

School Board Gets an Early Start on Central School Plan

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - After getting the latest results on the Failed Central School Addition vote, the Hampstead School Board is moving forward quickly to get the word out about next year's Warrant Article.

The school board has been unsuccessful in their attempts to get an expansion plan passed by the residents for over eight years now and at their latest meeting, on Tuesday, March 22, they discussed ways to make another attempt.

Board chairman David Smith began the discussion by reviewing the election results, noting that the only article not to be passed was the Renovation Project. He thanked residents for pass all the other articles includ-

ing the Operation Budget. He welcomed resident Matt Gillette, who created an on-line survey to gauge public opinion on the project, and he was at the meeting to divulge his findings.

Gillette began by saying that after the vote earlier in the month he created this survey to find out why the warrant Article didn't pass.

In his presentation, he began by saying that out of the 334 responses to whether people were in favor of Article 2, 261 voted yes.

There were a number of questions asked in the survey, ranging from whether people thought it was too much cost and whether they thought the school would run out of space and most felt that the project needed to be done.

He added that this was a very informal survey

done through a Facebook group, but felt it gleaned some information that was worthwhile.

Board member Jason Giard felt that maybe they should be looking at a different approach to the project. Noting that the cost of funding the project is definitely the main issue. He suggested reducing the scope and the price tag of the project. He added that breaking the project up might be the best solution, feeling that it was something that is needed for the community.

Member Karl Hubner agreed, saying that looking at the problem of running out of space as a long-term issue, it will be far more costly down the road. He added they the board needs to convince the voters that

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Derry Planning Board Sends Zoning Amendment To Public Hearing

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DERRY - The Derry Planning Board discussed a proposed zoning amendment regarding buffer zones in the West Running Brook District during their March 16 meeting.

The zoning currently states "a vegetated buffer of at least 100 feet shall be provided between Residential Areas and adjacent zones."

The proposed change would mean that it now states "The Planning Board will recommend a buffer zone on a per project basis during the conceptual phase. The Planning Board

may utilize LDCR Section 170 when determining buffering to protect abutting residential uses."

Planning Board Chairman John O'Connor said that they wouldn't bring up anything about any type of complex or development that may be in the district; instead they were only supposed to talk about the proposed changes to buffer zones.

O'Connor explained that under the new language if approved it would mean the Planning Board would review each plan on an individual basis when it comes to requiring a certain amount of vegetation buffer.

He explained that originally they looked at the language again because they found an error in the minutes and the language in what the zoning definition states. Once they examined it closer they determined that they felt it was a mistake to base it on 100 feet because it would mean that almost nothing could be built on the lots.

Planning Board member Mark Connors said that he feels they should have some sort of minimum amount of buffering in order to have protections in place for the neighborhood.

"I would like a number.

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FLYING CARS Keith Ammon of PAL-V, a flying car manufacturer, gets Pinkerton Academy senior Anna DiFonzo ready for a virtual reality flight during the Senior Palooza event last week at Pinkerton. PAL-V was one of 40 businesses brought in for the day to show students what the future holds for the soon to be graduates. See more page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Chester Board of Selectmen Sort Out Liaison Positions

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CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen discussed the liaison positions to different Boards, Commissions, and departments during their March 24 meeting.

It was explained by Selectmen Stephen D'An-

gelo that he thinks some of the liaison positions should be grouped together.

For example he pointed to Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette who is the liaison for both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.

"Shouldn't ZBA be tied in as well," said D'Angelo

D'Angelo said that they could also have a facilities committee which could be combined with other areas like maintenance and grounds.

He said that right now Recreation Director Corinna Reishus is essentially the de facto facilities man-

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Chester Planning Board Approves Site Plan For Veterinary Clinic

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CHESTER - During the March 23 Chester Planning Board meeting one of the agenda items was a site plan review for the application of a commercial veterinary practice Ark Animal Homecare, PLLC which is located at 10 Edwards Mill Road / 206 Raymond Road.

Representing the owners Erika and Erwan De Beckers, was their engineer Dan Koravos of DK

Engineering.

It was explained that their plan is to use a portion of the building for their home and then the rest of it, which is a total of 1,200 square feet on two floors, will be used as the veterinary clinic.

