

Residents Debate Zoning Board Article at Deliberative

TEDDY TAUSCHER
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the Hampstead Deliberative Session held last week, the article on whether Zoning Board members should be elected or appointed was debated much longer than others.

The purpose of the Deliberative was to discuss and possibly amend warrant articles that will be on the ballot in March. While many warrants that night prompted discussion, few drew as many questions as Article 17.

The article would

change positions on the zoning board from chosen to elected.

The petitioner of the article was Leigh Campos, said that Hampstead voters had shown a preference to having a say in town official positions.

“Two years ago when the BOS (Board of Selectmen) recommended an article to change the police chief from elected to appointed it was overwhelmingly defeated, with 82 percent of voters choosing to keep the position elected,” said Campos. Campos also cited a similar citation regarding the

town treasure that had the same outcome.

“Elections are the cornerstone of our democracy, they put the power of choice into the hands of voters, they increase confidence in board members and encourage active participation in town politics,” said Campos.

Campos also added that the planning board was already elected and that the zoning board should be held to the same standards.

Henry Riehl, the Chairmen of the zoning board, spoke against the meas-

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Public Hearing Held on Chester Warrant Articles

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CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen and Chester Budget Committee held a public hearing on the proposed budget and warrant articles on Thursday, Feb. 10, and during the meeting Chester Selectmen and members of the Budget Committee recommended a number of different warrant articles. The Budget Committee only voted on the warrant articles that had a cost associated with them.

One of the warrant articles voted on is a warrant article that if approved would rescind the elected Road Agent position and instead would authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a full-time road

agent who will be the Supervisor of Roads. The term of the elected road agent will terminate at the 2023 Annual Town election. It would also allow the Town to raise and appropriate \$55,417 for salary and benefits for the Supervisor of Roads position for six months in Fiscal Year 22-23. Salary and benefits for this position will be carried in the Operating Budget in future fiscal years.

If approved the warrant article would have an estimated tax impact of 8 cents.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette said a group was put together that looked at what the cost would be for the position and what the current position entails.

He said that after

spending a significant amount of time looking at it they thought it should be on the ballot Myette said.

“We put it on the warrant article for consideration,” said Myette.

Both the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommended that the warrant article be approved.

Other warrant articles that both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommended include:

Capital Reserve Fund

The warrant article will ask voters to approve the Town Shall the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2009 Town

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Tapping Out Chester Maple Sugarer Brian Folsom was out tapping hundreds of trees last week as the warmer temperatures have started to climb in the area. Ideally, maple trees need temps to reach 40 degrees during the day and drop to 20 at night for perfect conditions.

Photo by Chris Paul

Derry's Holds 23rd Annual Frost Festival This Weekend

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The town of Derry will be holding the 23rd annual Frost Festival, scheduled to take place throughout the town on Saturday, Feb 19, despite warmer temperature predicted.

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 the 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 posted on the town website there will be quite a few events far families to enjoy.

Starting on Friday, Feb. 18, there will be a “B-Y-O Paint” from 1 p.m. till dusk at Alexander Carr Park.

Residents are invited to paint on cellophane walls installed by the Derry Pub-

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Hampstead Residents Discuss Library and Fire Station

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - At the Hampstead Deliberative meeting last week, residents discussed numerous warrants among them; money for a fire station addition and a small amount of money for the library.

The proposed addition and renovation of the fire station is slated to cost \$1,745,793. According to Selectman Steve Morse, the town also hopes to receive \$250,000 to help with the renovation. \$200,000 of that will come from Senator Sheehan's congressionally directed spending.

"We at the department

recognize that this is a lot of money for taxpayers to spend," said Deputy Fire Chief William Warnock.

Warnock said the building was built in 1985 for an all-volunteer fire department. Now Warnock said they have four people in the building 24 hours a day and up to 8 people during the day. "We have outgrown the facility quite a bit and in our studies as we looked around to see what would be best practice to protect our people and give them a proper place to work, found that our greatest risk was from cancer," said Warnock. Warnock said they had proposed additions 3 years ago but the vote failed. "We

wanted to expand the station so that we could offer our people protection from the carcinogens of the fires and the biological hazards presented from their medical runs," said Warnock.

"The next year covid hit and all the things we were worried about came true," said Warnock. According to Warnock several personnel got sick with covid, which he attributes to living in the close quarters of the fire station. "The station is so small that if we made an area that we could keep the equipment cleaned in and keep the contaminated equipment away from we would have to do away with the bath-

rooms or the offices, neither one of them we found acceptable," said Warnock.

Michael Carrier the Fire Chief said while construction costs had gone up this year; keeping costs down had been a priority. "We have done everything possible to minimize the tax impact on taxpayers," said Carrier, "and the intent is to bring something that is only needed at the least cost to the taxpayer."

Another warrant would add \$10,000 to the Hampstead Public Library Maintenance Non Capital Reserve Fund. "Even though we keep getting the \$10,000 we keep finding more and more problems,

it's an old building, just today we found another window that is leaking," said a Librarian present at the meeting.

Veronica Shelly, a member of the Hampstead Library Board of Trustees emphasized the fact that the board of Trustees reviews all of the recommendations for library expenses. "The trustees also help focus which projects need to be prioritized, typically there

is always more need than there is budget.

Another Library Trustee, Al Cipriano talked about the trustees experience and position. "We are elected by the voters of Hampstead. We are the stewards of budgets, many of us have business experience and we prepared budgets," said Cipriano.

These two warrant articles, among many others, will be voted on March 8.

Voters Set To Vote On Central School Addition

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The warrant article that will ask voters to approve raising \$12,595,000 in order to put an addition on the Hampstead Central School was sent to the ballot during the Feb. 8 Deliberative Session.

"This is a much needed bond for an addition that will address several deficiencies in the current school," said Hampstead Superintendent Robert Thompson.

Thompson said that the main issue that they are facing and for why they need the addition is due to the

lack of space in the school. "None of these issues are new," said Thompson.

One of the biggest concerns with spacing that Thompson pointed to during the meeting was the fact that the gym is also used as the lunch room. Thompson said because of that it means that the master schedule revolves around the lunch schedules.

Because lunch tables need to be set up and broken down each morning and afternoon in order to accommodate physical education classes it means that custodians have to spend a good chunk of their day doing so when they

could be cleaning other parts of the school.

"This is a time consuming process," said Thompson.

Another concern that was pointed out during the meeting was the lack of space and privacy in the nurses' office.

Thompson said that the nurse has a difficult time talking to parents and staff when the students are only a few feet away. With the addition they will be able to solve that problem.

