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## **Voters Elect New Councilor, Pass School Budget in Derry**

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - There were just 3,000 registered voters casting their choices at the Tuesday, March 8, town and school elections and those residents passed all the articles on the school and town ballots. They also voted in a number of candidates.

There were 2,814 voters that made their way to the Calvary Bible Church in East Derry out of the 19,262 total registered voters.

For the candidates running for elected Town positions, there were only four contested races.

For the Town Councilor at Large, a three-year term seat, Douglas Flood was the overwhelming winner with 1,820 votes and David Love's 889.

For Town Councilor of District 4, one seat was available for a three-year term and incumbent Brian Chirichiello got 207 votes and narrowly defeated Nick Sands who finished with 195.

The District 2 Town Councilor seat for a threeyear term had incumbent Charlie Foote running unopposed and receiving 735 votes.

The six-year Supervisor of the Checklist opening had Judy Strakalaitis win-

**Chester Annual Town Meeting** 

ning with 1,544 votes. Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien had 748 and Maria Toledo had 265 votes.

The Derry Public Library Trustee had two seats available with Elizabeth Greenberg getting 1,210 votes, Caitlin Powers getting 1,276 and Victoria Austin getting 874.

The two, three-year Taylor Library Trustee seats had Lynne H. Townsend receiving 1,590 votes and Raymond Fontaine getting 1,494 votes.

The one, two-year Taylor Library Trustee seat had Angel Fontaine getting continued on page 2



The Hampstead Fire Department will finally have the renovations the town has been looking for with voters passing the \$1,745,793 Warrant Article during the Tuesday, March 8 election. Photo by Chris Paul

## **Hampstead Voters Pass Fire Station, Reject Central School**

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS •

HAMPSTEAD - On Tuesday, March 8, there were 2,246 ballots cast at the Hampstead School and Town Elections out of the 6,112 registered voters in town. Residents voted to move forward with the addition and renovation of the Hampstead Fire Station at a cost of \$1,745,793, but declined raising and appropriating \$12,595,000 for the Hampstead Central School Addition Project.

They also voted to make Zoning

Board or Adjustments seats an elected position rather than an appointed one. Below are the results of the election

for the town and the school. **TOWN BALLOT** Selectman (2 elected): Laurie Warnock - 1,240 Joe Guthrie - 1,155 Lewis Eaton III - 1,069 Planning Board (2 elected): Robert Weimar - 1,061 Ryan C. Gray - 958 Robert Villella - 748 continued on page 3

#### **Passes Public Works Change** CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - Just over 500 registered voters came out for the Tuesday, March 8 to vote on a number item

on the town ballot before the second half of the town meeting that took place on Thursday, March 10.

At the election on Tuesday there were 12 positions voted on, with five of them being contested, and there were also a number of Planning Board questions.

Chuck Myette was reelected for another threeyear term, beating his challenger 352 to 178.

Michael Scott, was reelected for a two-year term with 486 votes.

sor of the Checklist, Sara Jane Bibeau had 342 votes elected for a five-year term over Nic Tranquillo's 131 votes to win a six-year term position.

Fund had Thomas Paton three-year term seat.

Ronald McKinnon, Jr. was the only name on the ballot and got 404 votes for a two-year term. The other Library Trustee seat, Debtwo two-year term seats and the three-year seat votes and Mary Richardremain empty.

For Village Cemetery Incumbent Selectmen, Trustee, Richard Bellemore was elected for a Board seats, Jonathan Eckthree-year term with 492 votes.

The Great Hills Ceme-The Town Moderator, tery Trustee had Penny Henderson winning the five-year seat with 268 votes over Richard Belle- votes. In the race for Supervi- more with 230 votes.

Lorna Hazelton was as a Wilcomb Townsend Trustee with 470 votes.

Beth Swanson won the The Trustee of the Trust one-year term seat of the Wilcomb Townsend getting 449 votes for the Trustees with 252 votes. Elizabeth Liacos had 81 For Budget Committee, votes, Kathryn Burke had 78 and Terry Kennett got 54 votes.

For the three-year orah Munson had 379 son had 435 votes for the two seats open.

For the two School erman got 278 votes and Sabrina Harris had 262 votes to win the three-year term seats. Valerie Weider had 237 votes and Alex Nolan Bartels had 171

## **Sandown Voters Pass All But Three Articles on Ballot**

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - There were under 1,000 residents of Sandown that made their way to the polls on Tuesday, March 8, and all but three articles were passed by those voters. There were not many contested races on the ballot and the only warrant articles that failed were three citizen' petitions.

For Selectman, incumbents Eric Olsen and Tom Tombarello were running unopposed for their threeyear seats and Tombarello wound up with 736 votes while Olsen got 626.

For Planning Board's three-year seat, John White was the only name on the ballot and he got 742 votes. Nobody filed for the oneyear seat and two write in names got three votes each.

For Chief of Police, Joe Gordon was re-elected with 814 votes.

Kevin Major was reelected as the Town Moderator with 820 votes.

The only contested race was for Supervisor of the Checklist, and Lisa Butler won that seat with 423 vote. Diane Thompson finished with 253 votes.

Fire Engineers David Farrar and Mark Van Auken both were voted into the two, three-year spots.

Carroll Bassett had 809 votes and was re-elected to his three-year seat as a Management Capital Res-

Cemetery Trustee. The two Library Trustee seats went to Carol Busby and Carol Fournier with 702 and 666 votes respectively.

For the Budget Committee's one-year seat, Stephen Brown and Ben Sharpe both won seats and for the threeyear seat, Dave Solomon won with 47 votes as a write-in candidate.

Arlene Bassett had 815 votes for the three-year seat as a Trustee of the Trust Fund.

Article 2: Raising \$4,924,224 for the town's Operating Budget passed. Yes - 496, No - 410.

Article 3: To raise \$162,044 for the Road Improvement programs. Passed: Yes - 775, No - 136. Special Article 4: To raise \$547,500 to be added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. Passed: Yes - 549, No - 372. Special Article 5: To raise \$150,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. Passed: Yes -470, No - 450.

Special Article 6: To raise \$10,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. Passed: Yes -504, No - 406.

Article 7: To raise \$54,000 for a per diem firefighter and/or EMT with no benefits. Passed: Yes - 644, No - 284.

Article 8: To raise \$10,000 for the Stormwater

erve fund. Passed: Yes -534, No - 389.

Article 9: To raise \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. Passed: Yes - 616, No - 311.

Article 10: To raise \$28,245 for treatment aquatic invasive plants in Phillips Pond. Passed: Yes -546, No - 381.

Article 11: To create a Phillips Pond Expandable Trust Fund with \$500. Passed: Yes - 553, No - 375.

Article 12: To raise \$7,500 to be added to the Government Building Capital Reserve Fund. Passed: Yes - 514, No - 407.

Article 13: To raise \$50,000 to be added to the Plowing Capital Reserve Fund. Passed: Yes - 685, No - 238.

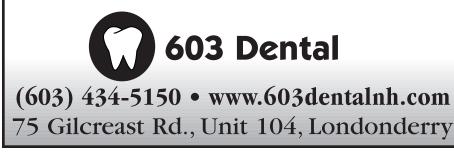
Article 14: To raise \$8,000 to be added to the Old Home Day Celebration Capital Reserve Fund. Passed: Yes - 534, No - 400. Article 15: To raise \$4,500 for fireworks with a date to be determined by Selectmen. Passed: Yes -509, No - 427.

#### School Ballot

School Board: For the one, three-year seat, Mark Sherwood had 597 votes to win over Steven Maglio with 309.

Budget Committee: Sierra M. Dolce took the one, three-year seat with 705 votes.

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!



Article 2: Timberlane Operating Budget of \$75,753,607. Passed: Yes -698, No - 241.

Article 3: One year Collective Bargaining Agreement of \$135,552 for Timberlane Administrative Assistants/Secretaries and Skilled Maintenance Union. Passed: Yes - 512, No - 418.

Article 4: Authorization of Special Meeting on Cost Items if Article 3 is defeated. Passed: Yes - 499, No - 411.

Article 5: Three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Timberlane Custodians Union of \$137,283 in first year; \$99,146 in second and \$119,050 in third year for a total of \$355,479. Passed: Yes - 505, No - 420.