The plan is for the clinic to have two exam rooms. It was also explained that there are interior renovations that will need to happen to make the clinic functional for their business.

The clinic's three mobile veterinary vans are going to

be parked on the site.

Koravos said that they are going to be replacing the current pavement with the parking lot and will also be widening the entrance adjacent to the garage/outbuilding at the rear of the property.

Koravos said that they are going to have enough sight distance noting they have 1100 feet in one direction and 700 in the other. The town requirement is 200 and the State is 400 Koravos explained to the Board.

"We have more than enough sight distance," said Koravos.

He noted that they need to get a permit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for the septic and one from the Town and State for their driveway permit.

Koravos told the Board that the permits would be submitted shortly.

Town Planner Andrew Hadik asked the owners if they would have the same hours as their other loca-

tion which is Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Erika said that would be the case.

After some discussion it was decided that they would have 15 parking spots based on the total number of employees they may have on site at the same time between the mobile vet business and the onsite clinic.

One question that was asked was if there would be any overnight boarding

of animals or not.

Erika told the Board that they aren't planning on it.

"I'm not planning on keeping anyone overnight," said Erika.

She explained that if an animal needed 24/7 services that they would send them to a 24/7 hospital.

The Planning Board ultimately approved the site plan with a unanimous vote.

The next Chester Planning Board meeting is slated for April 6 at 7 p.m.

Derry ZBA Approves Variance For Wood Storage Unit

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DERRY - The Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a case during their March 17 meeting regarding a variance request to allow an existing woodshed to remain less than 15 feet from the side property line at 8 Jewell Lane.

The owner of the property Kevin Kuncki explained that the woodshed will allow him to store the wood without it being on the ground.

"It's a small shed," said Kuncki.

Kuncki said that the woodshed is set off the road and it isn't in a direct site of anyone when driving by.

He said that by having it located where it is, it allows him to have better access without affecting his access to his septic tank. Kuncki said that the property is about an acre.

Zoning Board member Donald Burgess said he went to see the site earlier in the day and said that he had trouble finding it because the driveway is on a diagonal.

"That doesn't look like it's going to hurt anybody where it is," said Burgess.

Also showing their support was Zoning Board member Allan Virr, saying that he thought the shed looks like it was built well.

"I admire your skill in building it," said Virr.

It was explained by Virr

who was presenting the staff report that they applied for an after the fact building permit once they realized it was less than 15 feet away from the side property line, and was against zoning.

He explained that the owners were unaware of the side set back requirements.

Kuncki said that they helped a neighbor clear a lot of wood and filled the driveway and thought it was a good idea to build a shed.

One question that was asked was if they considered having it on the other side of the property.

Kuncki explained that it is on a slope and it would be too far from his house making it difficult to

bring wood inside to heat the house during the winter. He said that they have some geographic issues throughout the property including where the septic tank is which made it difficult to place it anywhere other than where they did.

Zoning Board member Craig Corbett said that the owners getting the variance "seems like an easy fix."

It was pointed out by Burgess that they have allowed sheds closer to the lot lines in the past for other cases. He also pointed out that it was designed better than some of the others that they approved as a Board.

"This is far better constructed than in some cases," said Burgess.

It was also pointed out during the meeting that the

only difference ultimately between the woodshed and just having pallets is that the woodshed is enclosed and has a roof over it which is why the owners had to go for a variance.

The Zoning Board ultimately approved the variance request with a unanimous vote.

The next Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting is slated for April 7 at 7 p.m.

Rotary Clubs Donate Over \$10,000 to Ukrainian Refugees

The Derry Rotary Club, Derry Village Rotary Club and Londonderry Rotary Club have together donated \$10,750 to three organizations that are directly helping the Ukrainian refugees in Poland. The three organizations are the Rotary International Disaster Relief Fund, District 7870 (NH/Vt) to District 2231

(Poland) and The World Central Kitchen. Voting to donate in each club was unanimous.

The Rotary organizations traditionally provide aid during times of natural disasters but have pivoted in this time of war. The World Central Kitchen is serving hot meals on the Polish-Ukrainian border to refugees and volunteers.

Members of the community who wish to donate to Rotary to assist in its efforts can send checks to the Derry Village Rotary Club, PO Box 462, Derry, NH 03038 or utilize PayPal (@DVRotary) or Venmo (@DerryVillage-Rotary) Please indicate "Ukrainian Relief."