Thompson also said during the deliberative session that they currently don't have a library media center, that what they have right now is a 900 square

foot classroom to store books. He said that there is no technology in it and because of the lack of space they can't have full classes in there at one time.

School Board Chairman David Smith said that the tax impact if the bond is approved will cost \$1 per \$1,000 of property value.

"For every \$100,000 your home is worth its \$100 more in taxes per year," said Smith.

He said that if the bond is approved that would be the maximum amount saying that they will look at grants and state funds to help pay for some of it.

"There is the possibility to bring that down even more for community members," said Smith.

Selectmen Joseph Guthrie said that he was supportive of the bond.

"I look at this as an investment in your homes," said Guthrie.

OBITUARY

Lesley Ann (Durgin) White



Lesley Ann (Durgin) White, 86, a long-time resident of Hampstead, NH, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022 at All American Assisted Living in Londonderry, N.H. She was the wife of the late Earl H. "Hux" White, Jr. with whom she shared 55 years of marriage.

Born in Haverhill, MA on May 27, 1935, Lesley was the daughter of the late Leslie and Irene (Coddair) Durgin. She attended Haverhill High School, graduating in just three years. Lesley worked as an accounting clerk for many years until her retirement.

Lesley enjoyed word games with anyone who dared challenge her, including the online game "Words with Friends" through which she conversed with other players from around the world. She loved to travel. She enjoyed countless driving trips across the US and Canada with Hux, as well as adventures abroad with family and friends, including trips to England, Scotland, Wales, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Ukraine and Costa Rica. Together, Lesley and Hux spent their summers traveling to several NH Farmers' Markets, where they sold organic produce and maple syrup from their own Crooked Beech Farm. Attending these far-flung markets also gave them the opportunity to sample breakfast restaurants around the state – a favorite pastime.

Lesley was a terrific gardener. She took great pride in her English country garden and rose garden that surrounded the family's home in Hampstead. She was even able to plant and grow a shade garden which produced never-ending color. But above all, Lesley treasured the time she spent with her family. She delighted in their frequent "Sunday at 2:00" parties and other gatherings where she displayed her quick sense of humor and her quiet but steadfast moral compass.

Lesley was predeceased by her husband, Hux. She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jill and Gary Lavey of Barrington, RI, Tracy and Gordon Graham of Derry, NH, and Heather White of Hampstead, NH; a son, Huxley C. "Chris" White of Hampstead, NH; nine grandchildren, Shannan, Alyssa, Owen, Alexander, Victoria, Declan, Griffin, Camden and Mikhail; six great-grandchildren, Brynn, Colin, Addison, Graham, Elsie and Elizabeth; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Linda Durgin; a sister-in-law and her husband, Joan and Robert Cemate, and several nieces and nephews.

A private burial and service will be held in the spring at Lakeview Cemetery, Hampstead, NH. Contributions may be made in Lesley's memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or online at www.cancer.org.

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Planning Board Addresses Concerns with Shared Driveway Plan

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SANDOWN - On Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, the Sandown Planning Board continued a public hearing for a subdivision application placed by Michael Cronin.

Cronin is seeking to divide his property at 65 Odell Road and Hersey Road into three separate properties, but the plans had to be revised before presenting

them to the board. Tim Lavelle of Lavelle & Associates presented the revised plans to the board on Cronin's behalf.

"We are proposing a three-lot subdivision. Two lots were granted a variance to have 205 feet of frontage [each] on a class six highway. We were granted that variance, but they are to be serviced by a proposed shared driveway for all three lots," said Lavelle.

Lavelle also brought up the memorandum that he received from Sandown Fire Chief Michael Devine earlier in the day with some concerns over the shared driveway. Lavelle said, "The biggest concern [from the fire chief] that I saw right away was turnaround for a fire truck. I spoke to my client this afternoon before coming in and basically there is a big log at the end of the road so we will accommodate that. We will have to change that up [in the plans]."

Town Engineer Steve Keach reviewed his comment letter that he wrote for the application. "[Chief Devine] and I had a telephone conversation a few days

back, so I knew this [memorandum] was coming," said Keach. "He is citing the code verbatim. Relevant items are surface, turnaround, so on and so forth and he can explain that in greater detail. I anticipate that Tim will be able to adjust the plans to satisfy that with minimal difficulty at the end of the day."

Chief Devine then presented his concerns directly to the Planning Board. "First and foremost, building a subdivision off of a road that was closed 100 years ago is something that is going to continue with the growth in this town," said Chief Devine. "I wanted to take this opportunity to just come to you guys and come up with a

plan so that when it happens next time, we are all on the same page."

Chief Devine pointed out that many shared driveways in the town have names to identify them and that he would like that applied to this driveway as well.

Keach asked Chief Devine about the design of the shared driveway. He asked if each property on the driveway should have their own turnaround or if all three should have a common point. Chief Devine said, "A common point would be better as long as it is big enough to turn a fire truck around. It does not have to be a cul-de-sac or a big giant circle. If it is hammerhead, I know there

are several of those that work for us."

Lavelle said that he will go back and address these concerns with Cronin, but it should be no problem to do. He asked if the hearing could be continued at the next meeting which the board agreed to.

Lavelle then presented an application on behalf of another client, Alexander Oski, who was requesting to split one property into three smaller properties. The board accepted the application unanimously.

The Sandown Planning Board are meeting again on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Sandown Town Hall.

OBITUARY

Alice V. (Sylvester) Pizzano



Alice passed away in her home, surrounded by her family, after a brief illness. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many. She will always be remembered as an exceptional cook, singer and avid reader.

Alice was born in Boston, grew up in Braintree, and graduated from Braintree High School in 1950. She married Vincent Pizzano in 1955. They lived in Weymouth, MA until 1998. They then moved to New Port Richey, FL where they flourished in the warmth and sunshine. They returned to New England in 2018 and lived with their daughter Marie ("Lainee") and her husband George.

Alice was a loving wife of 66 years to her husband and an amazing mother to her three children, Vincent and his wife Patricia of Hanson, MA, Lainee Trudel and her husband George of Derry, NH, and Laurie Pizzano and her wife Lori of St. Petersburg, FL. She also leaves behind her granddaughters Melissa Samaro and her husband Joe and Stephanie Vita and her husband Vincent plus her step-granddaughters Margaret Mason and Rosemary Trudel. She also leaves behind her sisters Lynn Gately and Ruth Sylvester, her brother Doctor Peter Sylvester, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother and father, Helen and Frank Sylvester, and her sisters, Rita Davis and Barbara Hauber.

In addition to her family, one of Alice's greatest joys was cooking. She owned thousands of cookbooks. She shared her culinary talent with many students over the years. She taught Cooking with Love at Braintree High School and made unique, fun recipes that she shared with her students, friends and family.

