tyrone Chinn had 10-points with five assists and six steals. Trevor Edmunds came off the bench to score six-points. Senior Shane McLaughlin scored his first two varsity points after returning from a broken leg he suffered over the summer.

Sophomore forward Jackson Marshall had 25-points, 10-rebounds and three assists against Bedford this week.
Photo by Chris Paul

Astros Boys Hockey Squad Shut Out by Crimson Tide

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Hockey team's offensive struggles continued this week when the traveled to the state capital and where they were shut out 4-0 by Concord High School.

Both teams battled to get the puck in the net through the first two scoreless periods, but in the third, the Crimson Tide team broke the stalemate with four unanswered goals.

Concord's Brooks

Craigie scored first, at 5:01, from Jack Shoemaker and Donovan Hayes.

Two and a half minutes later, CHS had it second from Tyler Coskren with AJ Fennelly on the assist.

Concord had its third goal at 11:33 off a power play goal, with Coskren getting his second goal with an assist from Hayes and Craigie.

The fourth goal came at 13:24, with Craigie getting his second of the night from Coskren.

Astros goalie Damien

Carter had an extremely busy night and was able to make 43 saves.

The game against Concord marked Pinkerton's halfway point in the season and they now stand at 3-6-1.

The team hopes to turn things around this week with a game on Wednesday, Jan. 2, against Manchester Central-West-Memorial who stands at 4-5 for the season.

The Astros Hockey squad will play the Keene Black Birds (4-5) on the road, Friday night, Jan. 4.

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Lady Astros Bounce Back After Suffering First Defeat



Senior captain Avah Ingalls had 18-points against Bedford last week. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

One week after celebrating the major accomplishment of beating the Bishop Guertin Cardinals 74-66, the Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball team suffered their first loss of the season, a 62-58 defeat to the defending Division I State Champion Bedford Lady Bulldogs.

In that game, that took place at home on Monday, Jan. 24, the Lady Astros kept pace with the Bedford High School girls through the first half and led 27-24

as the buzzer sounded the end of the second quarter.

The Pinkerton girls were outscored 15-10 in the first period, but kept the Lady Bulldogs down to nine points in the second.

In the third quarter, Bedford was able to gain a two-point lead, outscoring Pinkerton 20-15.

In the fourth, the Lady Bulldogs were able to outlast the Pinkerton girls adding 18-points to PA's 16 for the 62-58 win.

Senior captain guard Avah Ingalls drove to the basket for 18-points, leading her team in scoring.

Freshman guard Sydney Gerossie had 13-points, including two three-pointers in the loss.

Senior forward Kristina Packowski had 10-points, sophomore forward Alex White contributed six-points and Rebecca Farnum and Liz Lavoie each had four-points in the game.

Head coach Lani Buskey and her crew bounced back quite nicely two nights later with a 20-point victory over the Exeter Lady Blue Hawks.

The Exeter squad kept pace with Pinkerton in two of the four quarters, but

couldn't overcome a 39-24 deficit by the half.

Lavoie had a huge game, scoring 26-points to lead her team, Packowski also had a big night on the boards with 21-points. Ingalls and Gerossie both had 15-points.

The victory and the tough loss put the Astros season record at 14-1, giving them a second place spot in the division, while Bedford moved to 14-2 and wound up in the third spot heading into the final week of the regular season. Portsmouth High School sits on top with a 16-1 record.

Athlete of the Week

Week of Jan. 24



Kristina Packowski
Senior, Girls Basketball

Packowski continued her successful season with 21-points and 19 rebounds against Exeter on Wednesday.



Jackson Marshall
Sophomore, Boys Basketball

Marshall averaged 20-points per game, 11 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 block shot for the week. He continues to excel on both ends of the floor and has helped the Astros to a 13-2 overall record. With wins at Londonderry and Bedford, and a home win over Exeter the Astros were 3-0 on the week.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Alpine Boys' and Girls' Ski teams hit the mountain at Pat's Peak in Henniker, for another Slalom race on Thursday, Jan. 27 and both teams finished in second place behind the Bedford High School squads.

For the Girls, freshman Emma Tancrede had a season-high race finishing in third place overall and came in first for the Lady Astros.

Junior Ava Sezgin came in right behind her, locking up the fourth spot place a team second.

Senior captain Maddie Frank was a top-ten finisher

for the first time in her four-years of skiing with the team. She had an eighth overall finish and was third for the team.

Sophomore Emily Olson came in 24th overall with a team fourth place once again scoring for her team as a rookie.

Skiers Teagan Stinson, Makayla Mylnarski, and Amanda Holcombe-Buendia also had strong runs.

For the Boys:

Junior captain Chris Bennett maintained his undefeated winning streak; he was able to get his fourth straight victory at the event. Bennett had to retake his second run, after a timing

glitch added 17-seconds to it and he then went back to the top of the mountain and bested his previous time in challenging conditions.