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David Smith Re-elected as Hampstead School Board Chair

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board held its annual reorganization meeting on March 22.

One of the tasks the Board had during the meeting was to pick the School Board officers for the upcoming year.

Selected as the Chairman again by the School Board was David Smith who served the past year as Chair.

Selected as Vice Chairman of the School Board for the next year was Jason

Giard.

The School Board also welcomed Karl Hubner. This his first meeting since being elected.

"I'm just really glad to be here," said Hubner saying he is appreciative of the community supporting him.

Other formalities that took place during the meeting was naming Melissa Post as the School Board Clerk for the upcoming year, and making TD Bank as the School District's bank for the next year.

The School Board also had to set their calendar for

regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year.

It was decided that the meetings would be on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

In other news the School Board had a second reading of the School Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

During the last meeting Nicole Tomaselli, Director of the 21st Century Learning, Assessment, and Technology explained that they have eight early release days spread throughout the calendar for pro-

fessional development. She said that they had early release days for professional development a few years ago.

"As we're seeing more mandatory trainings required of our staff, of all staff including bus drivers, lunch room staff, paraprofessionals, professional teaching staff anyone who interacts with students is required to do a number of mandatory trainings per the DOE, and we're finding it difficult to fit all of that in given the contractual schedule," said Tomaselli.

Giard explained that he has concerns with the

number of proposed early release days that are currently being proposed.

He also asked if two hours would be enough time for the different professional development sessions.

Tomaselli said that there would be enough time noting that normally when they do full days of professional development the different presentations are broken up into two hours at a time.

Smith said that his suggestion would be for the Administration to try to condense three of the professional development days into one and then

have a full day off from school instead of having three early release days.

It was pointed out that they need to be careful with the contract to make sure they have enough professional development days.

It was agreed on by the Board to have Thompson and the District Administration review the calendar and to come back with some options for professional development days at the next meeting.

Under both calendars the winter break would be Feb. 27 to March 3 and for spring break it would be April 24 to April 28.

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ager but it shouldn't be the case since she is in charge of Recreation.

It was pointed out that they need to have a group of people that oversee the Highway Department and not just a liaison since they are making a transition away from the Road Agent next year.

Myette said that the Committee that worked on examining going away from a Road Agent position and instead having a full-time employee is willing to continue to help for the next year.

Some of the changes to the liaison positions for this year include D'Angelo taking the Budget Committee liaison position after Selectmen Steve Couture served in the role for the past year.

D'angelo said he wanted to do budget committee this year again

"I have no problem with giving that up," said

Couture.

D'Angelo pointed out that he didn't serve as the liaison before because his son was on the Committee but no longer is.

Couture said that he had some recommendations on how they can do it better this cycle that he would talk to D'Angelo about.

D'Angelo said that he also thinks that the Budget Committee liaison position should be tied in with Finance.

Another change is that Selectmen Stephen Landau will be serving as the alternative liaison for the Transfer Station this year.

For the Health Officer liaison position the consensus was that they don't need to have a liaison for it.

Town Administrator Deb Doda said that the point of it is so that they could get sign off to do things without waiting until Thursday's meeting.

It was pointed out that no one Selectmen is in a

position to make a decision without the rest of the Board's approval. It was also pointed out that they can call an emergency meeting if they need to.

Selectmen Jeremy Owens pointed out that they called many emergency meetings during the pandemic.

D'Angelo said that one committee that they may want to add is the Town Fair Committee saying that the group who runs it right now wasn't officially appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Myette also said that they should have the different departments and committees come to one of their Board of Selectmen meetings to have a discussion about the upcoming year and to also set goals for what they want to accomplish over the next year.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for March 31 at 7 p.m.

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we need this, and it's going to save money in the long run.

Hubner also suggested small additions over the next 10-years.

Megan Malcolm wasn't sure how the smaller projects would work and suggested contacting the design group.

Erin Pellegrini noted that the board couldn't go back to the voters with another \$12 million bond, feeling that they need to look at smaller projects in terms of priorities.

Her concern was that as smaller projects get completed other projects might not pass on the ballot. "We need to more the information out all year long, opposed to the month or

two before." Adding that the information needs to be more detailed for the voters all year.