Alice loved to sing and spent many years performing with the Quincy Chapter of the Sweet Adelines. She also enjoyed camping. She and her husband visited 49 states in their motor coach. She made friends everywhere they went. Alice's favorite state was Alaska and she often talked about its beauty, animals and glaciers.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 10, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. A luncheon followed in the church hall. Private interment will in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in honor of Alice to the Hospice & Palliative Care Alliance of NH, 8 Green St., Concord, NH 03301, www.homecarenh.org.

Selectmen Discuss Wason Pond Center

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Feb. 10 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said that he had recently spoken to the Seniors Group saying that he "had an ear full."

D'Angelo explained that their request was to be able to use the Wason Pond Community Center.

"I promised that I would have this discussion tonight, asking the Board to allow the seniors to go to the community center to have their meeting on Tuesday," said D'Angelo.

D'Angelo said that he spoke with Paul Cavanaugh, the Maintenance Director for the Town who said that they could have a cleaning done before their next meeting.

He said that he also

spoke to the Building Inspector and said that they are trying to get the ramp done still. He said that the building inspector didn't see a problem with letting them in there as long as the group knows that the ramp isn't available.

D'Angelo said he explained that the ramp still isn't done but they said that the church they are meeting at also doesn't have a wheelchair ramp there and has a couple of steps so they weren't concerned about that.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to reopen the Center with the caveat that any group that uses it needs

to know that the ramp isn't ready yet and it would be up to the group to make the accommodations needed.

Also during the meeting D'Angelo said he was asked about the status of Stevens Hall.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that they are waiting for one more part for the elevator.

While the elevator would still need to be operated by another person, Town Administrator Debra Doda said that they may be able to open Stevens Hall.

Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette said that if any groups wanted to use

it they would have to make sure accommodations were made.

D'Angelo said that they would have to provide reasonable assistance for someone to get to the floor where the activity is.

"I think you have to have it on a case by case basis," said D'Angelo.

D'Angelo said that they should wait until they come up with a plan for what they are going to do about Stevens Hall and to find out more about the accessibility issues there.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial

Presidents Day Reminds Us of Our Democracy

From a young age, many Americans begin to associate Presidents Day as nothing more than the third day of a long weekend. This could be from schools oftentimes closing to observe the holiday. Though its significance is taught in schools, it seems that so many still don't fully comprehend the meaning behind Presidents Day. Companies that use this day as an excuse to move excess inventory don't help preserve the significance of this day either.

Two of the United States' greatest national leaders were born in the month of February, and a big part of the national holiday is to celebrate these two figures. The main purpose of Presidents Day focuses on the lives of past Presidents of the United States of America, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. These two men have served as examples for future generations for hundreds of years, and their actions and messages must be preserved and followed to keep our nation strong.

These two Presidents in particular are celebrated together each year in the month of February, not just for their dates of birth, but also for their demonstration of strength during turbulent times in our nation's history. George Washington was a model for "Integrity, self-discipline, courage, absolute honesty, resolve, and decision, but also forbearance, decency, and respect for others." Not everyone agreed with Washington's viewpoints and qualities, but many honored, respected, and trusted him nonetheless. Further-

more, Washington had no need to tell his fellow new Americans how strong and capable of a leader he was, his actions were the proof.

Abraham Lincoln was born into a poor family, but he fought and persevered, became a country lawyer and eventually President of the United States. He received little formal teaching, and instead educated himself and gained a command of the English language, developing a way with words that would humble speechwriters of today.

During a time when a large national party had intentions to reject the Irish Catholics and Germans pouring into the country, Lincoln voiced praise for immigrants. When Southern leaders threatened secession, he stood firm against the expansion of slavery.

It is sad that this holiday, in honor of these two great men, has been reduced to just another day off to go shopping. This isn't to say that there is anything wrong with enjoying oneself on a national holiday, but we at Nutfield Publishing believe that Presidents Day deserves recognition for keeping the virtues of two great leaders alive.

We should never forget that as a Nation we must be grateful to live in a Country that allows us freedom; a voice in our government and a choice of our leaders. Therefore, the next time you see or hear a Presidents Day advertisement for your local car dealership, keep in mind that the day means so much more than discounts and not needing to set the alarm.

Letters

Running for Derry Library Trustee

To the editor

My name is Elizabeth Greenberg. I'm running for my third term as Trustee of the Derry Public Library (DPL). In previous terms, I have served as chair, vice chair, and as a member of the personnel committee. Previous to my election to the Board, I served for one year as an alternate. I've lived in Derry for 8 years with my spouse, Deborah.

In my time on the DPL Board of Trustees, I have participated in the hiring process for our new Director, Eric Stern. The Board worked closely with Mr. Stern and his staff for the planning and implementation of the addition of a new outdoor patio outside the children's room to provide a safe outdoor meeting space. We also instituted Covid safe policies that allowed us to be one of the only libraries remaining open to our community throughout the pandemic. As a result of these and other accomplishments, Derry Public Library was very proud to earn the coveted Library of the Year award for 2021, awarded by the New Hampshire Libraries Trustees Association.

I have a Masters degree in Social Work and continue to work part time in the mental health field. As a lifelong avid reader and supporter of libraries, I am passionate about advocating for preserving our library as an essential organization with a vision of service and openness to all members of our community. I have enjoyed my time serving on the DPL Board of Trustees and look

forward to continuing to serve our community in this capacity.

I hope you'll vote for me on March 8th.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Greenberg
Derry

Re: Electing Hampstead ZBA Members

To the editor,

What follows is rationale for why Warrant Article 17, calling for electing Hampstead ZBA members, would NOT serve the town's best interests. ZBA members are currently appointed by Selectmen. I am a current member of the Hampstead ZBA, with 25+/- years of Planning Board and ZBA experience in both Atkinson and Hampstead.

First, consider that the very existence of zoning regulations conflict with our state's "Live Free or Die" philosophy. Zoning limits one's ability to "do whatever one wants" with his/her property to achieve an overall common good by limiting haphazard property use. But the law recognizes that rigid, literal enforcement of zoning regulations can sometimes be too harsh, hence justifying the very existence of Zoning Boards of Adjustment.

The ZBA exercises Common-Sense Judgment in situations where one wishes NOT to adhere to a zoning regulation. Following well-defined public hearing and decision-making criteria, the ZBA explores:

- What adverse effects would result from non-adherence to a regulation (if any); and
- How severe is that

adverse effect (if any); and

- Who is adversely affected (and do they care)?

Then, after public testimony, deliberation and a vote, those who disagree with a ZBA ruling still have a straightforward, well-defined appeal process available to them into the court system.