Junior Colton April finished fifth overall and second for his team with a seasons-best performance.

Astros rookie, junior, Jameson Colby also found himself in the top 10 for the first time with a ninth overall finish and the third spot

for his team.

Zach Hall finished in 12th overall and fourth for his team.

Astros skiers Jackson Kuncik, Anthony Terrile and Ryan Bright also had strong runs for the boys' team.

The team will head to the Gunstock ski area in Gilford on Thursday Feb 3, for a Giant Slalom Race hosted by Portsmouth High School.



TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC HEARING

The Budget Committee will be holding a Public Hearing on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at 7 p.m., for the following purpose:

1. In accordance with NH RSA 32:5, reviewing the proposed FY 2022-2023 Town Operating Budget and any Warrant Articles containing an appropriation.

All Chester residents are urged to attend.

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Lady Astros Hockey Team Get Another Lopsided Win



Astros junior forward captain Madisin Gibeault had three goals in the game against Souhegan last week.
Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Hockey squad got their fourth win of the winter sports season on Wednesday, Jan. 26, when they played the Souhegan High School team, winning 10-0.

The shutout victory was the second of the season for the Lady Astros and it lifted their record to 4-2 with games left to play.

Pinkerton had seven goals in the first period. Senior forward Molly

Fahey started the scoring with the assist by sophomore Riley Dunn. Junior Maddie Gibeault got goals two and three, assisted by Dunn. Freshman Ryleigh Belanger got the fourth assisted by Dunn. Freshman forward Emily Gosselin put in the fifth goal assisted by senior Hailey Sauer, sophomore Piper Knowlton scored the sixth, assisted by Fahey and Jordyn Gravel-Maher got the final goal of the period assisted by sophomore Phoebe Pouliot for the 7-0 Pinkerton lead headed into the second.

After a scoreless second period, the Lady Astros scored three more unanswered goals in the third period.

Gravel-Maher got her second of the game, assisted by Pouliot and Gosselin.

Gibeault got her third assisted by Gravel-Maher to get the hat trick. Freshman forward Ava Bull got the final goal of the contest with the assists going to Dunn and Gibeault.

The PA squad has tallied 42-goals this season and have only given up 12-goals behind sophomore goalies

Madalyn Moore and Devyn Lyon.

The team was scheduled to play four games over a six-day stretch this week.

Monday they played a road game against Berlin-Gorham-Kennett (5-3). On Wednesday, Feb. 2 they played a very tough Oyster River-Portsmouth team (10-1) at home.

On Friday, Feb 4, they had another home game scheduled against Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge (3-2) and on Saturday, Feb. 5 they play Bedford High School.

Astros Wrestlers Make Quick Work of Manchester Central with 48-0 Win

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team traveled to Manchester Central High School for a Dual Meet with the Little Green and came away with a very solid 48-0 victory.

Starting at 120 lbs., Cameron McMahon defeat-

ed his Central opponent with a pin at 1:56 in the match.

At 126 lbs., Anthony Borbone won by way of the first forfeit of the evening.

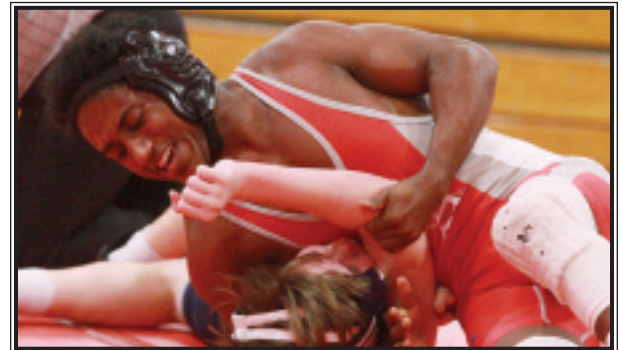
Michael Follo was also given six-points for a forfeit win at 132 lbs.

The third forfeit win went to Nate Lindquist at 138 lbs.

At 145 lbs. the fourth forfeit was given to Konstantinos Savvas.

Nelphison DeAlmeida was able to wrestle in the 152 lb. weight class and added six-points to the team total with a pin at :50 of the match.

Astros grappler George Tsekrekas competed at 160 lbs and pinned his opponent in less than 50 seconds for another six team points.



Cameron McMahon

At 170 lbs. Jack Mackiernan had another solid win with a fall at 1:43.

The meet ended with six double forfeits for the shutout win for the Astros.

The team was suppose to travel to Concord on Saturday to compete in the annual Capital City Classic but that event was cancelled due to the Nor-easter over the weekend. Twelve teams

were expected to compete in that event.

The Astros were scheduled to take on the states wrestling powerhouse at Timberlane Regional High School for a Dual Meet on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

They will host the Londonderry Lancers one week later, on Thursday, Feb. 10.