#### Derry continued from page 1

1,904 votes.

The one, one-year Taylor Library Trustee seat receiving 1,891 votes.

For Town Clerk, Daniel Healey got 2,027 votes for the three-year opening.

The two-year Town Moderator position had Tina Guilford receiving 2,048 votes.

The one, three-year Trustee of the Trust Funds seat had Craig Cunningham elected with 1,917 votes.

There is also a non-binding question on the ballot. The question: Are you in favor of legalizing recreational cannabis (marijuana) in NH? Had a vote of 1,528 in favor and 815 opposed.

On the School Ballot there were 11 candidates running for the three, threeyear School Board seats.

Regional School District of Special Meeting on Cost Items if Article 5 is defeated. Passed: Yes - 500, No -412.

> Article 7: Three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Timberlane Food Service Workers Union of \$40,887 in first year; \$26,464 in second and \$33,450 in third year for a total of \$100,801. Passed: Yes - 511, No - 412.

> Article 8: Authorization of Special Meeting on Cost Items if Article 7 is defeated. Passed: Yes - 498, No -405.

> Article 9: Capital Reserve Fund by Surplus. To raise \$250,000 to be placed in the School Building Construction, Capital Improve-

Brenda Willis, David Clapp and Jonathan Dugan were the winners.

Brenda Willis had 1,479 votes; David Clapp had 1,407; Jonathan Dugan had had Samantha Hamlin 1,358. Other candidates: Daniel Ferrarini-125; Elizabeth LaFauci-656; Brian Pennell-171; Lynn Perkins-613; Stephen Schaefer-268; Butch Timpe-645; Maria Toledo-224; and Richard Tripp-574.

There were also six warrant articles to vote on.

Article 2: The School District Operating Budget. The operating budget has been set at \$94,252,087. Passed: Yes -1,763, No - 522.

Article 3: Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Derry School Board and the Derry Education Association. Estimated increase of \$1,052,136 in 2022-23; 1,072,710 in 2023-24; and \$1,090,590 in 2024-25. Passed: Yes -

Article 6: Authorization ment and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund. Passed: Yes - 469, No - 445. Article 10: Acceptance of Reports. Passed: Yes -

678, No - 209.

Article 11: Citizen's Petition Question. Do you support the Timberlane Regional School District's requirement for a facemask mandate? Failed: Yes - 332, No - 559.

Article 12: Citizen's Petition Question. To withdraw membership from the New Hampshire School Administrators Association. Failed: Yes - 333, No - 526.

Article 13: Citizen's Petition Question. To withdraw membership from the NH School Boards Association. Failed: Yes - 336, No -530.

1,760, No - 781.

Article 4: Special meeting cost item if Article 3 fails. Passed: Yes - 1,803, No - 670.

Article 5: Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Derry School Board and the Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council No. 93, Local 1801. Estimated increase of \$268,937 in 2022-23 and \$189,002 in 2023-24. Passed: Yes 1,765, No - 752.

Article 6: Special meeting cost item if Article 5 fails. Passed: Yes - 1,822, No - 679.

Article 7: Allow School Board to enter an agreement with the Next Charter School to modify the term/ duration of its lease of space at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School allowing the Charter School to finance the construction of improvements to the leased space. Passed: Yes - 2,000, No - 507.



## Hampstead Planning Board Reviews, Continues Applications

#### ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Planning Board held its meeting on March 7.

During the meeting one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to a amended site plan for boat storage at 24 Hazel Dr.

Tim Lavelle from James M. Lavelle and Associates was representing the owners at the meeting.

the original plan was for it to be boat storage and has been expanded to show a buffer restoration plan.

Lavelle presented the board with a letter earlier in the day with an estimate for the landscaping and indicated a cost of \$8,250 for the 40 plantings. He said that he also dropped off a set of plans to the Building Dept/Code Enforcement earlier that day so that they

Lavelle explained that could weigh in.

It was noted by Lavelle that it was difficult to get pricing or a commitment call a nursery supplier dirfor the number of trees needed to restore the buffer. Selectmen Ex-Officio

Sean Murphy said that he thinks that there are a lot of unanswered questions in regards to the proposed amendments.

Town Engineer Steve

proposed for the plan.

His suggestion was to ectly and noted that Canadian Hemlock might be a into the landscape plan.

The Board ultimately unanimously approved until the April 4 meeting.

Also during the meet-Keach said that it wouldn't ing Planning Board Chair be an easy task to get the Stephen Wentworth read a

large number of trees being letter from Meridian Land Tel Noar. In the letter they asked for a continuance to September 2022.

With a vote of 6 to 1 the good variety to incorporate Board voted to extend the conditional approval until the Sept. 6 meeting.

In other news Planning continuing the application Board member Bob Villella recognized Chuck Ashford for the three years of Planning Board meeting is service he has given to the Planning board.

Pond Notes" on the mail-

box in order for people to

with putting the mailbox

out there," said Commis-

to take a photo of the book

sion Chair Chris Hadik

"I don't see a problem

know what it is.

Alternative member DJ Services regarding Camp Howard noted that he was interested in continuing as an alternative member of the Board. It was also noted that Susan Hastings, another alternative member would need to express her interest if she wants to continue as an alternative member since her term is up as well.

The next Hampstead slated to take place on April 4 at 7 p.m.

It was suggested by

Selectmen Liaison Chuck

Myette that they make the

mailbox as natural looking

as possible so it blends in

in favor of the mailbox to be

Hampstead Central School

put up there for the notes.

The Commission ulti-

with the rest of the area.

#### Pond ason ailbox nission A pproves put something like "Wason it in case it goes missing.

#### ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the March 7 Wason Pond Conservation Commission meeting the Commission heard from Chester resident Mary Dutton regarding a proposal to put a mailbox up on the bench overlooking the pond.

#### Hampstead

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Library Trustee (2 elected): Veronica Shelly - 1,133 Kristina L. Durocher - 927 Robert O'Brien - 705 **Town Moderator:** Neil Reardon - 1,739 **Trustee of the Cemeteries** Stephen Wentworth - 1,657 **Budget** Committee Lilli Walsh 1,563 Supervisor of the Checklist Angeline Gorham 1,660 **Trustee of the Trust Funds** (3-year term) Maria Kuhl - 1,634 **Trustee of the Trust Funds** (2-year term) Kristina George - 1,588 Article 2: Zoning: Yes - 1,669, No - 438 Article 3: Zoning: Yes - 1,694, No - 379 Article 4: Zoning:

She explained that a few years ago she had a tupperware container with a rock on top of it where people could put different notes and photos in as they went walking on the path. "It was really nice,"

said Dutton.

She explained that a year ago, she went there and it was gone.

Yes - 1,650, No - 402 Article 5: Town Budget of \$8,118,812. Yes - 1,650, No - 402 Article 6: Addition and Renovation of the Fire Station. Yes - 1,203, No - 993 Article 7: Establish a Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. Yes - 1,215, No - 895 Article 8: Allowing Selectman to sell Town's interest in leasing land at Kent Farm Transfer Station. Yes - 1073, No - 1,008 Article 9: Appropriating \$15,000 for a Town Forest Maintenance Account. Yes - 1652, No - 464 Article 10: Placing Conservation Easements on a number of properties in town. Yes - 1843, No - 287 Article 11: To raise and appro-

Dutton explained that do," said Dutton. her proposal was to put up a mailbox with a book in it her son is a carpenter and in order to keep it out of bad weather. She wanted to get permission from the Commission before doing so.

She also noted that she has one in her yard as well and many people stop by to leave notes.

"It's just a nice thing to

the existing Building Repairs and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Yes - 1,413, No - 731 Article 12: To raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the existing Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund. Yes - 1.352, No - 800 Article 13: \$6,800 for Rockingham County Community Action. Yes - 1,314, No - 814 Article 14: \$17,142 for CART. Yes - 1,273, No - 842 Article 15: To raise and appropriate \$500 for CASA. Yes - 1,415, No - 688 Article 16: Freeze school portion of taxes for those on fixed incomes. Yes - 1,019, No - 1,119 priate \$10,000 to be placed in Article 17: Change the

She said that if the Comattached to the bench then he could build a post for attach it to it.

ment from appointed positions to elected positions.