The key here is Judgment Following Well-Defined Public Hearing And Decision-Making Criteria. Which assumes ZBA members with NO personal "agenda" or bias... board members who will consistently give everyone who appears before them a fair shake according to the state's RSA-dictated procedures.

I submit that a 5-member Board of Selectmen, who themselves are elected, are in the best position to vet ZBA board applicants. Selectmen should consider an applicant's profession, trade, and public comments/testimony. If a ZBA applicant appears to have a bias or agenda, Selectmen should reject that applicant.

The ZBA is defined by the State as "quasi-judicial"; the lowest rung on the legal ladder. Consider that Federal judges are NOT elected, but rather are confirmed (or not) by the people's representatives in the US Senate after digging deeply into an applicant's qualifications (or lack thereof). Selectmen choosing ZBA members can similarly scrutinize an applicant's qualifications more deeply than is likely by the voters.

Trust your Selectmen to scrutinize and choose ZBA members wisely. Vote NO on the Hamp-

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Bulduc Looks to Put Granite Staters First as U.S. Senator

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – U.S. Senate candidate Don Bolduc paid a visit to VFW Post 1617 in Derry on Thursday night, Feb. 10 and spoke to local veterans and residents about his plans if elected in the upcoming primary and general election.

Bolduc is a retired General who served 33-years in the Army Special Forces and lead one of the first groups into Afghanistan following 9/11. His main message to those

gathered was that he plans to represent the people of New Hampshire and promised not to be just another vote for the party.

Bolduc started by saying that he will be the most effective candidate running for the U.S. Senate for the needs of veterans.

"I will hold our national security leadership responsible for the things they do to our service members," he said.

He said that there are too many people running for the wrong reason, "To ensure that the establish-

ment survives." He added, "I'm here to tell you, the establishment is what our problem is, and we've got to do something about it."

Bolduc said that he would be putting people before politics if he wins the election.

Speaking on the state of the nation as it currently stands, he feels that the government has overstepped their bounds, saying, "I'm not an anti-vaxer, but you should never be told by someone in the government that you have to get something when it

comes to your medical freedom."

He also added that he is running to put character, integrity and selfless service back into Washington D.C."

Bolduc also feels that the two-party system is broken and is in favor of term limits. Adding that he feels that the state of New Hampshire does not have a high standard of election integrity. "Our machines are suspect. In all 10 counties, people don't trust the machines."

He said that if elected, he would routinely hold Town Hall meetings to keep in touch with the needs of his constituents in the state, something that is not happening now.

He finished by saying that he is a New Hampshire native and a political outsider who will fight for the people he represents.



Republican U.S. Senate candidate Don Buldoc spoke to a nuber of voters at the VFW Post 1617 in Derry on Thursday night, Feb. 10 during a Meet and Greet event.
Photo by Chris Paul

Frost Festival

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lic Arts Council. The installations will remain up throughout the weekend.

Spray paint and acrylics will both work great. Painters are responsible for there tools and clean-up. Supervision will be provided by Derry Public Arts Council and Skate Park Re-Vamp members.

Find Frosty Before He 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

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Ice Skating

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

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stead Warrant Article 17 on electing ZBA members.

Henry Riehl
Hampstead

Vote Doug Flood

To the editor,

I am proud to support Doug Flood for Derry Town Councilor At Large in Derry's March 8 town election. Doug has already made Derry better through the Jason R. Flood Memorial non-profit and their Pizza Stock music events. Their motto is "Healing through music, connecting with community". They

provide kids, teens, and parents the resources and guidance to discuss warning signs and how to prevent suicide. They have donated funds raised through their Pizza Stock events to local groups helping those in need. Doug is not a politician looking to make himself look important or impose his views on others. His goal is to bring a level of respect and transparency back to Derry politics.

I met Doug and his wife Danielle and their son Jason several years ago. Doug and his family always got along well with everyone. Doug has shown through his foundation

work that he is able to collaborate and work well with people and get things done. Doug treats everyone with honesty and respect. He will work well with the other town councilors and local groups.

If you are not registered to vote, you can register with the Town Clerk's office weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., through March 1 or at the Supervisors of the Checklist session from 7 - 7:30 p.m., on March 1 or on election day. For details contact the town clerk's office or see www.derrynh.org.

Please join me in voting for Doug Flood for Town Councilor At Large

on March 8 at Calvary Bible Church.

Beth Nelson
Derry

Vote Judy Strakalaitis

To the editor,

Judy Strakalaitis is running for reelection as Supervisor of the Checklist. The role of the Supervisor of the Checklist is to determine if an applicant meets the legal requirements for voting and to maintain and update the checklist of registered voters. Judy has been a helpful and hardworking Supervisor of the Checklist in Derry since 2010. She treats everyone fairly and

with respect regardless of political party or no party affiliation.

I have known Judy for several years and am impressed with her dedication to make sure everyone who is qualified to vote, is able to vote and that the rules are applied fairly and evenly. She has the integrity needed for this critical role to keep our voting list safe and accurate. Please vote for Judy Strakalaitis for Supervisor of the Checklist on March 8th.

All Derry districts will vote on both the town and the school board ballots at

Calvary Bible Church on Hampstead Road. There are important races on both ballots. Research the issues and candidates so you can make informed choices. You must be 18 by the date of the election, a US citizen and be domiciled in Derry to vote. If you are new to Derry or need to update your address or name, you can register to vote with the Supervisor of the Checklist or the Town Clerk up until Feb. 26, ten days before the election or at the polls on election day.

Jan Jacome
Derry

Hampstead

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ures. Riehl said that it is critical that board members be fair, unbiased and lacking in any agenda. "A vacancy on the board is better than a member with an agenda," said Riehl. Riehl stated that the Board of selectman are in the best position to vet applicants. He compared the board

with federal judges who are voted on by the US senate and who can be thoroughly vetted. Riehl made the comparison citing the fact that the Zoning Board is itself a quasi legal apparatus. Riehl said this process allows Town Selectmen to scrutinize future board members more than if they were "only names on a ballot." "Look around we probably got around

two percent of the town's electorate in this room, who probably do know the players and their motives and their agendas, but there are lots others out there for whom they are just names on a ballot," said Riehl.

Another member of the zoning board spoke out also against the initiative. Geoff Dowd, Chairperson of the Zoning board worried that elections would put the boards apolitical status at risk. "If that became an elected board, then it would follow that there would be an agenda in electing a particular candidate," said Dowd. Campos argued that this would mean that the Board of Selectman was elected with an agenda, something she says she disagrees with.

Dowd also worries that a lack of candidates could mean Zoning Board positions would be filled by people neither vetted by the Board of Selectmen or

chosen by the people.