Smith also agreed that small projects might be the best way of having the plan pass. "Breaking it up needs to be the number one priority for us."

Smith stressed the fact that communication will be very important over the next year, suggesting contacting local newspapers.

He also brought up the capital reserve fund, saying that by the end of the year there will be about \$800,000 that could go towards something. He thought that through the survey there were three items that people felt were important: sprinklers; special education; and student space.

Giard wanted to make sure that even if they do things in smaller chunks, all the other aspects of the project are still a need, not a want.

Smith also suggested increasing the capital reserve requests to voters, saying that over the past three years it has been elevated each year, and \$500,000 was passed this year.

Smith felt the best course of action would be to develop a three to five year plan moving forward.

He added that he felt the board is in much better shape going into this year and shouldn't have as many distractions.

Getting more than one quote was another idea brought up, saying that it would raise confidence and trust with the community.

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Editorial

Tell Us What You Think

This is the time of year when life starts to speed up. With nicer weather, graduations, proms, and the rest of the holidays to come. However, this year it seems a little more special after these events being somewhat taken away due to COVID-19.

After school finishes for the year and the graduates are sent on their way, we slip into the slower days of summer. Sure, there may be travel plans, gardening, or houseguests, but there's also time to sit on the porch, relax, and enjoy this slow time before we get back to the speed of fall.

We'd like to use this period of slowing down to reflect on what is truly important, as we prepare for the period of speeding up again we want to invite our readers to write us, offering your views on how you feel, what you are thankful for, just about anything that is on your mind. After all the election letters, it would be great to see other letters. Letters thanking, informing, or whatever it is you may have on your mind. Readers have already begun to write again, and we're pleased to see that happening, but we would like to see more. Sharing thoughts and feeling in this traditional way is very satisfying and you might even make a new friend from it. One

thing we want to make crystal clear is that we don't seek to control what people have to say, we want to be your soapbox. We run what we get. Everything like thank-you letters for donations, political agenda driven, commentary on how you see things, or just anything you want to share. The letters we receive must meet our publishing guidelines: up to five hundred words, you must be from our town; you must place your name on it.

If you don't see letters sharing your viewpoint, chances are that no one with that viewpoint has bothered to write.

The letters page is your page to share your thoughts, feels, wants, and needs. It's a way to inspire others in your town. The surest way to help rectify any perceived slant you might see is to write your own letter for publication, we aren't suggesting tit-for-tat letters.

The letters column reflects the viewpoints of our readers who want to share their opinions, feelings, thoughts, and ideas with their fellow residents, and don't need to hide behind anonymous blogs to do so. It's a way to get a dialogue going among residents, and to generate conversations about matters that impact all of us – the virus is just the timely issue of the moment.

Letters

How to Solve Central School Overcrowding: Instantly!

To the editor,

The disgusting, arrogant and despicable behavior of Hampstead School Board chairman David Smith - when discussing the failed Article #2, Central School addition, at the March 22 inaugural meeting of the Board - was

- an insult to Hampstead voters;
- showed utter disrespect for the other members of the School Board; and
- indicated that he doesn't know the proper role of a chairman in public bodies.

No matter how disappointing it was for him to face the results, he forgot that when the voters speak, he must obey...without recourse.

At a meeting, his authority is limited to conducting a proper meeting. Otherwise, he must behave like a "common member."

Instead of doing a post mortem of the election results; conducting a freely flowing discussion of what the members thought were the reasons for yet another bond defeat; and deferring action to a subsequent meeting - as past boards have always done - he imperially and unilaterally proceeded to INSTRUCT the members that, henceforth, the project would be split into "three \$5 million chunks," to be submitted to the NH Building Authority hoping to receive 30% building aid (RSA 195:15-a, IV).

In other words, the \$9 million cost of the 2011 warrant, inexplicably inflated to \$12.7 million this year, would then grow to a potential \$15 million, delivering even less space than the current proposal.

If subsequent bond proposals failed, he would propose funding from annual budget surplus and/or funds included in Account 4600 - Repair and Maintenance - in the annual budget, all payable annually by the taxpayers without recourse or a vote!

The only way for taxpayers to stop this madness would be to defeat the budget in March. Since we are under SB2, the Board could hold another vote a month later. If that failed, the Default Budget - always miraculously higher than the previous year budget - would prevail so taxpayers would lose either way.

