

Chester Selectmen Discuss Change to Town Meeting Date

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Feb. 24 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting Selectmen Stephen Landau asked the rest of the selectmen if they should have a straw poll during the Town Meeting to see if people think they should continue with having the Town Meeting in March.

“Or do you want to do it for another year and see what happens,” Landau asked.

He said that if they don’t have around the same number of people or

less this year than they have had in years past then they may want to consider putting it back to May.

Selectmen Stephen D’Angelo said that he thinks that they will have a core group of people who will go to the Town Meeting no matter what.

“Are people that apathetic about their Town that they won’t show up,” said D’Angelo.

D’Angelo said that the goal by having it in March is to try to see if new people will go to it.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette said that based on the statistics usually they have 150 to 300 people who attend the Town Meeting.

He said if they have less than that then they know that it may be too soon to have it.

Myette also noted that it would be more beneficial for the Town to have it later in the year for budgetary reasons.

“Then we can understand our budgets better. We can understand where we will be for plowing and those other activities,” said Myette.

D’Angelo pointed out

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Jim Morgan Chairs His Final Derry Town Council Meeting

TEDDY TAUSCHER
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – During the Derry Town Council meeting on Tuesday, March 1, chairman Jim Morgan began with saying goodbye to fellow members.

The multi-term Councilor will no longer be a member after the Tuesday, March 8, election.

However, goodbyes weren’t the only things discussed, a slew of motions to apply for and accept grants, ranging from water treatment to wellness were passed. Additionally during the general public hearing, a few voices were heard who took issue with comments said during past meetings and via social media.

During the meeting, council members said their

goodbyes to Morgan and thanked him for six-years of cooperation, commending his skills on bringing business into the community and the positive impact he had on local government.

The meeting also existed to hear out a number of grant applications.

Captain George Feole of the Derry Police Department gave a short speech about a proposal to buy body cameras both for personnel and cruisers. Feole came before the council to get its permission to apply for a grant of \$50,000 in order to partially pay for the project.

However Feole mentioned the cameras would end up costing almost \$500,000 for a five- to six-year lease. Feole also said they would require an additional hire in order to parcel through footage whose cost was not accounted for in the \$500,000.

A motion was passed to allow the police department to apply for this grant however, it was noted that even if the department was given the grant the sale was not locked in by the motion.

Feole said that similar purchases were being made throughout the state by other police departments.

Also heard and passed during the meeting was a motion to apply for a grant towards modifications to a pump station. The state has agreed to fund the program for around \$80,000.

Additionally there was a small grant to fund the

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Fired Up Brian Folsom of Chester fired up his evaporator on Monday afternoon, March 7, after cold temperatures put a halt on Maple Syrup production last week. Upcoming temperatures look to be ideal as the state gets ready for Maple Sugar Weekend. See story page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Sandown Heritage Commission Discuss Hosting Three Events

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Heritage Commission met on Thursday, March 3, and amongst over business, discussed three event they will be hosting.

First, there will be a Round Table Event, but so far, only one other town has responded to the Chairperson’s email.

Commission chair Pam Gaudreau explained that the town of Kingston is the only town that has expressed interest in attending, but she feels that is in part due to the number of way neighboring towns deliver information to their boards.

She also told commissioners that the Danville Heritage Commission has been in touch with her and they are also interested in attending the Wednesday, March 30 event, but they will need to vote on participating.

The towns of Atkinson and Hampstead have not responded according to Gaudreau, but she will continue her efforts to try

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Derry Moving Forward with New Solar Array on Town Landfill

DERRY – It was announced recently that Encore Renewable Energy will be developing a new 2.2 megawatt ground-mounted solar project that is said to save the community over \$3.5 million over the term of the contract.

The Derry Town Council recently finalized the contracts for a new 2.2 megawatt solar array to be developed by Encore and is expected to be one of the largest solar arrays in the state.

Encore will be financing, design, constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining the new solar project, designated Derry Solar LLC, located on a closed and capped municipal solid waste landfill owned by the Town of Derry. Once complete, the solar project is expected to help the Town realize an estimated \$3.5 million in energy savings over the project's 25-year contract and help meet the Town Council's goal for 100% renewable energy for the Town of Derry two years ahead of its original goal of 2025.

"Moving forward with this solar project is a major win for our community and our state," said Joshua Bourdon, Derry Town Councilor-at-Large and Net Zero Task Force Founder. "I

ran for re-election with a promise to reduce our taxes while maintaining services through creative solutions. Achieving Net Zero Energy through the efforts of the Task Force and Derry Public Works Dept. contributed to that creative solution."

"This project is the culmination of six years of planning and engineering work performed by the volunteers of the Net Zero Task Force," explained Chairman Jeff Moulton. "In advance of this project, the Task Force benchmarked the energy use of all 40 town and school buildings, implemented a number of energy initiatives that are currently saving the Town over \$900,000/year, and in 2018 installed an 86-kW solar project at the Town's transfer station, currently performing above its expected output."

The Task Force of professional engineers, business people, energy experts and representatives from key Town groups such as schools, Public Works, Planning Board, Code Enforcement, Conservation Committee, Economic Development, and members of the Public began working on this project over two years ago. The group collaborated on messaging and advocacy to the com-

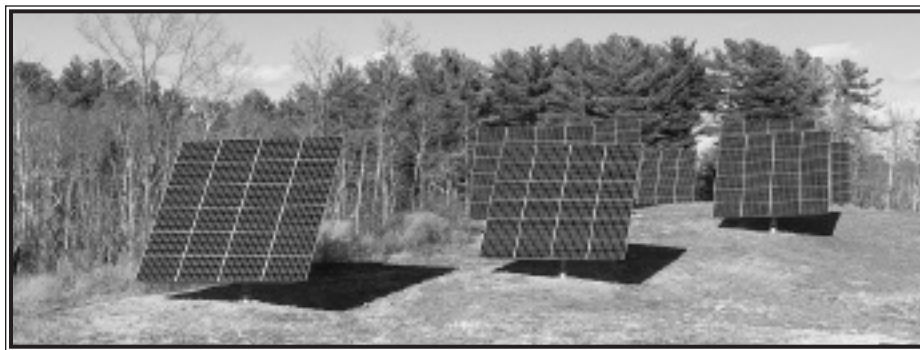
munity, and supported the required state legislative action and obtaining buy-in from Governor Chris Sununu.