SCHOOL BALLOT **School Board Member** (1-year seat) Dr. Karl Hubner - 1,560 **School Board Member** (3-year seat) David Smith - 1.644

Article 1: Raise and appropriate \$12,595,000 for the Hampstead Central School Addition Project (3/5 ballot vote required). Article Failed. Yes - 1.146. No - 1,084

Article 3: To raise and appropriate an operating budget, in order to have a record of \$31,671,796? totaling Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$31,972,403, which is the same as last year. Yes

- 1,709, No - 490 Article 4: Capital Reserve Fund: Raise and appropriate up to \$500,000 to be placed in the School Renovation, Reconstruction and Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006. Yes - 1,408, No - 752 Article 5: Hampstead Central School Lot Line Adjustment: Raise and appropriate \$17,738 for the acquisition of approximately 3,434 sq.

and to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated January 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 Avenue for

A suggestion made was mately voted unanimously

the purposes of resolving an existing encroachment of vehicular traffic and utilities by the School. Yes - 1,576, No - 604

Article 6: Acceptance of Reports. Yes - 1,849, No -249



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Dutton explained that would be the one who would build the mailbox. mission doesn't want it the mailbox and then to go there every so often

She said that she would

Zoning Board of Adjust-Yes - 1.699, No - 415



### **Read Across America**

March is marked in many local applications, college textbooks, or schools as Read Across America month, and celebrates children's author Dr. Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Seuss's birthday was March 2, where month long celebrations are taking place all over.

Staying true to the famed children's author, school activities focus on reading.

While the National Education Association created Read Across America, no matter what people think of unions, we hope everyone can agree on the importance of reading and of reading to children early and often. Whether it's dressing up as the Cat in the Hat, creating green eggs and ham, serving as a "celebrity reader" in a local elementary school, or just cuddling up to your child to read them a bedtime story. Read Across America reminds us of the importance of what could easily become a lost art in the rush of life today.

There's not a more important factor in future success than the ability and the desire to read. Most of us take our ability to read for granted, even though we use the skill everyday. Research shows that kids who spend time reading recreationally perform better in school whether it's by reading traffic signs, employment exam questions. Reading follows us through our lives.

Read Across America isn't just for kids. There is great enjoyment to be had from sitting by a warm fire or relaxing by a pool and letting a good book transport you to another world. If your child asks you to spend a little extra time reading at home this week, go for it. In the midst of busy and out of control schedules, it will be time well spent. While you're at it, schedule a trip to the children's room at your local library. Seeing an entire building filled with books can open up yet another memorable reading experience for your child.

There is also great enjoyment to be had from learning something new from and informative nonfiction on your favorite figure or subject. Whatever the genre, there's nothing quite like getting lost in a good book, this habit starts young.

Read Across America underscores the importance of the simple act of picking up a book and getting lost in its story. You can read on your phone, you can read on a computer, a paper, and best of all, you can read a book. When you read to a child, you're building memories for both of you. As Dr. Seuss wrote, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pickup a book and read to a child.



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## Letters

Way to go, Hampstead!

To the editor,

Once again, Hampstead voters have shown that they vote with their brains, not their hearts, and wisely supported the Firehouse Renovations and rejected the ill-conceived Central School Addition.

The Fire Department will finally have the necessary space and facilities to accommodate the newer, increasing demands of the Operations Emergency Center, a far cry from the original, "just firefighting" duties of years past.

I can personally attest to their professionalism: the unbelievably quick response of Chief Carrier and his crew 18 months ago when my wife suffered a fatal heart attack, as well as the care and human compassion they exhibited toward me and my daughters while at my home and afterwards, were truly exceptional and commendable.

Hampstead should truly be proud and honor our Fire and Emergency personnel.

On the other hand, the problems of Central School remain unresolved as Article #2 was soundly

51.4% of the votes, compared to 55.6% last year.

Taxpayers were certainly not buying the bromide the School Board was handing out in spite of the huge campaign mounted by Hampstead Hearts.

But an alarming irregularity happened in January that went unnoticed by many.

When the final cost of Article #2 was disclosed for the FIRST TIME—just before the January Public Hearing deadline-it had a huge surprise: the total cost ballooned had \$9,070,000 last year to \$12,595,000 this year.

That is a difference of \$3,525,000, without any known changes/additions in scope!!

David Smith attributes the higher cost to "inflation, labor, materials." He further claims that the cost was actually over \$13 million but "we removed items like a 2nd elevator."

they change? Why the firm: that's added, unnecsecrecy?

Whatever the reason, that proposal is dead. We must now regroup and readdress the Central School issue. Fortunately, we have a

defeated, getting just new, level-headed, pragmatic superintendent worthy of the name and are free of the shackles and infighting of the erstwhile Timberlane-Hampstead conundrum: we are now masters of our destiny.

> Hopefully the School Board will take a dispassionate, practical approach toward solving the Central School space issues, just as we did in the 1994, when we finished the Middle School by approving the last successful bond issue.

Best part is we are not starting from scratch. We from own two variants of Breadloaf Architects 2014 plans which detail the additional classrooms, Music Room, elevators, maintenance space and bathrooms to complete the Central School building by closing the courtyard and thus minimizing the heat loss caused by the strong winds that blow from the South.

But first, dismiss Tri-Yeah? What else did dent, the management essary overhead; the rest I'll discuss in subsequent letters.

> Well done, Hampstead

> > Jorge Mesa-Tejada Hampstead

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## **Special Exception for Parking Dump Truck Denied by Derry ZBA**

HENRY GREENBAUM NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the THursday, March 3, meeting, the Derry Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA), the board discussed an application for a special exception by Jennifer Gagnon and Jonathan Hernandez requesting to be allowed to have a dump truck parked at their property located on 45 Damren Road.

The request came after several neighbors filed a complaint against the couple for parking the vehicle in their driveway.

"The [special exception's] sole purpose is just follow-up questions from to get Jonathan to and from work. We were notified that there were other similar dump trucks in Derry that have already been

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approved for this special home in 2020. The truck "I know they say nothing and Mr. Hernandez] and over the general safety of exception," said Jennifer Gagnon. "In addition, at the top of our street is a campground so it becomes high traffic with RVs and campers coming through that are of the same size if not larger than ours... Nothing business related is happening on site. There are no contractors reporting to us and there is no loading going on."

Ms. Gagnon made it clear that the special exception is only so Mr. Hernandez can drive to work and back. No other business would be conducted on the property.

After answering some the ZBA, Ms. Gagnon addressed the complaints that were placed against her and Mr. Hernandez. She said, "We purchased our

had been parked on our property since that point and nothing came to be an issue until a year later with the neighbor that made the complaint. It just seems very odd to me that it was fine for a year. Nothing was made known until then... I am concerned that it is going to become one neighbor has a concern and voices out to friends and it becomes retaliation against us versus what a concern really is."

Chairman Lynn Perkins asked Code Enforcement Director Robert Mackey to weigh in on the situation as the complaints were filed to his office.

"This did start about a year ago. We started getting some complaints regarding the parking of the vehicle," said Mr. Mackey.

goes on at the property, but the business is registered to that [home] address, through the Secretary of State so we have to look at that as a business. The truck itself, again, I understand that they are saying that it is their transportation, but we have always looked at it as something you would typically associate with the normal accessory use of a single family. With those two things taken into consideration, we told them that they needed permission from the Zoning Board if they wanted to continue this."

Chairman Perkins opened the floor to the public and Erica Weir of 46 Damren Rd., came forward in support of the special exception. "I live across the

we live on a really busy road," said Ms. Weir. "We live by the golf course like [Ms. Gagnon] said and ATVs come through all the time so [the dump truck] has not caused any issues for us."

Terrence Doyle of 48 Damren Road then came forward in opposition to the special exception. "I don't believe that it meets the criteria for special exception," said Mr. Doyle. "This is due to paragraph C [in the Zoning Ordinance]. The vibration, the noise and noxious fumes...It is not parked on the pavement. We are surrounded by the Cole Marsh which is directly behind [their] property."