Dowd offered an amendment to the warrant that instead of enacting the change would simply study how changing the zoning board to an elected position would affect zoning. Joseph Guthrie, Vice Chairmen voiced his support for the amendment. "We have had some real discussions about this and it would seem to me that this is such an important move for the town, the impact that it could have on the way we do business at our planning and the business, that it really needs to be studied," said Guthrie.

While the amendment gained a few votes including some from selectmen, who had all backed the original warrant, it ultimately failed to pass.

Warrant 17 will be voted on with the rest, on March 8.



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OBITUARY

Teresa Vassallo Baker



Teresa Vassallo Baker, 72, of Derry, NH passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022. She was born Aug. 26, 1949 in Philadelphia, PA and was a daughter of the late Vincent and Mary (Blee) Vassallo.

Teresa Baker was a loving wife, mother, and dedicated servant to the Lord. She approached all of life's challenges with grace and benevolence. Teresa had many passions, but above all she was a devout woman of God. She attended Holy Family College and went on to receive her Masters in Education from Boston College. Teresa was committed to lifelong learning and was further accredited in theology, spiritual formation and guidance at BC. While in College, she met her best friend and husband Raymond. In their fifty years together, they built a beautiful life and raised two sons in Derry, NH. Teresa was a prominent member, chairwoman, and educator with the National Formation Commission of The Secular Franciscan Order and was an active member of her parish. She taught at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Derry and traveled the world teaching for the SFO as a national minister. Teresa cherished this opportunity to meet new people and gain perspective. She was an accomplished author and all three of her published books on the word of God are cataloged at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Teresa was a creative woman who loved to read, journal, bake, work on Sudoku, take walks along Lake Massabesic, watch golf, and spend time with her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Teresa is survived by her loving husband Raymond Baker; her sons, David Baker and his wife Emily, and Vincent Baker and his wife Kristen Keane; her grandchildren, Olivia Gilbride, Lydia Gilbride, Teresa Anne Baker, Abigail Baker, Samuel Baker, Charlotte Baker, Natalie Baker, Gretchen Baker, Hunter Baker, Nolan Baker and Myles Baker; her sisters Mary Falco, Denise McLaughlin, Francine Andrews, and Monica Shallow; her brothers, Vincent Vassallo, Matthew Vassallo, Hugh Vassallo, Thomas Vassallo, and Joseph Vassallo; and her sisters-in-law, Helene Gilbert, and Lois McAlister. Teresa was predeceased by her sister, Meg Reilly; her sister-in-law, Roseanna Moore; and her brother-in-law, Harvey Baker.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, Feb. 6 in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated, Monday, Feb. 7, in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. The burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcrest Rd., Londonderry.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Franciscan Province of the Immaculate Conception, care of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Derry NH.

Chester

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Meeting in order to prepare for the next Town revaluation in 2024. The estimated tax impact would be 2 cents.

Budget

If voters approve of the budget warrant article the Town will have authorization to raise and appropriate \$5,442,870 for the operating budget for the support of the Town government for the payment of salaries and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town.

CIP Funding Special Warrant Article

The Capital Improvement Plan warrant article will ask voters to approve the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$600,000.00 to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Town's Municipal Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2013 Town Meeting. The estimated tax impact would be 81 cents.

Another warrant article will ask voters to approve the Town raising and appropriating \$760,000 for the following projects:

Police Cruiser with Outfitting - \$56,250

Fire Repaving of Parking Lot - \$35,000

Highway Annual Surveying & Engineering Services - \$10,000

Highway Class 8 Plow Truck, Plow & Sander - \$240,000

Recreation WP Causeway Bridge Reconstruction & CM - \$418,750

The warrant article would also approve the Town to withdraw \$760,000 from the Municipal Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7-a, IV, and will not lapse until the work is complete, or Dec. 31, 2024, whichever comes first. The estimated tax impact is \$0.

Highway CIP Funding Special Warrant Article

Voters will be asked to approve the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$1,044,370 to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Highway Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2015 Town Meeting with \$144,370 which is the anticipated grant amount this year from the NH Proposed Warrant & Budget 22-23 Highway Block Grant to be used to offset this appropriation, \$305,000 from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance, and the remainder of \$600,000 to be raised through taxation.

Another warrant article that voters will be voting on would authorize the

Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,501,734 for roadwork in the Town of Chester and withdraw \$551,734 from the funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the remaining \$950,000 from the Highway Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7-a, IV, and will not lapse until the work is complete, or Dec. 31, 2024, whichever comes first. The estimated tax impact if approved would be \$0.

Funding Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund Special Warrant Article

A warrant article that will be voted on will ask voters to approve the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$250,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2021 Town Meeting. Further to authorize the transfer of \$250,000 from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation.

PACT Special Warrant Article

One of the warrant articles that voters will vote on would authorize the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester.

Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund known as the "PACT" Fund established at the 2003 Town Meeting, separate from the General Fund and funded by Comcast subscribers in the Town of Chester. If passed, this article will have no tax impact

300th Anniversary Special Warrant Article

Voters in Town will be asked to vote on a warrant article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the 300th Anniversary Celebration Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2013 Town Meeting.

Master Plan

Chester voters will be asked to vote on a warrant article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Town Mas-

ter Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2019 Town Meeting. The estimated tax impact is 1 cent.

Winter Road Maintenance Fund Special Warrant Article

The Winter Road Maintenance Fund will ask voters to approve the Town raising and appropriating \$105,000 to be added to the expendable trust fund known as the Winter Road Maintenance Fund established at the 2006 Town Meeting and increased at the 2017 Town Meeting for the purpose of plowing, salting, sanding and general winter road maintenance in the Town of Chester. The Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund shall not exceed one hundred five thousand dollars \$105,000.

The estimated tax impact would be 14 cents.

OBITUARY

Gary Philip Curran



Gary Philip Curran, 69, of Sandown, NH, died unexpectedly Sunday Jan. 30, 2022 in the Parkland Medical Center, Derry.

He was born on Dec. 4, 1952 in Schenectady, NY, a son of the late Philip and Beatrice (LaCombe) Curran. Gary attended school in Windham, NH, prior to graduating from Pinkerton Academy, Derry, Class of 1971. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam conflict. Gary was currently employed as a welder for Novia Associates, Salem, N.H. He enjoyed reading books about history, every Harry Potter Book at least twice and more recently the "classics" Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and Uncle Tom's Cabin. Gary also enjoyed a good game of 45's and chess, but especially the spirited matches of cribbage with his brother-in-law Dave. He liked to work around the house, tinker in the garage and took great pride in keeping his lawn and property well kept. Gary was his son's biggest fan at every sport they participated in, helping to coach baseball teams and at every wrestling match throughout their Middle and High School years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Gail (Proulx) Curran of Sandown; two sons, Geoffrey P. Curran and wife Aubrey of Navarre, FL, and Ross C. Curran and wife Beth of Derry; four grandchildren, Tyler, Wesley, Kenadie and Bailey; four sisters, Sharon Rogers and husband Dennis of Windham, Dawn Harnedy of Derry, Patti Sherman and husband Roger of Tewksbury, Mass., and Moira Alix and husband Alfred of Windham; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, Feb. 3 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, with cremation afterward. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or to the charity of one's choice.