Encore was selected from a group of seven firms through a competitive Request for Proposal bidding process solicited by the town of Derry in September 2021. In addition to the energy savings for the town, the solar project will be built with no upfront costs to the community. The site also offers the potential opportunity to expand the project in the future.

"Encore provided the best value power purchase agreement (PPA) proposal for the Town," said Derry's Executive Director Public Works, Mike Fowler. "As a future partner, Encore brings experience and technical expertise to successfully develop this type of project. The favorable economics and experience with landfill solar development were the most important factors in awarding the contract to Encore."

Encore brings over a decade of experience in brownfield and landfill redevelopment to the project with over 17 MW across nine projects completed to date.

"Tapping into the opportunity for sustain-



Existing Solar Panels at Derry Transfer Station.

Photo by Ray Breslin

able energy development on under-valued properties like landfills is part of the DNA of our company," offered Chad Farrell, CEO and Founder of Encore Renewable Energy. "We're excited to bring our deep expertise in the reuse of landfills as host sites for community-scale solar arrays to Derry to help support the community's transition to the clean energy economy."

Encore Renewable Energy is a Burlington, Vermont-based company specializing in commercial renewable energy with a proven track record in solar development from concept to completion. Founded in 2007, as Encore Redevelopment, their team specializes in the design, development, financing, permitting, and construction of solar and energy storage projects on land-

fills, brownfields, rooftops and carports.

The Derry NetZero Task Force is an all-volunteer committee chartered to explore and achieve cost-effective solutions for reduced energy, water use and sustainable energy development on town-controlled property, municipal buildings and vehicles, schools and the community of Derry New Hampshire.



Ashes to Go

Local Rev. Kathy Youzwak offers Ashes to Go at Hampstead Congregational Church on Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday). Hampstead Congregational Church welcomes all to worship and serve with them. Worship is in person and online at 10 a.m. on Sundays, and all are invited to coffee hour afterwards for good conversation, coffee, and snacks. To learn more, and for the links to online worship visit hampsteaducc.org *Courtesy photo*

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Derry Planning Board Hears Appollo Vineyards Plan

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DERRY - At the latest Derry Town Planning Board representatives from the Appollo Vineyards came before the board to present an addition to their property. The plan was to change the vineyard into an agritourism location.

The meeting included a public hearing on the proposed addition.

Some residents voiced concerns about the crowds the vineyard brings. One resident cited occasions where a large number of guests had gathered for

yoga and caused a noise disturbance. Another said there had been instances of well over 40 cars in the area due to events at the vineyard.

The board determined that the addition wouldn't have any regional impact however some residents disagreed and said the vineyard already had a significant impact on the area.

"The impact has been severe, the music, the noise, everything has been impacting that neighborhood," said one resident who lives near the vineyard. He said this had

made it difficult to get his car out of the neighborhood on weekends. He also posed this as a matter of public safety citing a situation when cars had to be moved because there wasn't enough space for an ambulance or fire truck through the neighborhood.

The proposed addition would include additional parking spots. However one resident was worried this addition might turn the venue from simply wine tasting into a restaurant. He is also worried about parking lights and light pollution. "Go in when there is a event and

see what happens,"

Another resident said that they can hear the mc from events at the vineyard from his house.

After the public hearing representatives from Appollo Vineyards were allowed time to speak about the residents' concerns. David Ely, an Architect from Windy Hill Associates, said parking in the town had been a concern of the owners, hence why they would be building a new parking lot. Ely also said an indoor space was necessary for wine tasting during poor weather. He also addressed concerns of the

place turning into a restaurant. "There is a very small kitchen for warming pizzas and that sort of thing, it is not a full fledged kitchen by any means," said Ely.

Ely said the addition would also include a basement for storing wine, an area with seating for 21 people and a patio. "The aim is to keep the cars off the street and the people inside a building that has been designed for all season use," said Ely. "The building itself is small and simple; it is not meant for huge parties," said Ely.

Mike Appollo owner of the vineyard also spoke at

the meeting. He reiterated that the vineyard was not commercial and was in fact a farm and that he had been attempting to reach out to residents but hadn't gotten any responses.

Board members also spoke on the proposal.

Mark L'Heureux the town's engineer said he had decided not to sign off on the plan yet due to a mesh used over grass for the parking. L'Heureux said he doesn't see the mesh holding up over the long term.

The board will hold a site walk at the location on Sunday March 12 at 9 a.m.

Julie Demers Named to Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees

DERRY - Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees President Dr. William A. Nevius has announced that Ms. Julie Demers has been named to the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees, representing Auburn.

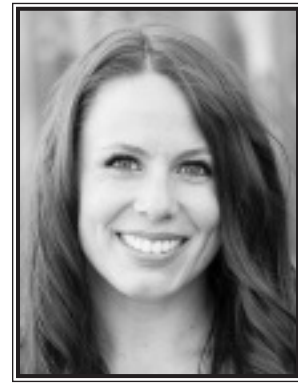
"Ms. Julie Demers has exemplified a commitment to community building, both as a working professional and a dedicated volunteer," Nevius said. "Her expertise in technology and community relations are assets that will immedi-

ately impact the Board. It is an honor to welcome Ms. Demers to the Pinkerton Academy community as a member of the Board of Trustees."

Currently the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Tech Alliance,

Ms. Demers has had a varied career, establishing her as a respected professional with diverse experience. Demers has held various positions in public relations and technology; however, her experience at the Manchester Chamber of Commerce helped her discover her passion for community building. She believes her experience will help guide her work on the Board.