Incredibly, when he polled the other members, they all agreed without any major objections!

The Board can solve the self-inflicted Central School "overcrowding" INSTANTLY by moving the current 97 4th Grade students (91 next year) in Rooms 113, 114, 212, 213 and 214a to Middle School.

While you recover from the shock, remember that we housed Pre-School and Kindergarten at HMS while the 3rd Grade classroom were being converted to kindergarten in 2008-9... plus created a playground on the front lawn to boot!

Regardless of current space allocations, Middle School was designed with 26 academic classrooms, not counting Unified Arts, Music, Gym or SpecEd.

That's a design capacity of 780 students.

According to NESDEC, the current population of HMS is 371, projected to grow to 401 by 2031. Using 4 classrooms, at 25 students/classroom for 4th Grade, would leave 22 classrooms for Middle School purposes.

Net result? Central would have 359 PreK-3rd grade students (plus 5 free classrooms) while Middle would have 459 4th-8th grade students next year.

And that, members of the Board, wouldn't cost taxpayers a penny.

Ran out of space - more details later...

Jorge Mesa-Tejada
Hampstead

Hampstead School

To the editor,

I am writing this individually as a member of the Hampstead School Board - I am not speaking for other members. After the March 8th vote, it was clear to me that a supermajority of voters would not pass a project with a \$12.6+ million price tag no matter the messaging. Like Einstein said "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result."

After the vote, members of the administration and school board discussed next steps. We unanimously agreed to reduce the cost of next year's warrant article by revisiting the plan and breaking the project up into pieces, to be completed in order of priority. I implore the community to watch the school board meeting to see for themselves - the discussion starts at the 54-minute mark and is available at this link: <https://vimeo.com/691916545>. You will hear each school board member provide information, discussions, opposing ideas, and ultimately agreement on creating a new plan to bring forward to the community.

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Senior Palooza Brings Businesses to Pinkerton Academy



On Thursday, March 24 Pinkerton Academy held its first-ever Seniorpalooza. Seniors participated in several activities throughout the day, but the highlight was a Career/Community College fair. About 40 local employers from nine different industries had the opportunity to meet with our students, and students got the chance to see a number of options they have available to them in this job market once they graduate. There were five major sponsors of the event, and they were: the Grappone Automotive Group; Lincoln Tech; Hitchiner Manufacturing Company; Metal Works, Inc. and SolutionHealth.

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Derry Police Continue Search for Amanda Grazewski

March 17, 2022 marked the two year anniversary of the disappearance of Amanda Grazewski.

Derry police detectives have logged hundreds of investigative hours including interviews, area searches, internet and social media examinations and following up on numerous "tips".

As of this date, there have been no sustained tips or information as to Amanda's whereabouts or circumstance under which she disappeared.

Derry police continue to investigate all possible leads and interview known associates of Amanda and the friends last believed to have seen her.

Anyone with informa-

tion or possible sighting of Amanda Grazewski is asked to contact Derry police at 603-432-6111.

The original Missing Person Press Release:

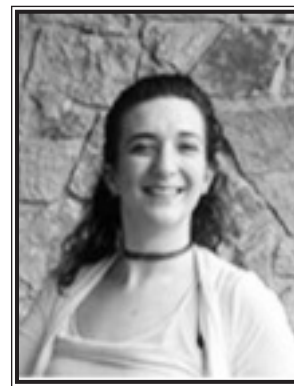
The Derry Police Department is investigating a report of a missing person. Amanda Grazewski was last seen in Derry on March 17, 2020 where she was staying with a

friend on Birch Street. She reportedly left that residence in the early morning hours without her purse, cell phone or other belongings and has not been seen or heard from since. Amanda has a history of substance abuse. She is known to frequent Nashua, Salem, Manchester and Hooksett, NH. Derry police are seeking the pub-

lic's help in locating Amanda Grazewski.

Amanda is described as white female, 5'5", 135 lbs, brown hair and hazel eyes. She does not own or have access to a vehicle.

Anyone with information regarding Amanda Grazewski or her present whereabouts is asked to contact Derry Police at 603-432-6111.