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Hampstead School District Warrant Articles Sent to Ballot

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School District held its annual Deliberative Session on Feb. 8.

One of the warrant articles discussed and sent to the ballot during the Deliberative Session was in regards to the operating budget.

The budget next year if the warrant article is approved would be \$31,671,796. If approved the budget decrease would be 2.1% compared to this year's.

Two of the biggest increases for the budget this year is salaries and group insurance which is budgeted for \$843,711 and \$484,807.

The biggest decrease in the budget is for repair and maintenance for a total of \$1,841,510. It was explained that the decrease includes the funds from the 60s renovations project which was budgeted this year.

The total decrease in the budget is \$674,487.

Thompson said that they posted more details regarding the budget on the

District website.

"There's a tremendous amount of information on the Hampstead School District website if you really want to take a deep dive in the numbers I would encourage you to look there," said Thompson.

Thompson said he would also encourage people to reach out to him or to the School Board with questions.

Selectmen Laurie Warnock said that she was proud of the fact that despite the pandemic the School District still was

able to craft a budget below last year's.

"I am so proud of your stewardship of our education process here in Town. I think our students are well served, I think our taxpayers are well served," said Warnock.

If the budget isn't approved the default budget would be \$31,972,403.

Another warrant article that voters will be voting on after it was sent to the ballot will ask voters to vote on whether or not they approve the Hampstead School District to raise and appropriate up to \$500,000 to be placed in the School Renovation, Reconstruction and Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006, with such amount to be transferred from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund bal-

ance (surplus) in excess of \$150,000, available for transfer on July 1.

The first \$150,000 of surplus will be returned to the taxpayers. The next \$500,000 of the surplus will be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund. Any additional surplus will be returned to the taxpayers. The funds from this article come from the 2021-22 school budget surplus, not from additional taxes.

It was pointed out by School Board member Caitlin Parnel that the majority of the Capital Reserve Fund was spent in 2021 on the 60s wing repairs.

It currently has just under \$300,000 in it.

Another warrant that was moved to the ballot will ask voters to vote on the District raising and

appropriating the sum of \$17,738 for the acquisition of approximately 3,434 sq. ft. +/- of land abutting the Hampstead Central School and to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement Dated Jan. 10, 2022, between the District with the Owners of said land in order to complete a Lot Line Adjustment for Hampstead Central School with property located at 13 Emerson Ave. (Tax Map 7, Lot 51) for the purposes of resolving an existing encroachment of vehicular traffic and utilities by the School, and provided the terms and conditions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement are met.

Voting on the warrant articles will take place on March 8 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Gymnastics Team Takes State Title Again



Pinkerton freshman Sadie Jesmur had an 8.65 on the beam and finished in ninth place at states.

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Gymnastics team regained its State Championship title on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 12, in Salem, taking first place over Bishop Guertin and Bedford High School.

The Lady Astros gymnasts were given a team score of 139.925, 36.25 in vault, 34.1 in the bars, 34.025 on the beam and 35.5 on the floor for the win over BG, who had a score of 138.075 and Bedford with a score of 133.150.

The NHIAA event got off to a troublesome start unfortunately, with a bomb threat causing the entire A2 Gym & Cheer building to be evacuated, just as the first competitor at the afternoon session began to perform.

After about an hour delay, with many girls huddled in buses at a nearby parking lot, the competition restarted with plenty time

for warm-ups, after the Salem Police and Fire Departments gave the okay that the facility was clear.

Pinkerton sophomore Allie Merrill came in sixth in All Around with a score of 35.225, less than a point behind the winner.

On the Bars, freshman Abigail Lee had a score of 8.9 to tie for third in the state and had the highest score for PA. Astros sophomore Tina Bjeloglic finished tied for sixth in that event with her score of 8.5. Merrill and junior Michelle McGonigle were tied for ninth with a score of 8.35.

The three highest Pinkerton athletes on the beam were freshman Sadie Jesmur, with an 8.65 for ninth, Bjeloglic had an 8.6 to tie for 10th and Merrill was 13th with her 8.45.

On the Floor, Merrill got her highest score of the afternoon, scoring a 9.225 and getting third place in that event. Bjeloglic had an 8.95 for eighth in the state and teammate Jesmur had



Pinkerton sophomore Allie Merrill came in sixth in All Around and helped her team win the State Championship on Saturday. *Photos by Chris Paul*

an 8.925 to tie for ninth. School in 2021 and Londonderry in 2016.

This was the tenth team title won over the past twelve years. They had close losses to Pelham High since 1994.

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Astros Boys Hoop Squad Advances to Semi-Finals



CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Basketball team moved past two competitors in the NHIAA Division I playoffs and are now onto a Semi-Finals game against Trinity on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Exeter High School.

In the Astros first round playoff game against the Londonderry Lancers, at home on Wednesday night, Feb. 9, the Pinkerton squad got off to a slow start, but wound up with a very strong finish for a 64-58 win over their LHS rivals.

In the regular season meeting between the two teams, the Lancers were short-handed, but still managed to keep pace with PA, leading at halftime, but coming up just short in the game, with a 64-58 finish.

In the First Round meeting of the Division I Championship between the two teams, the Lancers

started out very strong, were able to keep the score knotted at 24 by halftime. The Astros were able to widened the scoring margin in the second half for the victory.

Pinkerton and Londonderry finished the first period even at 11-points and by the half the contest was tied 24-24.

The Astros were able to pull away in the third when they went on a 14-2 run to build a 34-33 lead they didn't give up.

PA sophomore Jackson Marshall led his team with 23-points, and seven rebounds.

Anthony Chinn finished

with 15-points and nine rebounds, his brother Tyrone Chinn had 11-points and six assists. Sean Jenkins had 11-points and 10 rebounds.

The win advanced the team to a home game in the Quarter-Final round against Portsmouth High School on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 12.

Pinkerton had beat the Clippers 53-47 in the second game of the season and in the tournament, the Astros moved on to the semis with a 56-50 victory.

Marshall was once again the team leader, scoring a game high 29-points and getting 14 rebounds with

three, three-pointers in the game.

Anthony Chinn had 10-points and eight rebounds, Tyrone Chinn and Sean Jenkins each had six-points and Aiden Kane finished with three.