"I've always been passionate about building and creating community," she said. "Being the conduit between people who should be in the same room and working together has



Julie Demers

of what the school offers. We can all celebrate the great things our graduates go on to accomplish and what Pinkerton adds to the community."

Demers serves as a member of several boards including the University of NH IT Advisory Board, the NH State Workforce and Innovation Board, the University of New Hampshire Paul College BIP Advisory Board, and the Currier Museum of Art Advisory Board. She was recognized in 2015 as a member of the NH Union Leader's 40 Under Forty Class. Demers lives in Auburn with her husband and two children.

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that since they went to a March Town Meeting it's been during COVID-19 and has been outside meaning that this is the first opportunity to see how it goes.

"This will really be the first March meeting to test it," said D'Angelo.

In order to change the month of the Town Meeting it would need to be put on the ballot as a warrant article meaning that it couldn't be changed for at

least two years.

D'Angelo said that instead of doing a poll, their poll is how many people show up to the meeting.

Also during the meeting Myette said that the March 3 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting was "up in the air at this point."

He said that D'Angelo and Selectmen Steven Couture would be out of town that day, meaning at most they would have three selectmen at the meeting.

"We have to have at least three here in the building for a quorum," said Myette.

After discussing it although they would have enough for a quorum they decided against meeting because there wouldn't be much business that needs to be addressed before Town Meeting.

It was ultimately decided that they would meet again on Thursday, March 17 unless anything comes up before then that they may need to address.

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Editorial

Let the Sun Shine In

Open and transparent government - you could call it the battle cry of community newspapers.

That's what the public deserves from its officials, on the local, state and national level. And providing information about the doings of government at the local level is a job this newspaper continues to take seriously.

March 13 - 19 is Sunshine Week, a reminder that government business conducted in the open is at the heart of a democracy. If we don't know what our officials are doing, we don't have the information to hold them accountable. And the more information we have, the better.

Knowledge, as the saying goes, is power. And that power is not something to be held close to the chest by politicians; it belongs in the open, available to everyone, especially to those who put politicians in office and depend on them for services, fair budgeting and just plain listening to the will of the people.

The key, of course, is open access to meetings and records. We hear a lot about government transparency on the national level; it's at least as important at the town and school level, where decisions have more immediate impact on our pocketbooks and our lives.

Open government means newspapers, if they're doing their job, must act as watchdogs, asking the often uncom-

fortable questions, getting the information, and providing it to their readers. And if documents are not readily made available, the state's Right to Know process is at the ready for anyone to use.

The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know." That's the heart of what government is all about. As a citizen in a democracy, you have the right to know how your government operates, and your elected officials have the obligation, except in carefully spelled out specific situations, to conduct their business in the open.

Sure, it's a lot easier for officials to discuss public business in private, where negotiations and off-the-cuff comments and hypothetical situations can be aired in a controlled atmosphere. But that's not the way things are supposed to work.

Discussion is to be done in public. Being in public office isn't supposed to be easy, and it requires following the rules, whether you like them or not. Making it hard for the public to find out what's going on is playing loose with open government.

That's why we report the details of what's been discussed. Then it's up to all citizens to get involved and make sure their voices are heard.

So in the midst of what seems to have turned into a rainy season, we're happy to do our part to let the sun shine in.

Letters

Subject: Gerrymandering = Political Cheating

To the editor,

Political cheating is alive and well in New Hampshire as is seen in the proposed, gerrymandered Congressional Redistricting Map currently being considered for approval as HB52. This map was drawn up and approved by the House against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of NH citizens who have testified at numerous public hearings. We have been blatantly ignored, and HB52 is now before the Senate to approve, or to amend.

So exactly who will be cheated by this bill if passed? One-half of all of us as NH voters, Republicans and Democrats alike, will be deprived of having our votes matter in Congressional elections for the next 10 years. Wouldn't you think that certainly the majority party legislators would never draw up a map which would deprive one-half of NH Republican voters of their choice for Congressperson? Not so. The Republican House legislators chose to purposely "pack" Democratic voters into one district and pack Republican voters in the other, making legislators accountable only to established political parties and big donors but not to their

constituents. A clear example of a gerrymandered map!

This map is as unfair to Republican voters in District 2 as it is to Democratic voters in District 1. All this so that the established majority party, will have an unfair advantage in choosing our congresspersons. Voters, not legislators, are supposed to choose our Congresspersons.

Please contact your legislators and our governor today and tell them to amend or veto HB 52.

Regards,
Karin Paoletti
Derry

Dear Governor Sununu:

To the editor,

As you yourself have stated, redistricting "has to be done in a bipartisan way and be transparent. I always say with redistricting, it's got to pass the smell test".

We now have a proposed Congressional map (HB52), specifically drawn to create a Republican advantage in Congressional District 1, while packing Democratic-leaning towns into a noncompetitive District 2, which will effectively disenfranchise District 2 Republican voters. It is not a coincidence that Republican leader, Stephen Stepanek bragged that because

Republicans will control redistricting this year, he could guarantee that "we will send a conservative Republican to Washington, D.C. as a Congress person in 2022."

You twice vetoed independent redistricting commission bills, saying "New Hampshire has a redistricting process that is fair, representative, and accountable to voters." That is clearly not the case with the proposed Congressional map. You also said that "we must be careful before pursuing wholesale changes to systems that have proven themselves to work for New Hampshire." (HB665 Veto Statement)

As you know, Governor, HB52 changes the voting status of voters in 75 towns with the most radical change in NH redistricting maps since 1883. We strongly urge you to veto this grievously gerrymandered Congressional map, as you said you would. HB52 is completely partisan, doesn't pass your smell test, and would be an affront to our democracy as it disenfranchises one-half of all NH Republican and Democratic voters.