Several neighbors continued to come forward street from [Ms. Gagnon expressing their concerns

the neighborhood with the dump truck parked on Ms. Gagnon's and Mr. Hernandez's property. One neighbor made the point that kids are likely to get injured by the dump truck since they leave for their bus stop in the dark at the same time Mr. Hernandez would be leaving for work.

A couple reported to the ZBA that the dump truck was invasive to their own property as it sat very close to their porch. Most of the neighbors who came forward in opposition also expressed their concerns over the noxious fumes that Mr. Doyle had previously mentioned.

After deliberating the case, the ZBA voted 3-2 to not approve the application with Chairman Perkins being the tie breaker.

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## **Sandown Conservation Commission Discuss Grafitti at Great Rock**

#### ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the March 10 Sandown Conservation Commission meeting the board heard from Matt Russell regarding graffiti at Great Rock.

He explained that he dog sat for a friend last week with his wife and took the dog for a walk in the Town forest. He said

a long time, and that he was on the Conservation Commission for 14 years and was involved in the purchase of the property.

When Russell was walking through the woods he saw the condition that Great Rock is in .

saw the graffiti that was there," said Russell.

that he hadn't been there in wanted to find out the sta- discussions about it five would be possible to set up sion to do something. tus was for getting it fixed. years ago. She said that a trail cam there.

> "I'm interested in finding out what the plan is if there is a plan," said Russell. Conservation Chair-

> man Brian Butler said that the Commission was also upset about it.

"We're distressed about "Much to my distress I it ourselves," said Butler.

> Conservation member Pam Gaudreau said she

members from the Comissues there.

Russell said that it is a crime to graffiti the rock and other public property.

"This is the law being broken," said Russell.

One question that was asked by Selectmen liaison Russell said that he remembered they first had Darren Hudgins was if it

Butler said it was possimission went there to clean ble to do that but said he it up and there were a lot of has a "sour feeling," about it but would be willing to try again.

He said that previously they were stolen. He said that the price has come down and they can look at making sure they are more secure if they put them up again.

Russell said that he thinks it's important to get the message out that it is not legal to do.

Russell said he was 24 at 7 p.m. challenging the Commis-

"I think just sitting and not doing anything is defeatist," said Russell.

Russell said he is willing to put the time and effort into helping out as well.

Butler said he would keep him in mind if they have any opening on the Commission. Butler also said that he thinks it's a multi prong approach in order to fix the problem.

The next Sandown Conservation Commission meeting is slated for March

## The Derry Superintendent Search **Committee Seeks Community Input** Now a survey is avail- teachers Meg Morse-Barry, challenges facing the Derry

#### ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry School District is in search of a new Superintendent and the search committee is looking for the community's help.

Earlier this year the Derry School Board approved the hiring of the NH School Boards Association to facilitate the superintendent search. The District is working with P. Alan Pardy of The Bryan Group.

The hiring came after the current Derry Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian announced that she would be retiring at the end of the school year.

able online in order to get feedback from members of the community.

"The Superintendent Search Committee, comprised of a cross-section of stakeholders, needs your input to help guide the search for a new superintendent. Please take this short survey to ensure your voice is heard," the post read." Hard copies of this survey will be at the Superintendent's office at 18 Main St., which is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The deadline for completing the survey is March 18."

The 12 members of the search committee include and Kelly Carey, teaching assistants Cheryl Morin, and Kate Gleason, School Board Erika Cohen, Brenda Willis, and Jessica Ring, school based administrators Chris McCallum, and Kim Carpentino.

The search committee also includes two parents Amity Ziegler, and Michele Battaglia, along with Jerold White, Assistant Director of Student Services for the District.

Some of the questions ask what constituent group people belong to what they consider the most significant strengths of the Derry Cooperative School District, what they consider as the most significant

Cooperative School District, and what are the most important personal qualities for the next superintendent just to name a few. The survey link is sur-

veymonkey.com/r/35RYG FF

In addition to the survey, the search committee is continuing to have meetings which are open to the public. It was noted that like all other committee meetings, the public isn't allowed to comment.

The next superintendent search committee meeting is to take place on March 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the West Running Brook Middle School Cafeteria.

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Joanna Rose (Miceli) Passanise Joanna Rose (Miceli) Passanise, 81, of Chester, NH passed away on Friday afternoon, swiftly and peacefully, on

OBITUARY

March 11, 2022 at the Elliot Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 13, 1940 in

Boston, MA to Theresa (Azzalino) and

Bruno J. Miceli. Joanna was raised in Somerville, attended local schools, and graduated from Somerville High School in the class of 1958. She went on to marry her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Domenic Passanise in June of 1963. The couple moved to Burlington, MA where they raised their family and resided for 50 years. Joanna spent her career as a Business Manager at various local businesses. In recent years, she and Domenic have made their home in Chester, NH.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed spending time at Old Orchard and Myrtle Beaches. Joanna and Domenic traveled to all 50 states together and even made a trip to the Arctic Circle. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who will be greatly missed.

Joanna is survived by her loving husband, Domenic Passanise; her children, Terri Conley of North Reading, MA, Lisa Ferrone of Merrimack, NH, Lynne Lindsey and her husband Chris of Manchester, NH, and Joseph Passanise and his wife Marie of Hampstead, NH; her grandchildren, Stephanie, Stephen, Adore, Andrea, Christopher, Ashlee, Michael, Kyle, Rachel, and Matthew; her siblings, Marie Sullivan, Terry Tarello, Irene Ballard, and Angela Grenham; as well as five great-grandchildren.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, March 15 from 5 - 8 p.m., at the Carrier Family Funeral Home, 38 Range Road, Windham, NH 03087. A Funeral Mass took place on Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m., at St. Anne's Parish, 26 Emerson Street, Hampstead, NH. Private interment will be held at West Hampstead Cemetery in Hampstead, New Hampshire at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements are in the care of the Carrier Family Funeral Home. For directions or to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.carrierfuneralhome.com.

## **Sarah Muncey Named as Next Chester Academy Principal**

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester School Board approved the hiring of Sarah Muncey to be the next principal of Chester Academy during their March 9 School Board meeting.

Muncey is expected to begin on July 1. Current principal Karen Lacroix announced in December that she would be resigning at the end of the school year.

"The appointment follows a rigorous search process conducted by a commit- mented how fortunate we tee of students, paraeducators, teachers, parents, administrators, and board members," an email from Chester Superintendent Sharon Locke read.

Locke said that they had 12 qualified applications that were screened and six were ultimately interviewed for the position.

It was explained that Muncey was the top choice of the committee and then was further interviewed by the superintendent and school board.

'Her references com-

were to have her join us as our new leader; describing her as a dedicated studentcentered leader who works tirelessly with her team to accomplish their goals," said Locke

Muncey, who resides in Chester, comes to Chester Academy from Hudson, where she most recently served as the district's Director of Student Wellness and as the district's **Emergency** Management Committee Facilitator.

"She is a strong advo-



Sarah Muncey

cate for family engagement and is known as a great partner in the Hudson community,"said Locke.

Recreation - \$303,849;

Conservation & Economic

Development - \$1,205; and

Article #13 - CIP Fund-

Article #15 - Highway

CIP Funding Passed. This

allows \$1,049,370 to be

added to the capital reserve

fund known as the High-

way Capital Improvement

Plan Capital Reserve Fund

established at the 2015

Meeting

\$144,370, which is the

anticipated grant amount

this year from the New

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

CIP Projects passed. A

Special Warrant Article to

sum of \$1,501,734 for

roadwork in the Town of

Chester and withdraw

Article #16 - Highway

through taxation.

with

Highway

Debt Service - \$ 2.

ing passed.

Town

Hampshire

Muncey served as the assistant principal and interim principal at Hills Garrison School for five years where she was "widely respected for implementing a Professional Learning Community structure to ensure the success of all students," according to Locke. She also has 14 years of classroom experience as a

fifth grade teacher and special educator in Derry.

Muncey is a graduate of Notre Dame College, in Manchester, , with Bachelor of Arts in

Elementary Education and a minor concentration in Special Education as well as a Master of

Education in Educational Administration from Rivier University.

"The Chester School Board, Superintendent Locke, and the Search Committee are excited to welcome her to our Chester Academy Family and look forward to arranging a visit this Spring and work with Ms.Muncey and Ms. Lacroix to plan a smooth transition," an email from Locke read.