The Astros squad will now head to Exeter High School on Wednesday, Feb. 16, for a Semi-Final showdown with the number-one seeded Trinity Pioneers.

Pinkerton suffered one of their three defeats this season to Trinity late in January. In that game, the Astros lost to the Pioneers 52-44 in Manchester.

Pinkerton's Tyrone Chinn blocks a layup by Lancer Mason Paquette in the second half of the first round game in Derry last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Astros Boys' Hockey Squad Suffers Two More Defeats

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

After having two very strong wins in the previous week, the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Hockey team suffered two defeats last week.

With those losses, the team now stands at 5-8-1 with four games left in the regular season.

In the Astros first game of the week, on their home ice, Wednesday, Feb. 9, against the Salem High School Blue Devils the PA squad got

behind early and was never able to recover.

The Salem team scored three first period goals on their way to a 6-2 victory over Pinkerton.

Tylor Pappalardo and Patrick Eichen had the only Pinkerton goals in the loss.

Goalie Damien Carter made 26 saves in net for the Astros.

In the team's second game of the week, the Astros traveled north to Lebanon and played Hanover High School.

The PA team was unable

to get the puck past into the Hanover net and the home team was able to score once in the first period and twice in the third to defeat Pinkerton 3-0.

Hanover was able to improve their season record to 9-5 with the one-sided victory.

Pinkerton allowed 37 shots on net in the game.

The Astros will play Concord at home on Wednesday night and travel south-west to play Bishop Guertin on Saturday.

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Lady Astros Get Win, Move to Division I Semi-Finals

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS



Pinkerton Academy Girls' Basketball head coach Lani Buskey and her squad easily got by Merrimack High School in the team's first game of the NHIAA Division I state tournament and moved onto the semis against Bishop Guertin.

The Lady Astros finished the regular season with an outstanding 16-1 record, earning themselves the number one seed in the state championship.

With that seeding, they were given a bye in the first round of the playoffs and started their journey to a second-ever state title at home with a game against

the Lady Tomahawks.

In that quarter-final game, the final outcome was never in question and the PA squad walked away with a 70-39 victory.

Pinkerton came out of the gate very strong, leading 22-5 after one and heading into the second half with a commanding 44-14 lead.

The third quarter finished with a 56-22 Astros lead and the number-one seeded team finished up with 14 more points for the victory.

Pinkerton sophomore guard Liz Lavoie pounded her way to the hoop for a team high of 20-points. Senior guard Avah Ingalls and sophomore forward both had 12-points in the game. Freshman guard Sydney Gerossie finished

with 11-points.

Senior guard Emma Pollini and freshman Emily Leonard both contributed a three-pointer each in the final minutes of the game.

With the win, the Lady Astros moved onto a Semi-Final contest against number four-seeded Bishop Guertin on Tuesday night, Feb. 15, after the Nutfield News went to press.

The Pinkerton crew beat the Lady Cardinals earlier in the season at home with a 74-66 victory.

The Pinkerton Academy girls only state title came way back in 2006, when they beat BG 42-24.

The PA team's last trip to the finals was in 2018 against the Lady Cards where they lost 54-34.



Pinkerton Academy sophomore guard Liz Lavoie had a team-high of 20-points in the quarterfinals win at home last week.
Photos by Chris Paul

PA senior guard Avah Ingalls had 12-points in the win over Merrimack.

Athlete of the Week

Week of Feb. 7



Kevin Rheume,
Sophomore
Unified Basketball

Rheume scored eight points in basketball game against Londonderry, and had multiple assists. He was a great team player all season, always getting the team involved.



Allie Merrill
Gymnastics Sophomore

Merrill placed 3rd on Vault (9.2), 3rd on floor (9.225), and 6th AA (35.225) on Saturday, helping lead PA to a NHIAA State Championship. All four of her event scores also counted toward the team score and were her season highs.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Astros Swimmers Have Success at States

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Swim teams had some good results at the State Finals over the weekend with the girls team taking fifth out of 18 teams and the boys getting sixth out of 16 teams.

Girls

In the 200-Yard Medley Relay, the PA team took 6th.

Junior Emma Hazard was eighth in the 200-Yard Freestyle. Tiya Edsall was ninth and Kylie Winer was 10th.

Grace Mack finished in

ninth in the 200-Yard Individual Medley.

Reilly Hazard was ninth in the 50-Yard Freestyle.

Mack finished sixth in the 100-Yard Butterfly.

Emma Hazard was ninth in the 100-Yard Freestyle.

Erin Stariknok took fifth in the 500-Yard Freestyle and Tiya Edsall was seventh.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay, the PA team took sixth.

PA took third in the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay.

Boys

In the 200-Yard Medley Relay, the PA team took 6th.

Alexander Tovtyn was fourth in the 200-Yard Freestyle.

Anderson Sharp finished in 13th in the 200-Yard Individual Medley.

In the 50-Yard Freestyle, PA had Owen Muskrat finish 9th and Cole Alden get tenth.

Ryan Divelbiss was eighth in the 100-Yard Freestyle, Owen Muskrat came in 9th and Jatin Patel

was 11th.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay, the Pinkerton team took sixth.

In the 100-Yard Backstroke, Cole Alden finished in 9th.

Alexander Tovtyn finished 7th in the 100-Yard Breaststroke and Ryan Divelbiss was 11th.

In the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay the Astros team finished in sixth.

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Pinkerton Wrestlers Beat Londonderry in Final Dual Meet

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team ended their regular season with a convincing win on their home mats over the Londonderry Lancers last week.

On Thursday night, Feb. 9, Pinkerton Academy battled the Lancer team to a 51-27 victory.

Starting at 182 lbs., Londonderry sophomore

Owen Rondeau defeated Trevor Raspuzzi with a pin at 4:29.

Pinkerton senior Jack MacKiernan (195 lbs.) had a fall win over junior Matthew Ritchey at 2:18.

At 220 lbs., Astros wrestler Herve Durocher pinned Andreas Taliadouros at 3:11.

Londonderry got their second win when junior Jason Senus received a forfeit at 265 lbs.

Pinkerton was then given wins in weights 106, 113 and 120 to forfeit.

LHS junior Nicolas D'Alessandro (126 lbs.) gave his team a win with pin over Cameron McMahon at 1:11.

Londonderry Freshman David Pento (132 lbs.) beat PA's Anthony Borbone with a fall at 2:30.

At 138 lbs., Pinkerton's Michael Follo had a win over Michael Palma in a 9-6 decision.

Astros's 145 pounder, Nathan Lindquist, had a pin over Emanuel Perez at 1:42.