Corinne Dodge,
District 1, Undeclared
Voter, Derry
Celia Randall,
District 2, Undeclared
Voter, Brookfield

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Tenth and Final Wason Pond Pounder Set for May 21

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The tenth and final Wason Pond Pounder is just around the corner and is set to offer a fun challenge for both newcomers to obstacle races and veterans who have run the race before.

The final obstacle course race around the Wason Pond Recreational area is set to take place on Saturday, May 12 and according to organizer Maria Veale with the Chester Charitable Foundation, they hope to go out with a bang.

The foundation's volunteers, most of them Pounder participants themselves

The fund raising race has taken a few years off due to COVID-19 restrictions, with the last race being run in 2019 and although the original organizers had wished a group would step forward to continue the race after the tenth one is over, they have donated many of the obstacles used over the years to organizations such as the Boy Scouts.

In a statement made by Maria Veale on Facebook recently she expressed her sadness for end of their efforts.

Veale stated, "The year

our Board brought this idea to life our daughters were 8- and 10-years old. They have spent every spring since that year knowing that if there's a Pounder build day, setup day, setup weekend, the week leading into the event, and event day itself, the Pounder took priority over everything else. Meeting nights meant the kitchen was full and loud and they put themselves to bed.

They also learned how to use power tools, drag obstacles out of the barn, to paint, carry tires through the woods, and sometimes how to hide in the truck when we were busy enough not to notice they had quit working.

This experience has brought people into our lives - amazing people - that we wouldn't otherwise have met. The stories we have heard from people who have run the event, brought together by the common goal of finishing an OCR, or to help a friend, to mourn the loss of a friend, to show they are stronger than their illness, or just for the fun of it - these stories are unforgettable and have shaped us.

We have worked tirelessly for the privilege of donating money to other

local charities. To surprise someone that's helping the less fortunate with a big check - and to hear the emotion in their voice, the choking back of tears sometimes - is rewarding beyond description."

Veal added, "After the tenth time it feels right to retire from this, take a break, and find other ways to give back to the community. We are so grateful for the connections we've made, the humanity we've seen, the lessons learned, and especially the love and laughter. It's bittersweet, but it's time."

Organizers note that 100 percent of race profits go back into local communities after the last race is run, the money raised after expenses will be completely used for charitable contributions.

Benefiting in the past have been the Wilcomb Townsend Trust, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire, the Upper Room in Derry, Chester's American Legion Post, the Boy Scouts, the Mayhew Program, Derry's Sonshine Soup Kitchen, local food pantries, the Chester Clothes Closet, Daughters of Isabella, Wheelchair Health in Motion, Adaptive Sports

Partners, Community Caregivers, the Stephen Arkell Foundation and the Kayla Bertolami Scholarship Fund.

Organizers say the group has good sponsors, allowing them to give back more to local charities, but welcomes more sponsors. They're also looking for volunteers to help set up and to aid in keeping the event day running smoothly.

The board of volunteers are still looking for help setting up and running the final race, if interested in helping out, go to www.wasonpond-pounder.com or call Maria Veale at 867-0132.

The race has a limited number of entrants and with nearly the entrance already signed up, those interested in running should sign up at the website quickly.



A member of Team Sturendous makes her way over the cargo net in 2019. Photo by Chris Paul

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Sandown Selectmen Pick Jessica Manning as New Recording Secretary

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN – During the Feb. 28 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to picking a new recording secretary for the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by Sandown Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell that before putting it out to the public she wanted to ask the recording secretaries they currently have for other boards and commissions to see if any of them were interested.

Blaisdell noted that they usually do that when they have open positions because

their current recording secretaries often may be in positions where they are looking to pick up more hours.

She also said this it helps them determine who may be able to help them out in the interim until they find a permanent solution.

She said that three were interested and one said they weren't.

One question that was asked was whether or not they had any other boards and commissions that had openings for the position.

Blaisdell said they were all filed.

"Right now everyone is covered," said Blaisdell.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately picked Jes-

sica Manning to be the new recording secretary during executive session.

Also during the meeting the Board of Selectmen discussed the open Recreation Director position.

According to the job posting the schedule for the part-time recreation director is Up to 34 hours per week and the starting

rate of pay is \$19 to \$23 per hour commensurate with experience.

Blaisdell said that at first they had three or four applicants and then on Presidents Day they received 11 in one day.

Blaisdell told the Board of Selectmen that the Recreation Commission was planning on doing the

initial interviews in order to narrow down the field.

It was ultimately decided that they would have the recreation commission pick two people who they want to send to the Selectmen for interviews.

With winter quickly ending Blaisdell said she was concerned about not having the position filed.

Blaisdell said that she has also been reaching out to the summer counselors that they usually have for recreation programs to see if they are returning. She said that so far most of them said they would be.

The next Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on March 14 at 7 p.m.

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and get at least three other towns to participate.

The Round Table discussion will be at the Sandown Town Hall but will not be recorded. The hope of the event is to bounce ideas off the other commissions in the area to come up with ideas on how to better serve their communities as a board.

The main idea on the meeting is to find out how

other commissions engage the residents and the members other boards in town such as Planning Board and Selectmen.

Gaudreau was hoping the meeting wouldn't be too long, but because the Sandown commission is so young, she wanted to get some feedback from other towns.

They ended the discussion by voting to expend some money on refreshments for the event.

Another matter dis-

cussed was an antique appraisal event, which member Fran Rosenau said she was able to find one appraiser that was willing to come, and he would be charging \$150 for three hours.

The commission is calling the event "Treasure or Trash" and the board hopes to have the event on Sunday, May 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Town Hall. There was also some discussion about holding it on a Tuesday night.

The cost for the

appraisals will be about \$10 per item or three for \$25.

The commission is not looking at this event as a fundraiser, but just as a fun community event.

The board voted to expend \$150 for the appraiser's services.

The third thing discussed was a "Trails Through Time" event which they touched very briefly on saying it would be a nice historical walk through time of some of the historic areas in town.