Amanda Grazewski

Letters

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from voters, but also from 330 community members who participated in a survey about their priorities for the HCS project (Special Education, Sprinklers, and Safety being the top 3). Based on those results, the school board will work with the community on what to include in the next warrant article, as well as begin to plan out needs for articles in future years (which may or may not include additional space, a music room, cafeteria, and/or bathrooms). This will also allow us to save by adding funding, if voters allow, to the capital reserve fund over time rather than using bonds to complete the work. As in 2021 when voters approved the 1960's wing

renovations, these projects would be communicated and vetted by the community to ensure that our plans align with what townspeople believe our school needs.

The school board has charged the administration with developing a plan that will satisfy the needs of providing a proper education while reviewing the footprints of our school buildings. The intent is to present the plan to the community in the coming months, well ahead of submission deadlines, so that we can receive input from community members to weigh in. We would then apply to the NH Department of Education for consideration to receive up to 30% reimbursement if the warrant article passes. Please be on the lookout for communications with details in

the coming months.

Lastly, I hope that community members know that we are not the school boards of the past - this school board is open to all input from the community, both positive and negative. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns I can always be reached at smithd@hampsteadschools.net or by phone at 603-494-1443.

Thank you for reading. I look forward to working together as a community and helping to increase the involvement of all residents to support plans which represent the priorities of the community.

Respectfully,
David Smith
Hampstead School Board member and chair

Thank You Derry Voters

To the editor,
Thank you for reelecting me Supervisor of the Checklist: it's a vote of confidence in me and in the nonpartisan administration of elections in Derry.

My experience as Supervisor of the Checklist reinforces my belief that the voter checklist is the

foundation of democracy in NH. It demands integrity. Supervisors of the Checklist are the gatekeepers; we control who has access to the franchise. It's not glamorous work, it's not about policy, it's the behind-the-scenes work that is integral to free, fair elections.

I ran for reelection to ensure elections in Derry continue to be free and fair, that every qualified person has access to the franchise, and that the voter checklist is maintained according to the exacting standards prescribed by law. I will continue to ensure that Supervisors' access to aggregate reports from the state voter database and confidential information about individual voters remains restricted to only those election officers authorized by law.

To those who voted for one of the other candidates, I celebrate your interest in this generally low profile but integral position. If you wish to learn more about the intricacies of voter registration and checklist maintenance statutes, please contact the Supervisors (603-845-5490, checklist@derry.nh.org). There is very little I enjoy dis-

cussing more!

Derry voters, you expressed confidence in me and in my integrity on Tuesday; I will not let you down! Thank you!

Judy Strakalaitis
Supervisor of the Checklist
Derry

Make Yourself Known

To the editor,

Last week I went to the NH Senate Chamber to stand in citizen opposition to SB241, a Senate redistricting bill which gives a clear advantage to the Republican Party in NH Executive Council elec-

tions for the next ten years. I believe that's called gerrymandering.

SB241, was amended just 25 hours before Senators were required to vote yesterday on the bill. Adequate time was not provided before the vote, for Senators or the public to read the bill and more importantly, to process the ultimate repercussions of the map itself on future elections. This gerrymandering is precisely what was done 10 years ago by the Republican members at the last redistricting session. Many voters at that time, however, were unfamiliar with the word 'gerrymander'.

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OBITUARY

Linda M Dodge

Linda M Dodge, 79, of Derry, NH, died Wednesday March 23, 2022, at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH. She was born in Boston, MA on March 8, 1943, a daughter of the late J. Edgar Swan and Mary (Toolin) Swan. She had been a resident of Derry since 1972, formerly living in Massachusetts.

Linda was raised and educated in the Mission Hill section of Boston, attending Mission Church High School. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, including going out to dinner, as well as having visitors at home. Linda also enjoyed spending time at Lake Winnepesaukee. Linda enjoyed playing cribbage, and was a member of the Auburn Pitts Cribbage League. Linda was a great cook, and loved to "feed the masses". You could always count on having good food, and good times whenever Linda was around. She will forever be remembered for the love she had for her children, grandchildren and all her family and friends.

Linda is survived by her three sons, Robert Dodge, Jr., his wife Stacey, Michael Dodge, Timothy Dodge, his wife Lori, her eight grandchildren, Matthew, Jack, Emily, Christopher, Caroline, Kyle, Kylee and Taylor, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her loving daughter, Lauren Dodge in 1995, and her beloved husband, Robert Dodge, Sr. in 1998, as well as her brother William Swan and her sister Joan Swan.