Lancer sophomore Patrick O'Connor (152 lbs.) had Londonderry's final win of the evening with a 4-2 decision over Nelphison DeAlmeida.

PA's George Tsekrekas (160 lbs.) had a fall win over Ricardo Perez and Michael DeMartino (170 lbs.) won over Colby Russel



Pinkerton Academy wrestler Michael Follo had a win over Michael Palma with a 9-6 decision at 138 lbs. last week at home.

Photos by Chris Paul



Astros senior Jack MacKiernan had a fairly easy win to end his very successful season.

of Londonderry to finish the meet.

The team had some success two days later at the NHIAA Junior Varsity State Finals.

George Tsekrekas was their best finisher, taking first place at 160 lbs.

Three wrestlers took

second: Anthony Sconza (120 lb.); Aiden Donahue (152 lb.); and Tom LaCroix (160 lb.).

Trevor Raspuzzi made it to third place at 170 lbs. with five wins.

The Pinkerton varsity team will now compete in the NHIAA Division I State

Championship in Londonderry on Saturday, Feb. 19 to solidify the best DI wrestlers in each weight class.

The following weekend the top wrestlers will continue to the Meet of Champions to battle with all the state wrestlers.

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DERRY

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. Tryouts will be open to boys' and girls' grades 3rd-High School. Our next tryout date is Sunday Feb. 20. 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.

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.

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.

CHESTER

Winter Carnival

On Saturday Feb. 26, A Winter Carnival will be held at Spring Hill Farm located at 96 Towle Rd., Chester. Winter Activities will be held from 2 - 4 p.m., including: Hot Cocoa Bar, Ice Skating, Kiddie Sled-

ding, Curling Demonstration, Cross County Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Wagon Rides, Winter Olympics. A Chili Cook Off will be held from 4 - 5 p.m., Beans or No Beans, Spicy or Sweet, all ages encouraged to participate anyone can judge. Finally a Bonfire & S'mores making will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Questions contact recreation 603-887-3636-x100 director@chesternhrec.org

Library Closure

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

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 pro-

vide 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.

HAMPSTEAD

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Feb. 18, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments and masks are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation

process. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CRO

Tutu Tuesday

On Tuesday, Feb. 22 the Hampstead Public Library marks the day with crafty fun. Pick up a kit to make a tutu for a favorite small or medium-sized stuffed animal.

Nonfiction Discussion

The Hampstead library Nonfiction Book Club discusses The Liberation of Paris: How Eisenhower, de Gaulle and von Choltitz Saved the City of Light by Jean Edward Smith on Tuesday, March 1 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow. This book tells the dramatic story of the Allied decision in World War II to divert from the strategic plan in order to save Paris.

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://hampsteadcivicclub.org/chess-club> for more information.

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.

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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

Trivia Game

Are you a Trivia Pro or just an Average Joe? Join in the fun at the Sandown Library and play a latest edition of a popular Trivia Game on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 1 - 2 p.m. Teams may be created and ZOOM breakout rooms provided for each team to discuss their answers. Three rounds will be played with 10 questions in each round. A

bonus round will be offered if there is time. Participants will be emailed the link to join this Zoom program.

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.

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.

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

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 con-

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TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 84 Chester Street, to consider:

The application of Mark Smigielski and Kelly Smigielski f/k/a Kelly McMahon

For a Variance from Article 5, Section 5.7.8 Table 2 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) to allow a 16'x20' shed to be located approximately five (5') feet from the edge of wetlands at the closest point and approximately nine (9') feet from the edge of wetlands at its furthest point where 75' are required

On the premises known as and numbered 35 Jennifer Drive, Map/Lot 010-009-003 in the Residential zoning district

The application of Erika DeBeckers and Erwan Dominique DeBeckers d/b/a Ark Animal Homecare, PLLC

For Variances from

- Article 4, Section 4.2.1 Expansion of a Pre-existing Non-Conforming Use and Article 5, Section 5.3.5 Table 1 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) to exceed the impervious surface maximum which is 15%, currently at 27.3%, to 33.7%:
 - a. to install a 25 SF deck, a 30SF accessibility ramp and a 68 SF paved walkway. This would increase the impervious surface area to 27.5%
 - b. to expand the parking area on the south side of the lot by 360 SF. This expansion would increase the impervious surface to 27.9%.
 - c. to expand the parking area in the front by 942 SF. This expansion would increase the impervious surface to 28.9%;
 - d. to install a 1768 SF in-ground pool. The pool would increase the impervious surface to 30.25%;
- Article 4, Section 4.4, Subsection 4.4.3, Sub-Subsection 4.4.3.10 to allow a 7.9 SF sign 82" high, on an existing post located approximately five (5') feet into the right-of-way and will be located off-premises where the article prohibits off-premises signs, Article 4, Section 4.4., Subsection 4.4.2, SubSubsection 4.4.2.1 to display a 7.9 SF sign on an existing post five feet into the right of way where signs are required to be setback five (5') from the front property line and on the business property Article 4, Section 4.4, Subsection 4.4.2, Sub-Subsection 4.4.2.1 to display a 28.5"x40" or 7.9 SF sign on an existing post that exceeds the allowable size by roughly 33% in a residential zone, Article 4, Section 4.4, Subsection 4.4.3, SubSubsection 4.4.3.10 to display a 7.9 SF sign on an existing 82" post exceeding the 72" in height including the mounting structure allowed by the Ordinance
- Article 5, Section 5.3.5 Table 1 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) to allow an approximately 4,200 SF parking lot, half of which will be approximately 10' from the front setback where 40' are required
- Article 5, Section 5.3.5 Table 1 (Table of Dimensional Requirements) and Article 4, Section 4.2.1 Expansion of a Pre-existing Non-Conforming Use to allow the 18'x31', 378 SF parking lot expansion six (6') feet to the side setback where 25' are required.
- Article 4, Section 4.3.4.4 to allow the leach barrier to be 27.5' from the Right of Way where 40' are required; and
- Article 4, Section 4.5.2.6 to allow three snow storage areas (185 SF, 505 SF and 770 SF) to be utilized where the Ordinance requires eight foot (8') wide strips of land be provided on three sides for plowed snow storage.

On the premises known as and numbered 10 Edwards Mill Road/206 Raymond Road, Map/Lot 5-45 in the R-1 zone

Please arrive at the 7 p.m., start of the meeting to avoid missing a Public Hearing.

If any applicant, abutter, or member of the Board or other party impacted by the decision rendered as a result of this hearing, requires special accommodations to participate in this meeting, please notify the Administrative Assistant at least five (5) days prior to the public hearing and be prepared to state in writing the reason why such attendance is not reasonably practical so that the reason may be stated in the minutes.

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