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7 p.m., at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 84 Chester St., to consider:

The application of Southworth Construction on behalf of David R. Lincoln and Laura A. Lincoln

For a Variance

From Article 5, Section 5.7, Subsection 5.7.8 Table 2 (Table of Dimensional Requirements - Wetlands

Of the Ordinance

To permit the existing 10'x29' deck (originally permitted as a 12'x16' deck - see below) to be expanded by adding a 12'x13' section to the right side with t-shaped stairs to the center 17' wide so that the new section of deck will be approximately 70' and the stairs will be approximately 72' from the edge of wetlands where 75' are required

and

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Pursuant to Article 11, Subsection 11.6.2 of the Zoning Ordinance

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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.

Hampstead Public Library Receives State Library ARPA Grant Funding

The Hampstead Public Library is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$57,734 in funding through the Institute for Museum and Library Services' "Grants to States" program. The grant program is part of the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 and is being facilitated by the NH State Library.

The Hampstead Public Library will use this grant award for redesigning the children's program area in order to promote early literacy, as well as healthy cognitive, social-emotional, and sensory development. The Library is very grateful to the Friends of the Hampstead Public Library, Granite State Sign, Hampstead Mothers' Club, Hampstead Civic Club, and Hampstead School

District Library Media Specialists Diane Connors and Elizabeth Cameron, who have pledged to partner with the Library on this project. They have generously donated funds, materials, and services.

In the grant application, the Hampstead Public Library detailed that it would meet the current needs of the community by using grant funds to create spaces which will give children the skills and experiences they need to learn and grow. The children's program room will have sensory toys to promote cognition and self-regulation, skills essential to higher-order thinking and healthy social development. These skills lay the foundation for understanding science and mathematics. The area of the Library

that houses the books and media for children will also be rejuvenated to bring the contents and furnishings up to current standard.

In the grant application, the Hampstead Public Library detailed how it would meet the current needs of the community by using grant funds to create spaces which will give children the skills and experiences they need to learn and grow. The children's program room will have toys and furnishings to promote healthy sensory development and encourage social-emotional learning. The area of the Library that houses the books and media for children will also be rejuvenated to bring the contents and furnishings up to current standard.

"The children's programming room has been closed due to the pandemic," said Hampstead Public Library Director Rosemary Krol, "When it reopens with all new furnishing, it will be inviting and will encourage play-based learning while offering a safe space for children and families to interact."

"NH's strong relationship with its public libraries was made even more evident during the past two years, when librarians and their staffs were able to adjust services nimbly in order to continue to meet the needs of their communities," said NH State Librarian Michael York. "The innovative programs funded by these grants will continue to strengthen not only public library services, but also the communities in which the libraries reside."

"As pillars of our com-

munities, libraries and museums bring people together by providing important programs, services and collections. These institutions are trusted spaces where people can learn, explore and grow," said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. "IMLS is proud to support their initiatives through our grants as they educate and enhance their communities"

The Hampstead Public Library's goal is to have the new children's area completed by the end of June 2022.

Part of the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the State Library promotes excellence in libraries and library services to all NH residents, by assisting libraries and the people of NH with rapid access to library and informational resources through the

development and coordination of a statewide library/information system; by meeting the informational needs of NH's state, county and municipal governments and its libraries; and by serving as a resource for NH. For more information, visit nh.gov/nhsl.

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Derry

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wellness programs for town employees. According to Elizabeth Robidoux, a coordinator of the wellness program, the funds will be used "to enhance the physical, social and mental wellness" of town employees.

Lastly the police department was also accepting a gift of 200 bike helmets from Dartmouth Hitchcock for their touch a

truck event where they give out free bike helmets to children.

During the public hearing Ernest St. Pierre, commissioner of the Derry Housing and Redevelopment Committee, spoke and aired his grievances about comments made at a previous meeting regarding the Derry Housing & Redevelopment Committee. "If you don't know what's going on, he could have called me, he could have talked to me," said St

Pierre.

In his final address to the council James Morgan talked about how Abbott Court was paramount to the town's success. "If we don't put down all the hammers and focus 110 percent of our energy on Abbott Court this community is going to miss the most valuable project that has ever come down the line," said Morgan. Abbott Court is a piece of land in Derry slated for development.

Dr. Manfredi, Dr. Samaan, and all staff of 603 Dental would like to thank Dr. Joseph Wingate for his 42 years of service providing for the dental needs of Londonderry, Derry, and surrounding communities. We wish him a happy retirement!



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There's Some New Ways To Try Maple Syrup This Month

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

There's a few new and exciting ways to enjoy an old favorite this Maple Month.

One sugar house will be offering some adventurous new products for maple-seekers to try, while another has overcome some supply obstacles to keep flavorful items in stock.

As producers make preparations for Maple Weekend on March 19-20, and begin to welcome the firsts customers of Maple Month, people are anxious for the unofficial way to wrap up winter.

"For me, seeing the steam coming out of a sugar house is always one of the first signs of spring!" said Andrew Chisholm, owner of Chisholm Farm in Hampstead.

Chisholm started this year off strong, having

been elected president of the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association in January 2022. The Association represents over 350 maple producers throughout the state.

"With what appears to be a corner turned in the Covid pandemic, producers across New Hampshire are looking forward to welcoming guests to experience a timeless New Hampshire tradition," said Chisholm.

Chisholm stated that the shop has added several new items, including maple coffee, maple kettle corn, elderberry syrup made with local honey, maple candy, maple cream, and apple brandy barrel aged maple syrup.

Chisholm also commented that Zorvinos vineyard has used his Hampstead honey and maple in several of their wines.

Not only are Chisholm

Farm products locally sourced, they are also eco-friendly, upcycling some of their tools to benefit other local businesses.

A new product in the works at Chisholm Farm is a bourbon and spiced rum barrel aged maple syrup, which Chisholm says will be ready for the Fall of 2022. The production of this syrup will utilize Flag Hill distillery barrels, which in turn will be repurposed at 603 Brewery in Londonderry, where Chisholm says they will be used to age their maple stout beer.