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DERRY

Parenting Workshop

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry is offering "Red Flags in Child Development" a parenting workshop on child development and understanding children's behavior. Facilitated by Pam Miller Sallet and Donna Cavalieri, parents and caregivers can discuss typical development and when there may be a need for additional support or assessments. Join us Feb. 9 from 6 - 7:30 p.m., via ZOOM. To register call 603-437-8477 x 122.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is back with in house dining Starting in February on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - noon must be 65 or better to participate. It cost \$3 per meal. Make reservations and reserving your space. Call Jess at 603-434-5148.

Winter Bike To Work Day

Join riders from around the world as we brave the elements on International Winter Bike to Work Day on Feb. 11! There will be breakfast specials at The Grind Rail Trail Cafe. Stop by for special "grab & go" items from 8 - 10 a.m. If you are working remote - come work at The Grind and receive a special discount!

Spartans Tryouts

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.

Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

Tiny Tot

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot's on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

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. 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 monthly 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-cl@gmail.com! Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

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 cardholders.

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!

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 cardholders.

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.

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.

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

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Council 9058 from St. Anne's Church will be offering a Valentine themed dinner featuring 'Surf and Turf'. The date is Friday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m., held in the church basement, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead, NH. The proceeds will primarily benefit Birthright, Derry, NH as well as other Knights of Columbus charities. In lieu of a set cost, we ask that you please plan to donate that evening by cash or check. Reservations only, space is limited. Please book as soon as possible by contacting Phil Santoro (603) 489-1097.

Crochet Club

Ying Zhang will be teaching in person either one on one or small private groups on Saturdays at the Hampstead Civic Club Building next to Town Hall. Email Ying at Yzhanglai@comcast.net to book an appointment. The Civic Club will still provide the material needed.

Chess Club

Meeting on Sundays from 4 - 5:30 p.m., for players from Hampstead and their friends from nearby towns. There is no cost to play and all skill levels welcome. Due to Covid-19 the Chess Club will be online only. Go to <https://hampstead-civicclub.org/chess-club> for more information.

Teen Game Night

At the Hampstead Library every other Wednesday starting Feb. 9 from 4 - 6 p.m. The Library has a variety of games available including board games, cards, and Wii. Participants are also welcome to bring their own game from home. Masks are currently required to attend these gatherings. This biweekly event is suitable for high school and middle school students.

Make Valentine Treats

Impress someone you love, including yourself, with special Valentine baking. The Hampstead Public Library has Cake Pans that cardholders can borrow for the occasion. There is a large Nordic Ware decorative heart cake pan, a heart tartlette pan, a six hearts cookie/cake pan, and a

one-dozen hearts cookie/cake pan. These are part of the Library's more than 40-pan collection, which can be reserved via the catalog on HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411 and ask a librarian.

Chocolate Raffle

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library have a raffle basket full of Chocolate at the Library's front desk. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. The decorative white basket contains a Gift Certificate to My Favorite Chocolate, Dove chocolates, bags of Kisses, Ghirardelli bars, and much more. The drawing is on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., during the Friends of the Library business meeting. You do not have to be present to win; however, all those interested in the group are welcome to attend the meeting.

Loon Presentation

A virtual event held by the Hampstead Library on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Often seen as a symbol of the northern wilderness, many lake-goers enjoy watching loons swim and raise their young. This presentation focuses on the biology and life history of loons, the threats they face, and the work that the Loon Preservation Committee has performed since 1975 to help recover this threatened population. The presenter is Caroline Hughes from the NH Loon Preservation Committee. Advance registration is required via the Events Calendar link on www.HampsteadLibrary.org, or call 603-329-6411.

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-care@girlscoutsgwm.org. Walk-ins also welcome.

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.

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

Cookie Bites & Canvas

Join Michelle's Art as she guides us through a paint project at the Sandown Library, and we enjoy a new cookie treat each month on Saturday from 1 - 2 p.m. All

materials and snacks will be provided by the library. Dress in clothes you don't mind getting paint on. This program is for tweens and older please.

Family Fun in the Kitchen

Valentine's Day is almost here. Join The Sandown Library for some family fun in the kitchen on Monday, Feb. 7, from 4 - 5 p.m. Strawberry Shortcakes will be made. Registration is required. This program is for all ages. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registered participants.

Tuesday Flix

Come join the Sandown Library for this monthly movie series on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This is a great program to get together with a friend or "date". This month's showing: Respect. Pizza is being offered again for those registered. Donations are appreciated.

Game Day - Mahjong

Come join the Sandown library's afternoon game day on Thursday, Feb. 10, from 1 - 2 p.m. Our instructor Cathy will teach us this beautiful, fun, and ever challenging game played with tiles. American Mahjong is similar to the card game rummy. No registration is required - just stop in.

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.

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 You-

Tube 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.

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