Calling hours were held on Monday, March 28, at the Peabody Funeral Home and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday March 29 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church 26 Crystal Ave., Derry and concluded with a burial at Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry Rd., Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to MSPCA-Angell at www.mspsca.org.

Pinkerton Academy to Hold In-Person College Fair

DERRY - Students from high schools across Southern NH will converge on Pinkerton Academy on April 6, for the Southern NH College Fair. The fair will take place in the Hackler Gymnasium on By-Pass 28 in Derry from 6 - 8 p.m. All students and parents from NH high schools are

welcome to attend the event free of charge.

Around 140 colleges and universities will once again be represented at the fair. This number includes small liberal arts colleges, major state universities, two-year colleges, technical colleges, one-year specialty schools and career

schools. US Service and service academies, NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation and Apprenticeships will also have representatives present.

There are two breakout sessions for families who are interested in learning more about "Financial Aid" and "Beginning the

College Search." These sessions will be held in the Ek Science Building in the Manning Lecture Hall. Space is limited to the first 70 people for each session.

The schedule is: 6:30 - 7 p.m. - Financial Aid; 7 - 7:30 p.m. - Beginning the College Search

The college fair gives

students a chance to talk personally with various college representatives and get detailed questions answered about the institution to which they are planning to apply. Keep in mind that it is never too early to explore the college admissions process and prudent to plan on the financing of

that education. Our School Counselors will have an information table "Ask the Counselors" to help you with all of your questions.

For more information about the college fair, contact Tammy Craft in the

Pinkerton Academy School Counseling Office at (603) 437-5200 ext. 1189.

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I don't care what it is," said Connors.

It was explained by Town Council Liaison Brian Chirichiello that he has seen misinformation on social media about there being 600 houses coming there. He said that right now every-

thing is just conceptual.

"It could be 600 houses, it could be 10," said Chirichiello.

During public comment resident Ken McAdams said that he agreed with Connors about having some number in place for vegetation.

"Having a zero is probably not a good thing," said

McAdams.

Chirichiello said that the new language in the ordinance allows them to have flexibility which is important. He noted that when plans are ready the public will have the chance to speak about specific projects.

Randy Chase, the Town Administrative Representative for the Board, said he

disagreed about requiring a certain amount of feet for the vegetation buffer.

"I think the wording we have is the best for the zone," said Chase, saying that it is the best solution to the problem.

Engineering Coordinator Mark L'Heureux pointed out that every site is going to have different

problems and they will look at all the details when determining how much buffer should be recommended.

"We look at all those details," said L'Heureux.

He said that 100 feet of vegetation buffer wouldn't be a good idea.

"100 feet is obscene in any zone," said L'Heureux.

The Planning Board

ultimately voted 5-2 in favor of sending the proposed zoning amendment to the Town Council for a public hearing.

Connors and Planning Board member David Clapp voted against it. After hearing the arguments during the meeting Clapp thought it best to have a specific number for the vegetation.

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This year we understand exactly what the word means and we don't like it! Citizens like myself have attended many meetings and public hearings this past year regarding the redistricting process. Some of us even went so far as to

draw up our own versions of the maps, such as the independent Map-A-Thon Project www.opendemocracyaction.org/maps so as to understand the redistricting process better. And we spoke up at public hearings loud and clear, calling for the maps to be fair to voters over political parties. We were told by Re-

publican officials that this year's redistricting process would be fair, non-partisan, and transparent. Now here we are again facing a process, which is anything but non-partisan and certainly not transparent.

As I listened yesterday for my senator's voice during the roll call vote, I was very disappointed to hear Senator Birdsall's vote in the affirmative telling me that her support was with her political party rather than with her constituents. In November I will be voting for a candidate who will put the needs of voters first before any political party.

Corinne Dodge
Derry

April Will Bring Two Kids Fishing Derby's to the Area

As the ice has melted on area ponds and warmer temperatures are getting residents outdoors there are two longstanding children's Fishing Derby's to look forward to in April.

In Hampstead on Saturday, April 23, the Hampstead Civic Club will host its annual derby starting at 8 a.m. at Shop Pond, 166 Main St., Hampstead.