Folsom's Sugar House proudly proclaims on its website its supply of maple cream cones, a delicacy that Sue Folsom and her husband, Brian were introduced to while celebrating their 25th anniversary in Quebec City.

"It seemed every farm booth in the markets had

these baby ice cream cones for sale filled with maple cream, so we naturally had to try them," said Folsom. "And they were delicious!"

Just as sweet as ice cream, but not quite as cold, maple cones are as nice to look at as they are to eat.

Folsom explained that maple cream is made by boiling pure maple syrup, thereby causing it to evaporate, and then cooling what remains in an ice bath. Once it has been cooled, the condensed syrup is then stirred to create a creamy spread similar in consistency to peanut butter.

Maple cream is of course delicious on its own in a cone, but it is also great when used as a spread on toast, bagels, and english muffins, and on pancakes and waffles instead of syrup.

The couple has been selling these coniferous confections for some time, but this year the creamy treats will feature a slight change.

"Like a lot of things these days, the little cake style ice cream cones were on back order from Canada," Folsom explained. "So we had to find an alterna-



Brian Folsom filters his week's first batch of syrup on Monday afternoon.
Photo by Chris Paul

tive source."

Folsom continued stating that the cones they found this year were baby sugar cones. A bit smaller, but their contents will pack in all the big flavor loyal customers have become accustomed to.

Folsom's Sugar House also carries maple taffy, maple candy, and maple sugar at its shop, along with jars of maple syrup in varying sizes.

Maple syrup itself never goes out of style, but it never hurts to have new

ways to enjoy it. Customers are encouraged to try something different this Maple Month, while still supporting the local establishments that help foster a sense of wholesome community.

For more information on each sugar house and their respective products, visit chisholmfarm.com, and folsomsugarhouse.com. Chisholm Farm and Folsom's Sugar House can also be found on Facebook, and Chisholm Farm is on Instagram at: [Chisholm.farm](https://www.instagram.com/Chisholm.farm)



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DERRY SPORTS

Lady Astros Hockey Squad Upsets Top Seed in Playoffs

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Ice Hockey team made their way past two tough

opponents to get to the semi-finals of the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association Division I playoffs last week.

The Lady Astros were

seeded in the number four spot heading into the playoffs by virtue of their 8-8 regular season record, putting them on the road for all of their tournament games.

In the first round, the PA squad Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge to take on the number eight seed on their home ice in Lebanon on Tuesday, March 1.

The Lebanon squad started the scoring, to take a 1-0 lead in the first period, but the Pinkerton girls stormed back in the second with two goals by junior forward captain Maddie Gibeault and one goal by sophomore forward Riley Dunn.

Dunn scored her second of the night in the third period, giving the Lady Astros a 4-2 first round win.

Three night later the PA girls headed to the quarterfinals where they were saddled with the unenviable task of facing the number one seed of Oyster River-Portsmouth High Schools.

Oyster River-Portsmouth had only lost two games during the regular season and had beaten Pinkerton twice, one at home and one on the road, both were decided by a single goal.

The quarterfinal game was no different, but this time Pinkerton had the one-goal victory.

Things looked to be going Oyster River's way to start in the first period with the number one seed scoring twice and take a 2-0 lead. Riley Dunn cut the deficit in half with a goal assisted by freshman forward Emily Gosselin and senior captain Molly Fahey.

In the second period, Dunn scored her second of the night with the assist going to Gosselin to tie the game at two, but Oyster River answered with another to end the second 3-2.

The third period saw Dunn score her third of the night to tie the game and send it into an extra period.

In overtime, Gibeault



Junior forward Maddie Gibeault had the game winning goal in overtime against Oyster River-Portsmouth in the quarterfinals. *Photos by Chris Paul*

was the hero, getting the game winner with an assist by Emily Gosselin.

The team was scheduled to play in the Semifinals on Tuesday night, March 8, against St. Thomas-

Winnacunnet-Dover after the Nutfield News went to press.

The Lady Astros had one meeting with that team, in the first week of the season, and lost 5-2.



Sophomore Riley Dunn scored three times against Oyster River and helped send the game into OT.

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Pinkerton Boys Hockey Squad Knocked Out by BG in Playoffs

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Hockey squad made their way into the NHIAA

Division I Championships as the number 10 seed and despite a tough battle with the number seven seed, Bishop Guertin, the Astros squad were forced to exit the tournament after a 1-0 loss. The Astros headed into the playoffs with a good head of stream, beating the Londonderry Lancers 2-1 in their final regular season

game and looking like they had shaken off the offensive woes, but the Cardinal's defense proved to be too tough in their first round battle on Wednesday, March 2, on BG's home ice in Massachusetts.

In that first round playoff game, both teams left the ice after period number one scoreless, but halfway through the following period, Bishop Guertin's Cosmo Siano put his team in front with an assist from Austin Abbott.

The Astros boys battled hard to even the score through the following period and a half, but came up just shy in the final minute of the game.

Pinkerton head coach Sam Littlefield pulled goalie Damien Carter with about 1:30 left in the third and PA kept it in the BG end throughout the final seconds, having several chances for a game-tying goal. Junior defenseman Campbell St. Pierre nearly had the heroic goal when he buried a shot off a centering pass with 17 seconds left in the game, but the goal was called off because the net

was knocked off.

Junior Damien Carter had another outstanding game in net for the Astros squad, with 30 saves in the game.

The BG Cardinals were knocked out of the playoffs

in the quarterfinals, suffering a 5-2 loss against the Bedford High School Bulldogs on Saturday, March 5.

The Pinkerton team finished the season with a 7-10-1 record.



Junior defenseman Campbell St. Pierre nearly had the a final seconds goal to send the game into overtime against Bishop Guertin. Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 20

Kelsey Dionne

Freshman, Winter Spirit

Dionne is a main base and side base throughout the routine throwing the majority of the elite tumbling skills for the team as a freshman. She is in the most difficult part of the pyramid and tackles every piece of her assigned routine with ease. She displays heart and passion at every practice working harder than the day before.