Chester

continued from page 1 There were also six Planning Board Amendment articles on the ballot with all but one passing.

The Bed and Breakfast amendment that would prohibit conversion of a bed and breakfast in a detached structure was defeated 327 to 210.

Two days later, at the Town Meeting held at the Town Hall's multipurpose room, 14 warrant articles were discussed by a modest amount of residents.

All but one article was passed and one was amended.

Article 10, an article to enter into a long-term lease for a solar array at the town's landfill was voted to be tabled after very little comment.

Article 14, a special warrant for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) was discussed and amended at the meeting. The article went from appropriating \$760,000 to \$341,250, with the Wason Pond Causeway Bridge Reconstruction was removed from the article.

Article 11, the Discontinuance of Hart Roberts Road which will take place will take effect June 1, 2022, garnered a lot of discussion, but was passed by residents. Folks living on the road spoke saying that they have been harassed by the Road Agent and Selectmen for years.

Article #8 - The Recission of Road Agent Position was passed without much discussion. The term of the elected road agent will terminate at the 2023 Annual Town election. Further to raise and appropriate \$55,417 salary and benefits for the Supervisor of Roads position for six months in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Article #9 - Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund - Passed.

Article #12 - The town's Operating Budget of \$5,439,657 - Passed. The article breaks down the spending as follows: General Government -\$2,527,432; Public Safety \$1,545,009; Highways, raise and appropriate the Streets. Bridges \$793,138; Sanitation -\$227,750; Health & Welfare - \$41,272; Culture & \$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.

Article #17 - Funding Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund passed. A Special Warrant Article to raise \$250,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund from the unassigned fund balance.

Article #18 - PACT passed. To raise \$38,000 for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television. The funds will be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund known as the "PACT" Fund.

Article #19 - 300th Anniversary passed. It is a Special Warrant Article to raise \$5,000 to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the 300th Anniversary Celebration Capital Reserve Fund.

Article #20 - Master Plan passed. To raise \$8,000 to be added to the Town Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund.

Article #21 - Winter Road Maintenance Fund passed. Special Warrant Article to raise \$105,000 to be added to the expendable trust fund known as the Winter Road Maintenance Fund

Article #22 - Petition Warrant Article: Amend Date of Indigenous Peoples Day passed. Shall the Town vote to amend celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day to August 9.



#### OBITUARY Michael J. Walsh



Michael J. Walsh, 75, of Derry, NH died Wednesday March 9, 2022 at the High Pointe Hospice in Haverhill, MA. He was born in Waltham, MA on April 26, 1946, a son of the late Robert T. and Virginia (Deagle) Walsh. Michael

served with the US Army during the Vietnam Era. He retired from Brandeis University in Waltham where he worked as a Police Officer for 44 years. Michael enjoyed fishing and the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marlene (Hough) Walsh of Derry, one daughter, Tina Hopkins and her husband Nate of Florida, and Shawn Walsh of Derry, three grandchildren, Tyler Walsh, Averi Walsh, and Paige Walsh.

Calling hours were held on Monday March 14, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Mask usage will be at the discretion of the attendee. Graveside services with military honors were held on Tuesday at Forest Hill Cemetery, Hampstead Rd., E. Derry.

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## Astrology 101

The Chester Public Library held a workshop last month to provide a basic overview of western astrology, including the twelve zodiac signs, the ten traditional planets and the twelve houses of a natal chart. All attendees at the event were given a personalized printed copy of their birth chart by the Laundress Kate Sheridan and instructions on how to read it step-by-step. The goal is to demystify astrology in order to empower you to use your chart for self-reflection and personal growth. *Photos by Chris Paul* 

## **Artist Raises Money for Ukraine**



Local artist Lyn Kutzleman has her paintings exhibited in the second floor meeting room of the Hampstead Public Library for the month of March. Lyn has made a selection of smaller paintings available for purchase at the Hampstead Public Library and all proceeds go to the International Committee of the Red Cross to assist with needs in Ukraine. Lyn hopes people will enjoy her art and at the same time benefit the Red Cross with their purchases. If you'd like to learn more about how acrylic pouring artwork is created, Lyn is giving a presentation at the Hampstead Public Library on Saturday, March 26 at 11 a.m. Advance registration is requested via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411.

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## **Pinkerton Academy Cheerleaders Win 31st State Title**



The Pinkerton Academy Varisty Cheerleaders edged out Dover High School for their 31st chamionship last week.



The Pinkerton Academy Winter Cheerleading team continued their dominance in Division I Spirit by taking first place in the NHIAA State Championship on Thurday night, March 10 at the Hackler Gymnasium.

featured the five teams that scored the highest in the preliminary round over the prior weekend for each division. In DI, the Astros squad edged out the team from Dover High School in the preliminary with 99.6 points to Dover's 99.2.

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The State Championship squad had to really turn up their performance and managed to elevate their score to 105.2, which barely edged out the second place team of Dover, who scored 105. Salem High School was the third place finisher in the competition with a score of 102.3. Concord In the finals, the Astros High School finished in

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fourth with 93.9 and Alvirne ond-place finishes in that evening, with Windham High School took fifth with span. 91.6 points.

This is the 17th time the won 31 state titles in the Pinkerton Academy squad spring and winter comhas won the Winter Championship since 2004.

Overall, Pinkerton has

petions. Division II and Division

They have also had two sec- III also competed that

High School taking first in DII and Littleton taking first in DIII.

The Pinkerton team will move on to compete at the New England Championship over the weekend.



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On Friday, Luke Bren-

nan competed at the New

Balance Nationals Indoor

Meet, held at the world-

famous Armory Track

Center in the Washington

Heights Neighborhood of

Manhattan. Despite having an ongoing hip injury, Luke battled hard against a

field of 20 runners from all over the country in the first

heat of the Boys

Championship Two Mile

race. Luke showed his

trademark courage and

race smarts, until the

injury ended up taking him

out of the race at the One

Connors competed at the

New Balance Nationals

Indoor Meet in the Rising

Stars Girls 200 Meter

event. With 75 runners

from across the nation

competing in multiple pre-

liminary heats, Madi put in

a strong performance in

her heat setting a new

Personal Record for the

On Saturday, Madi

Mile mark.

## **Astros Tracksters Compete at Two National Indoor Championships**

Despite COVID taking away their regular indoor track season this year, six Pinkerton Academy track athletes worked hard and prestigious National level track meets hosted by New country.

Balance and Nike. Over the weekend, March 11-13, these athletes traveled to New York City to compete against the qualified to compete in fastest high school track athletes from all over the

## Athlete of the Week





Sara DiClemente Freshman, Winter Spirit

Sara helped the team win its 31st state title on Thursday by putting her big routine together perfectly for the Astros. She helped to carry the tumbling score throwing two elite passes. She wears many hats throughout the three minutes, starting the routine as a backspot, then moving to a sidebase position in our elite stunt and finally acting as a main base in the pyramid. Sara's determination was on of the driving factors behind this state championship.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office





Astros Indoor Track members, from left, Alex LeBlanc, Zackary Smith, Madi Connors, Matthew Devine and Jacob Spezzaferri. Courtesy photo

to the finals.

and event changed to the Nike Indoor Nationals Meet, held at the state-ofthe-art Ocean Breeze Staten Island.

Devine, Jacob Spezzaferri, quick subway trip into Alex LeBlanc and Zack Smith from Pinkerton night! competed in the Boys 1,600 Sprint Medley Relay. The boys ran a very strong race against a large field of talented teams from all over the country and finished in 12th place overall

Madi Connors also ran the 200 Meter race in the Nike Indoor Nationals and it and did New Hampshire

one set just the day before, the best in the country!" On Sunday, the venue but once again in a large field of talent from across the nation, did not make letes! On to Spring Outthe finals.

In addition to compet-Athletic Complex on ing hard, the kids enjoyed NHIAA rules and since their trip to the Big Apple At the Nike event, Matt and found some time for a Times Square on Saturday

> Pinkerton Academy Track Coach, Carol Quarles was very pleased with her team, "So proud of these kids! It takes a special kind of self-motivation and a dedicated work ethic to extend your season beyond what's expected of you! These kids got after

event but did not advance set a new PR, breaking the proud competing against

Quarles added, "Congratulations to these athdoor Track Season!"

Of note: Because of their regular High School indoor season was cancelled, these athletes were not able to compete as Pinkerton Athletes and wear their Astros uniforms, so they ran as unaffiliated and wore uniforms bearing "Golden Spikes Track" in the Nike event.

The Golden Spikes is the summer track program that helps PA athletes prepare for their track seasons.



## Lady Astros Hockey Squad Has Season End in Semifinals

The Pinkerton Academy of their tournament games. Girls' Hockey squad saw their season come to an end in the semifinals of the Division I State Championship last week with a 6-3 loss in the Semifinals.

The Lady Astros were spot heading into the playoffs by virtue of their 8-8 regular season record, putting them on the road for all it got for the Astros squad.

the number one seed, Oyster River-Portsmouth, 4-3 in the quarterfinals, but fell to the number five-seeded St. Thomas-Winnacunnet-Dover with that 6-3 defeat.

The Pinkerton girls kept seeded in the number nine the game close throughout the first two period and to begin the final period, but 4-3 -n the third was as close as

In the first period, junior Thomas scored first to make They were able to defeat forward Maddie Gibeault it 4-2, but Pinkerton sophoscored the first goal of the more forward Riley Dunn game but St. Thomas responded with two of their own, to go into the break at 2-1.

> In the second period there were just one goal scored for each team. Gibeault scored her second of the game and St. Thomas scored their third.

In the third period, St, ing of St. Thomas.

made it a 4-3 game with her final goal of the season.

St. Thomas went on to score two more goals in that final period for the 6-3 finish.

The number three-seeded Hanover High School was the eventual division champion with a 5-0 blank-



Junior Maddie Gibeault had two goals in semis

## **Derry Police Officers Take A Cold Plunge for a Good Cause**

23 Derry Police Department Jon Breen; Sgt. Chris Officer Joshua Morse. officers took a cold plunge Talbot; Sgt. Jared Knox; into Beaver Lake to support Sgt. Patrick Dawson; Sgt. fundraiser but did nottaking the New Hampshire Special Jeff Dawe, Officer Brian the dip were: Lt. Shawn Olympics.

Beach located on Chester Kevin Davies; Officer Tyler Road. at Beaver Lake.

Olympics New Hampshire.

The officers that partici- Officer

On Saturday, March 12, pating in the event were: Lt. Officer Sara Joyce; and Landry (and his son, Tyson); O'Donaghue; Lt. Dave What started out as an Officer Victoria Kidd; Michaud; Officer Monica ice bucket event developed Officer Ryan Panaro; Offiinto a plunge at Gallien's cer Nathan Lavoie; Officer Kennedy. Daniel; Officer Michael additional donations may The Derry Police Team Accorto; Officer Sam Troy; make them through the was able to raise over Officer Blake Martineau; Special Olympics New \$16,500.00 for Special Officer Melissa Houde; Hampshire website Officer Casey Jack Stafford;

Also, Assisting with the Ricci; and Officer Collin

Those wishing to make Noyes; www.sonh.org.



Derry Police Officers that took the plunge at Beaver Lake

#### Courtesy photo

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#### **Sexual Abuse Image Charges Derry Man Indicted On Child**

Derry was indicted by a federal grand jury on Monday and charged with one count of attempted transfer of obscene material to a minor, one count of distribution of child pornography, and one count of possession of child pornography, United States Attorney John J. Farley announced today.

Ellis was arrested on a criminal complaint on 2022, Ellis sent to the

Jason Ellis, 45, of February 16, 2022, and is being detained pending trial. The original complaint filed in court alleges that on February 12, 2021, Ellis engaged in sexually graphic online chats with an undercover law enforcement officer posing as a 13-year-old girl. During those chats, Ellis sent an image of an erect penis to the officer. In another online chat in January of

undercover officer an with assistance from the image of a nude, prepubescent female child engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

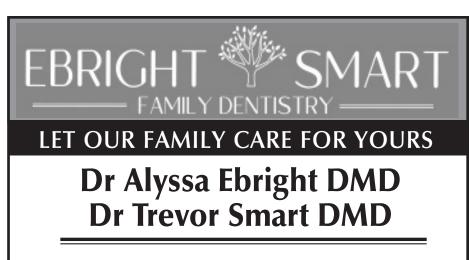
The charges in the indictment are only allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Derry Police Department.

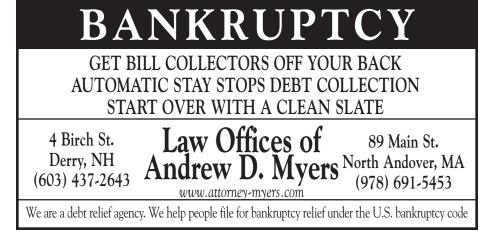
Led by the United States In February 2006, the Attorney's Offices, Project Department of Justice Safe Childhood marshals introduced Project Safe federal, state and local Childhood, a nationwide resources to better locate, initiative designed to proapprehend, and prosecute

tect children from online individuals who exploit exploitation and abuse. children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.



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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 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

would like to help go to Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

#### **Meals on Wheels**

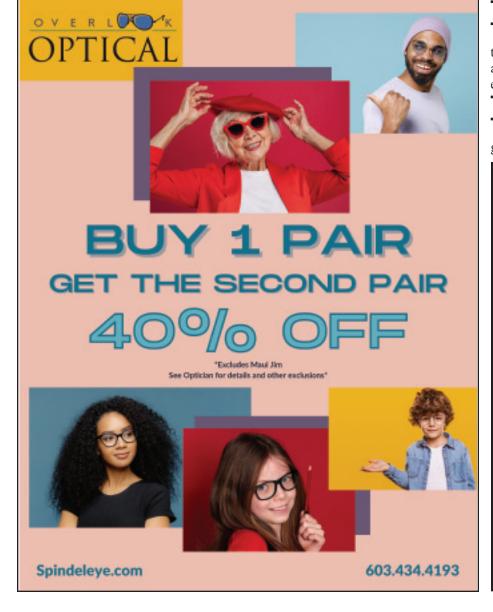
Meals on Wheels is back with in house dining Starting in February on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - noon must be 65 or better to participate. It cost \$3 per meal. Make reservations and reserving your space. Call Jess at 603-434-5148.

#### 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

**Lions Club Scholarship** Calling all Pinkerton



Academy Seniors from Chester. Each year the Chester Lions Club presents a \$1,000 scholarship to a Chester graduate of Pinkerton Academy. To apply, pick up an application form from the Guidance Office.

#### **Chester Seniors**

Please join our Chester 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. Diamond Painting Craft for

#### **Adults**

Make a beautiful floralthemed 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.

#### Storytime

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

#### **Adult Evening Book Club**

work place.

This Chester Library group will be meeting on

Discussing The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

#### HAMPSTEAD For Food Pantry

The Hampstead Public Senior group at the Wason Library is collecting donations for the St. Anne Ecumenical Food Pantry during the months of March and April. Consider helping local families in need by contributing item(s) when you visit the Library. The Pantry's Wish List of suggested items includes: Quick Bread mix, muffin mix, cinnamon, rice pilaf, grated cheese, sugar, cereal, coffee, and boxed crackers. Please do not bring expired items. Thank you in advance for your help with this community service.

#### Thrift Shop Sale

The Elaine David Thrift Shop has Bag Sale Days on Tuesday, March 22 and Saturday, March 26. It has new and gently used clothing for men, women and children. Fill a bag for only \$3! The Shop is located in the Hampstead Public Library and is staffed by dedicated volunteers from the Friends of the Library. It is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Currently, donations of spring clothing

Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. are gratefully accepted and should be dropped off when the Library is open. Stay tuned, more sale days are coming soon!

#### April Tea

The Return of the Bluebird Tea takes place at the Hampstead Public Library on Friday, April 8 at 1 p.m. The presenter is conservationist Richard Lombard. He discusses his work monitoring nest boxes which assists the eastern bluebird. It also helps the conservation for tree swallows and the American kestrel. The featured tea is "Blueberry Morning", an organic herbal tea. Seats at this event are limited. To reserve your spot, register online via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411.