Lorenzo Corsetto

Junior, Boys Ice Hockey

Corsetto has constantly worked hard every game and it was due to his hard forecheck that forced a Londonderry turnover which he scored on en route to a Pinkerton victory over the Lancers.



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Astros Cheerleaders Take First In Division I Preliminary



CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Winter Cheerleading team took its first step to winning another Division I state title over the weekend by taking first place in the NHIAA

State Championship preliminary round.

The Division I state championship preliminary round took place on Sunday afternoon, at Pinkerton Academy and featured 13 teams competing for the five top spots that would move

them into the finals on Thursday night.

The Astros squad edged out the team from Dover High School for the number one spot with 99.6 points to Dover's 99.2.

Concord's crimson Tide took the number three spot

with 96.3 points. The Salem Blue Devils were fourth with 95.2 and the Avirne Lady Broncos took fifth.

According to their coach, the team had the performance of the season executing their routine with the highest degree of effort and

commitment to excellence. Every single athlete delivered the performance they were capable of. Everyone was as fired up as we have seen them perform and it was reflected in their high energy performance. The Astros have won the Winter

Championship 16 times since 2004 with just two second-place finishes.

They lost to Concord in 2018 and to Salem in 2009.

The PA squad will try for its fourth consecutive state title in their home gym on Thursday night.

MackKiernan Third at New Englands

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

After winning the top wrestling spot at 170 lbs. at the New Hampshire Meet of Champions one week earlier, Astros senior captain Jack MacKiernan moved on to the New England Wrestling Championships held in Providence, RI. to face the best grapplers in the northeast.

In that extremely tough competition, MacKiernan took third place and finished his high school wrestling career with some very impressive stats.

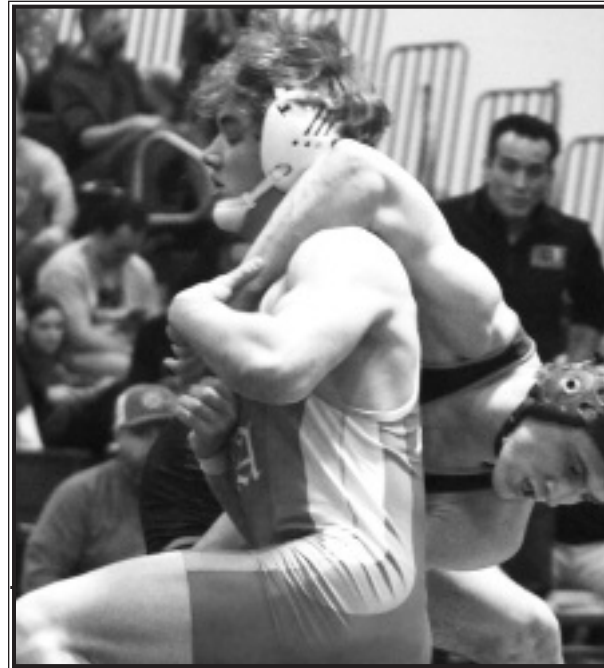
MacKiernan finishes his career with a 101-28 record over three seasons. He had two DI State Champion-

ships, a Meet of Champions first place and three trips to New Englands resulting in a sixth and third place finish.

Over the weekend in Rhode Island MacKiernan started with a second round match over Pathfinder (Mass) by a 19-2 score.

In his second bout, he faced the #1 wrestler from RI in the quarterfinals and dropped a 4-2 heartbreaker, dropping him into the consolation bracket where he rattled off three straight victories over to reach the consolation finals and wrestle for third place.

In the consi finals, he wrestled the Springfield Central (Mass.) wrestler, who was the #1 Mass entry. that he had beaten in OT



during the season. MacKiernan finished his

day by winning 8-3 for third place in New England.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 27

Shelby Scott

Sophomore, Winter Spirit

Scott has been a little dynamo in her first year of Spirit, she went from her tumbling role as assigned to basing all of the builds in the routine in just a few short weeks this season. Her tumbling helps to carry our score, she jumps front row and even acts as a back spot in the pyramid.



Riley Dunn Girls

Sophomore, Girls Hockey

Dunn scored five of the Lady Astros eight goals in two playoff games. The sophomore scored two in the first round game against Lebanon and had a hat trick against the number one ranked team Oyster River.



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DERRY

Food Drive

Derry Village Rotary helps support ending 68 hours of hunger which supplies weekend food bags for our Derry children to take home so they have meals over the weekend. Most of these students partake of the reduced cost breakfast / lunch program but have no other means for food while not in attendance at the schools. Rotary helps the Ending 68 Hours of Hunger program in town by distributing the food bags to the schools. Courtney Cashman and a group of volunteers bag the food that is needed. What's needed: Non-Perishables for all meals, including snacks, protein bars. Their food supply is getting low and if you would like to help go to Ending 68 Hours of Hunger website: Derry - End 68 Hours of Hunger

www.end68hoursofhunger.org/find-your-community/new-hampshire/derry/

Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. 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.

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.

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 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

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Chester Seniors

Please join our Chester Senior group at the Wason

Pond Community Center Every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m., if you are 55 years of age or older for coffee and good company. This a very friendly group of people and you will really enjoy yourself.

DIY Sharpie Masks Craft for Kids + Teens

"Tie-Dye" a mask with Sharpies and rubbing alcohol at the Chester Library on Thursday, March 10, at 4 p.m. Limited To 10 People. Registration Is Required.

Crafting Club

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) and meet other crafters at the Chester Library on Wednesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. Registration Is Required.

Diamond Painting Craft for Adults

Make a beautiful floral-themed diamond painting at the Chester Library on Thursday, March 24, at 6 p.m. This program is Free and instruction will be provided. Please note that the "diamonds" are tiny, so bring reading glasses if needed. Each attendee can take theirs

home to complete. Limited To 7 People. Registration Is Required.