#### **Story Walk**

book in New the Storywalk® on their front lawn. The Mitten by Jan Brett is shared as a mark of support for all Ukrainian libraries and citizens. In this retelling of a popular Ukrainian fairy tale, Brett has created a beautiful picture book. She brings the animals to life with warmth and humor, and her illustrations are full of delightful details faithful to the Ukrainian tradition. Come walk and read the book. If there is snow, ask to borrow continued on page 13



#### Calendar

## **continued from page 12** snowshoes from the Library.

Then you can snowshoe and read at the same time.

#### Senior Drop-in

Hampstead Seniors are invited to this month's Senior Drop-in at the Town Meeting House on March 24, from 9 -11:30 a.m. Stop in and have a cup of coffee and a snack. Karol Flanagan will be on hand to answer questions concerning senior safety and self defense. We are always at the Hampstead Meeting House (across from the Central School) on the forth Thursday of the month.

#### 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 acrylicpouring. 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.

#### 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

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#### 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.

#### **Bricks For Library**

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

or any fundraiser to benefit the Library is tax-deductible. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.

#### SANDOWN Homeschool Happenings

Looking for a place to connect with other homeschoolers in the area? This is a great opportunity where you can network with other homeschooling parents while the kids are participating in the prepared activity. Thursday, March 17, from 1 - 2:30 p.m., at the Sandown Library. This week: St. Patrick's Day Fun! Activities are geared toward ages 4 - 10 but there is an area with board games available for older children.

#### Irish Folk Dancing

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. noon. The O'Halloran Irish Dancers, a non-competitive Irish Dance team will share traditional Irish dancing. Students from the age of 4 and up learn traditional ceili and modern Irish dance for enjoyment and exhibition rather than competition. This program will be held at the Sandown Town Hall located at 320 Main St., Sandown NH.

#### 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 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.

#### Trivia Game

Are you a Trivia Pro or

just an Average Joe? Join in the fun as we play a latest edition of our popular Trivia Game at the Sandown Library on Saturday, March 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.

#### 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.

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#### 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 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

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**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 This group is limited to 10 887-3428 and youthservichildren (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

#### Legos and More

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

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#### **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 limit-

clothing that can get messy. Contact: Adrienne Skora at ed 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 Free Meals

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

#### Need a Tutor?

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## **Pinkerton Academy Cheerleaders Win 31st State Title**



The Pinkerton Academy Varisty Cheerleaders edged out Dover High School for their 31st chamionship last week.



The Pinkerton Academy Winter Cheerleading team continued their dominance in Division I Spirit by taking first place in the NHIAA State Championship on Thurday night, March 10 at the Hackler Gymnasium.

featured the five teams that scored the highest in the preliminary round over the prior weekend for each division. In DI, the Astros squad edged out the team from Dover High School in the preliminary with 99.6 points to Dover's 99.2.

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The State Championship squad had to really turn up their performance and managed to elevate their score to 105.2, which barely edged out the second place team of Dover, who scored 105. Salem High School was the third place finisher in the competition with a score of 102.3. Concord In the finals, the Astros High School finished in

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fourth with 93.9 and Alvirne ond-place finishes in that evening, with Windham High School took fifth with span. 91.6 points.

This is the 17th time the won 31 state titles in the Pinkerton Academy squad spring and winter comhas won the Winter Championship since 2004.

Overall, Pinkerton has

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They have also had two sec- III also competed that

High School taking first in DII and Littleton taking first in DIII.

The Pinkerton team will move on to compete at the New England Championship over the weekend.



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On Friday, Luke Bren-

nan competed at the New

Balance Nationals Indoor

Meet, held at the world-

famous Armory Track

Center in the Washington

Heights Neighborhood of

Manhattan. Despite having an ongoing hip injury, Luke battled hard against a

field of 20 runners from all over the country in the first

heat of the Boys

Championship Two Mile

race. Luke showed his

trademark courage and

race smarts, until the

injury ended up taking him

out of the race at the One

Connors competed at the

New Balance Nationals

Indoor Meet in the Rising

Stars Girls 200 Meter

event. With 75 runners

from across the nation

competing in multiple pre-

liminary heats, Madi put in

a strong performance in

her heat setting a new

Personal Record for the

On Saturday, Madi

Mile mark.

## **Astros Tracksters Compete at Two National Indoor Championships**

Despite COVID taking away their regular indoor track season this year, six Pinkerton Academy track athletes worked hard and prestigious National level track meets hosted by New country.

Balance and Nike. Over the weekend, March 11-13, these athletes traveled to New York City to compete against the qualified to compete in fastest high school track athletes from all over the

## Athlete of the Week





Sara DiClemente Freshman, Winter Spirit

Sara helped the team win its 31st state title on Thursday by putting her big routine together perfectly for the Astros. She helped to carry the tumbling score throwing two elite passes. She wears many hats throughout the three minutes, starting the routine as a backspot, then moving to a sidebase position in our elite stunt and finally acting as a main base in the pyramid. Sara's determination was on of the driving factors behind this state championship.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office





Astros Indoor Track members, from left, Alex LeBlanc, Zackary Smith, Madi Connors, Matthew Devine and Jacob Spezzaferri. Courtesy photo

to the finals.

and event changed to the Nike Indoor Nationals Meet, held at the state-ofthe-art Ocean Breeze Staten Island.

Devine, Jacob Spezzaferri, quick subway trip into Alex LeBlanc and Zack Smith from Pinkerton night! competed in the Boys 1,600 Sprint Medley Relay. The boys ran a very strong race against a large field of talented teams from all over the country and finished in 12th place overall

Madi Connors also ran the 200 Meter race in the Nike Indoor Nationals and it and did New Hampshire

one set just the day before, the best in the country!" On Sunday, the venue but once again in a large field of talent from across the nation, did not make letes! On to Spring Outthe finals.

In addition to compet-Athletic Complex on ing hard, the kids enjoyed NHIAA rules and since their trip to the Big Apple At the Nike event, Matt and found some time for a Times Square on Saturday

> Pinkerton Academy Track Coach, Carol Quarles was very pleased with her team, "So proud of these kids! It takes a special kind of self-motivation and a dedicated work ethic to extend your season beyond what's expected of you! These kids got after

event but did not advance set a new PR, breaking the proud competing against

Quarles added, "Congratulations to these athdoor Track Season!"

Of note: Because of their regular High School indoor season was cancelled, these athletes were not able to compete as Pinkerton Athletes and wear their Astros uniforms, so they ran as unaffiliated and wore uniforms bearing "Golden Spikes Track" in the Nike event.

The Golden Spikes is the summer track program that helps PA athletes prepare for their track seasons.



## Lady Astros Hockey Squad Has Season End in Semifinals

The Pinkerton Academy of their tournament games. Girls' Hockey squad saw their season come to an end in the semifinals of the Division I State Championship last week with a 6-3 loss in the Semifinals.

The Lady Astros were spot heading into the playoffs by virtue of their 8-8 regular season record, putting them on the road for all it got for the Astros squad.

the number one seed, Oyster River-Portsmouth, 4-3 in the quarterfinals, but fell to the number five-seeded St. Thomas-Winnacunnet-Dover with that 6-3 defeat.

The Pinkerton girls kept seeded in the number nine the game close throughout the first two period and to begin the final period, but 4-3 -n the third was as close as

In the first period, junior Thomas scored first to make They were able to defeat forward Maddie Gibeault it 4-2, but Pinkerton sophoscored the first goal of the more forward Riley Dunn game but St. Thomas responded with two of their own, to go into the break at 2-1.

> In the second period there were just one goal scored for each team. Gibeault scored her second of the game and St. Thomas scored their third.

In the third period, St, ing of St. Thomas.

made it a 4-3 game with her final goal of the season.

St. Thomas went on to score two more goals in that final period for the 6-3 finish.

The number three-seeded Hanover High School was the eventual division champion with a 5-0 blank-



Junior Maddie Gibeault had two goals in semis

## **Derry Police Officers Take A Cold Plunge for a Good Cause**

23 Derry Police Department Jon Breen; Sgt. Chris Officer Joshua Morse. officers took a cold plunge Talbot; Sgt. Jared Knox; into Beaver Lake to support Sgt. Patrick Dawson; Sgt. fundraiser but did nottaking the New Hampshire Special Jeff Dawe, Officer Brian the dip were: Lt. Shawn Olympics.

Beach located on Chester Kevin Davies; Officer Tyler Road. at Beaver Lake.

Olympics New Hampshire.

The officers that partici- Officer

On Saturday, March 12, pating in the event were: Lt. Officer Sara Joyce; and Landry (and his son, Tyson); O'Donaghue; Lt. Dave What started out as an Officer Victoria Kidd; Michaud; Officer Monica ice bucket event developed Officer Ryan Panaro; Offiinto a plunge at Gallien's cer Nathan Lavoie; Officer Kennedy. Daniel; Officer Michael additional donations may The Derry Police Team Accorto; Officer Sam Troy; make them through the was able to raise over Officer Blake Martineau; Special Olympics New \$16,500.00 for Special Officer Melissa Houde; Hampshire website Officer Casey Jack Stafford;

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Derry Police Officers that took the plunge at Beaver Lake

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#### **Sexual Abuse Image Charges Derry Man Indicted On Child**

Derry was indicted by a federal grand jury on Monday and charged with one count of attempted transfer of obscene material to a minor, one count of distribution of child pornography, and one count of possession of child pornography, United States Attorney John J. Farley announced today.

Ellis was arrested on a criminal complaint on 2022, Ellis sent to the

Jason Ellis, 45, of February 16, 2022, and is being detained pending trial. The original complaint filed in court alleges that on February 12, 2021, Ellis engaged in sexually graphic online chats with an undercover law enforcement officer posing as a 13-year-old girl. During those chats, Ellis sent an image of an erect penis to the officer. In another online chat in January of

undercover officer an with assistance from the image of a nude, prepubescent female child engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

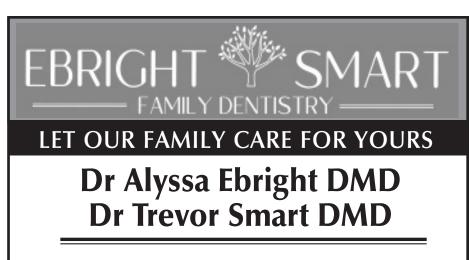
The charges in the indictment are only allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Derry Police Department.

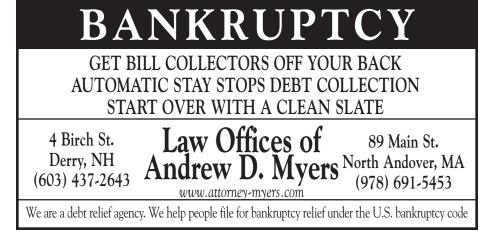
Led by the United States In February 2006, the Attorney's Offices, Project Department of Justice Safe Childhood marshals introduced Project Safe federal, state and local Childhood, a nationwide resources to better locate, initiative designed to proapprehend, and prosecute

tect children from online individuals who exploit exploitation and abuse. children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.



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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 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

would like to help go to Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

#### **Meals on Wheels**

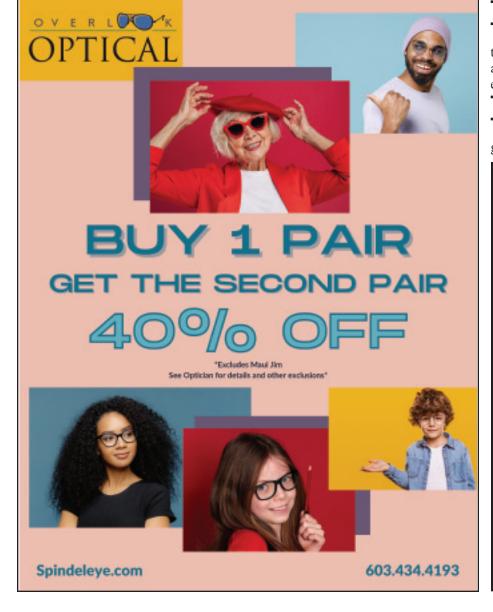
Meals on Wheels is back with in house dining Starting in February on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - noon must be 65 or better to participate. It cost \$3 per meal. Make reservations and reserving your space. Call Jess at 603-434-5148.

#### 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

**Lions Club Scholarship** Calling all Pinkerton



Academy Seniors from Chester. Each year the Chester Lions Club presents a \$1,000 scholarship to a Chester graduate of Pinkerton Academy. To apply, pick up an application form from the Guidance Office.

#### **Chester Seniors**

Please join our Chester 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. Diamond Painting Craft for

#### **Adults**

Make a beautiful floralthemed 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.

#### Storytime

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

#### **Adult Evening Book Club**

work place.

This Chester Library group will be meeting on

Discussing The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

#### HAMPSTEAD For Food Pantry

The Hampstead Public Senior group at the Wason Library is collecting donations for the St. Anne Ecumenical Food Pantry during the months of March and April. Consider helping local families in need by contributing item(s) when you visit the Library. The Pantry's Wish List of suggested items includes: Quick Bread mix, muffin mix, cinnamon, rice pilaf, grated cheese, sugar, cereal, coffee, and boxed crackers. Please do not bring expired items. Thank you in advance for your help with this community service.

#### Thrift Shop Sale

The Elaine David Thrift Shop has Bag Sale Days on Tuesday, March 22 and Saturday, March 26. It has new and gently used clothing for men, women and children. Fill a bag for only \$3! The Shop is located in the Hampstead Public Library and is staffed by dedicated volunteers from the Friends of the Library. It is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Currently, donations of spring clothing

Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. are gratefully accepted and should be dropped off when the Library is open. Stay tuned, more sale days are coming soon!

#### April Tea

The Return of the Bluebird Tea takes place at the Hampstead Public Library on Friday, April 8 at 1 p.m. The presenter is conservationist Richard Lombard. He discusses his work monitoring nest boxes which assists the eastern bluebird. It also helps the conservation for tree swallows and the American kestrel. The featured tea is "Blueberry Morning", an organic herbal tea. Seats at this event are limited. To reserve your spot, register online via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411.

#### **Story Walk**

book in New the Storywalk® on their front lawn. The Mitten by Jan Brett is shared as a mark of support for all Ukrainian libraries and citizens. In this retelling of a popular Ukrainian fairy tale, Brett has created a beautiful picture book. She brings the animals to life with warmth and humor, and her illustrations are full of delightful details faithful to the Ukrainian tradition. Come walk and read the book. If there is snow, ask to borrow continued on page 13



#### Calendar

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Then you can snowshoe and read at the same time.

#### Senior Drop-in

Hampstead Seniors are invited to this month's Senior Drop-in at the Town Meeting House on March 24, from 9 -11:30 a.m. Stop in and have a cup of coffee and a snack. Karol Flanagan will be on hand to answer questions concerning senior safety and self defense. We are always at the Hampstead Meeting House (across from the Central School) on the forth Thursday of the month.

#### 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 acrylicpouring. 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.

#### 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

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#### 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.

#### **Bricks For Library**

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

or any fundraiser to benefit the Library is tax-deductible. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.

#### SANDOWN Homeschool Happenings

Looking for a place to connect with other homeschoolers in the area? This is a great opportunity where you can network with other homeschooling parents while the kids are participating in the prepared activity. Thursday, March 17, from 1 - 2:30 p.m., at the Sandown Library. This week: St. Patrick's Day Fun! Activities are geared toward ages 4 - 10 but there is an area with board games available for older children.

#### Irish Folk Dancing

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. noon. The O'Halloran Irish Dancers, a non-competitive Irish Dance team will share traditional Irish dancing. Students from the age of 4 and up learn traditional ceili and modern Irish dance for enjoyment and exhibition rather than competition. This program will be held at the Sandown Town Hall located at 320 Main St., Sandown NH.

#### 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 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.

#### Trivia Game

Are you a Trivia Pro or

just an Average Joe? Join in the fun as we play a latest edition of our popular Trivia Game at the Sandown Library on Saturday, March 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.

#### 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.

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#### 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 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

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**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 This group is limited to 10 887-3428 and youthservichildren (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

#### Legos and More

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

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#### **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 limit-

clothing that can get messy. Contact: Adrienne Skora at ed 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 Free Meals

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

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