Adult Afternoon Book Group

This Chester Library group will be meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 1 p.m., to Discuss 'The Stranger in the Woods' by Michael Finkel. New members always welcome. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Adult Evening Book Club

This Chester Library group will be meeting on Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. Discussing The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Storytime

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

HAMPSTEAD

Leprechaun Hunt

A Leprechaun Treasure Hunt starts on Monday, March 14 and runs through Thursday, March 17. To cele-

brate St. Patrick's Day, children can pick up a treasure "map" at the front desk. Solve the puzzle to earn 3 pieces of (chocolate) leprechaun gold. The treasure hunt is available during regular Hampstead Library hours.

Teen Book Discussion

Starting Friday, March 11, Books are available for the Teen Book Discussion of They Called Us Enemy by George Takei at the Hampstead Library. This graphic memoir recounts actor/author/activist George Takei's childhood imprisoned within American concentration camps during World War II. The book discussion takes place on Wednesday, April 6 at 4 p.m. It is most suitable for students in grades 7 through 12. The event is part of the multi-town Community Read occurring in spring 2022.

Teen Art Night

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) plans a Teen Art Night on Wednesday, March 16 from 4 - 6 p.m., at the Hampstead Library. This event is open to all middle

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and high school students. There are new art supplies to use, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Participants are also free to bring a project from home that they've been working on.

Art Exhibit

There is a new Art Exhibit in the Hampstead Public Library's second floor meeting room for the month of March and the featured artist is Lyn Kutzelman. Lyn is a longtime NH resident who taught at the Atkinson Learning Center and founded the Hampstead Academy. After retiring in 2018, she pursued her interest in art and recently she tried acrylic-pouring. Lyn finds it to be relaxing and it gives her an opportunity to explore her love of art. Come view her

beautiful and colorful work this month.

Art Demo

Lyn Kutzelman gives a special Art Presentation at the Hampstead Public Library on Saturday March 26 at 11 a.m. Come listen to her inspiring self-taught journey, and see how she creates her paintings. Lyn shows examples of her process, and demonstrates how participants can create their own acrylic-pouring art. This is an in-person event at the Library. Please register in advance via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411.

Sudden Sea For Book Group

The Hampstead Public Library's Nonfiction Book Club is reading Sudden Sea: The Great Hurricane of 1938 by R.A. Scotti and discusses it on Tuesday, April 5 at 1

p.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow. The Great Hurricane of 1938 left a wake of death and destruction across seven states. It wiped out beach communities along the New York and New England coast, flooded the Connecticut Valley, and flattened Vermont's prized maples. Drawing upon newspaper accounts, personal testimony of survivors, and archival footage, Sudden Sea recounts that terrifying day in gripping detail.

Old Man In Mountain

David Neilsen, the last caretaker of the Old Man of the Mountain, gives a presentation at the Hampstead Public Library on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. He discusses his experience and the lasting legacy of this granite structural icon. David's father Niels was caretaker starting in 1965, and David followed

in his footsteps by becoming caretaker in 1991 until its collapse in 2003. Please register in advance for this in-person event via the Events Calendar.

Flower Lantern Workshop

The Hampstead Public Library has a Lotus Flower Lantern Craft Workshop on Saturday, March 12 at 11 a.m. Join Younhee Shin from the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project to learn how to make a lantern. Younhee will be instructing via Zoom. You have the option to join virtually from home, or you can come to the Library and view the presentation on a big screen. If watching from home, please pick up your lantern materials in advance from the Library. Please register.

Volunteers Needed

The Friends of the

Hampstead Public Library are seeking volunteers to work in the Elaine David Thrift Shop at the Library. Help process donations, get an advance peek at store merchandise, and work with a friendly crew. Volunteers are generally scheduled in 2-hour shifts. Whether you can help weekly or monthly, anytime you can give is greatly appreciated. The Shop is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., on Tuesdays and Saturdays. For further information, visit the Shop, email HampsteadFriends@gmail.com, or leave a message by calling the Library 603-329-6411.

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.

Bricks For Library

Individuals, clubs and businesses can purchase a brick for the Hampstead Public Library's Pavilion Project fundraiser. The bricks will be part of a walkway from parking lot to pavilion. Each brick can be personalized. Bricks can be purchased by filling out a form at the Library or visit www.fun-

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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.

SANDOWN

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.

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.

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

Join the Sandown Library on Monday mornings 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.

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

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.

Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and

you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have Legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc. Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the pro-

gram has started, so please arrive on time. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and youthservices@sandownlibrary.us

Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning sign language, and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers At the Sandown Library. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under and will take place on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children with their parent/caregiver. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email youthservices@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

Story Hour

Come join the Sandown Library for fun with stories, songs, puppets and more. This themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This event will take place on Thursdays from 10

- 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. director@sandownlibrary.us.

REGIONAL

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

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Free Summer Enrichment Program Available for Students

A free summer enrichment program will be available to help students throughout the state who have experienced learning loss, and assist them in a personalized, small-group setting.

Prenda, the same entity that helped the NH Department of Education launch its Recovering Bright Futures program, is now offering Prenda Discovery Summer Camp. The enrichment program will be available to all NH students from kindergarten through eighth-grade.

"While the pandemic has resulted in missed learning opportunities for many children, summer learning programs can

empower youth and narrow achievement gaps," said Frank Edelblut, commissioner of education. "This free educational platform will offer project-based and collaborative summer learning that targets creativity in the arts, technology, science and engineering."

The Prenda Discovery Summer Camp is being offered in four, two-week segments, and runs from July 5 through Aug. 26. The summer learning program will be led by Prenda Guides in various loca-

tions, including homes, libraries, community centers, dance studios and more.

"This is a unique opportunity for families to support their students in setting summer goals, conquering their academic needs, collaborating with peers and exploring growth," said Kimberly Greiner of Prenda.

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