The derby is open to kids of Hampstead and surrounding towns ages 1 to 15. No entry fee is required and every child participating

will receive a small gift.

The pond is being stocked with 500, 8-14 inch trout and a number of prizes will be awarded.

The following weekend, in Sandown, the Sandown Conservation Commission will host its 22nd annual Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 30, from 7:30 - 10 a.m. at Sal's Pond, 45 Main St., Sandown, next

to Cotton Farm Road.

Children ages 2 to 15 can participate.

There is a \$3 per child registration fee with a maximum of \$10 per family. To register, visit www.sandown.us and go to the Conservation Commission link.

Prizes and gifts will also be awarded.

OBITUARY

Kimberly Ann Hamilton



Kimberly Ann Hamilton, 49, of Derry, NH, passed away March 23, 2022, in Lahey Medical Center, Burlington, MA. She was born in Chelsea, MA on September 2, 1972, a daughter of Gail (Martocchio) Stiles and the late Robert Silva. Kim was raised and educated in Chelsea and Everett, MA and was a graduate of Chelsea High School. She

has been a resident of Derry for the past 19 years.

Kim was employed for the past 20 years as a child-care giver. Kim was a longtime Cheer Coach with the Derry Demons and also made the bows that the cheerleaders wear in their hair. She turned this hobby into a home business, when she opened "Bows it up".

She is survived by her loving husband of 20 years, Ronald Hamilton, II; two daughters, Sarah Squires and her husband Eric and Courtney Hamilton; one son, Ronald Hamilton III and his wife Sarah; one grandson, Josiah Boutin; her mother, Gail Stiles and her husband John; sister, Heather Lombard and her husband Ernie; brother, Rick Silva; step-sister, Amber, her mother-in-law, Paulette Piantedosi and her husband Joe and father-in-law Ronald Hamilton, I and his wife Sandy and several nieces and nephews.

Following cremation there will be no calling hours. The burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester, NH at later date. Memorial contributions may be made to; Lahey Clinic Foundation, 41 Mall Rd., Burlington, MA 01803.

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Holocaust Survivor Kati Preston Chooses Love Over Revenge

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Kati Preston, an 83-year-old Hungarian Holocaust survivor spoke to seventh and eighth grade students at the Hampstead Middle School of her experiences as a five-year-old Jewish girl before and during World War II. The event took place on Thursday morning, March 24, and brought a message of showing love over hate, and telling students. "This generation can mend the world."

Preston was traveling the state with Gov. Chris Sununu, something she has done in the past, but hasn't been able to do so in two years due to the pandemic.

Sununu introduced Preston to the students and mentioned how good it felt to finally feel "normal" again since COVID-19,



Kati Preston shows students at HMS a picture of her "daddy" who was killed during the Holocaust.

which has given his friend, Preston, a chance to share her story with students face-to-face.

He emphasized the

need for being able connect to those around you in order to work through tough times, stressing it's good to disagree on things,



Gov. Chris Sununu introduces Holocaust survivor Kati Preston, to seventh and eighth grade students.

but to do it in a positive way. Preston is someone who has been doing this for a number of years, sharing her stories of living through the holocaust.

Preston grew up in Transylvania and was five-years-old when the Hungarians sided with the Nazis during the war and

began persecuting the Jews. She compared what she went through to what the Ukrainian people are now having to endure saying, that the current war has really brought out her own repressed trauma from her experiences.

Her mother was Catholic and her father was

Jewish, which was unheard of at that time and lived very happily. Her "daddy" was a local wholesale fisherman supplying carp to the community and the mother had a successful dress making business.

Preston had a very good childhood before the war and was sheltered by her parents.

When the Germans began rounding up the Jewish people in her village, her father was taken to a ghetto and her mother remained at home, hiding her daughter.

From there, fearing for her safety, a milk farmer took Kati into the country, where she was hidden in the loft of her barn.

Preston described a near-death experience suffered in that barn when German soldiers searched the farm.

She also described her sadness when her daddy was taken away to the Auschwitz concentration camp, where we later died.

During the war, she

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was able to go back to the village, where she and her mother suffered through starvation and constant air raids.

Eventually the village was occupied by Russian soldiers, who she described as not much better than the Germans, but her mother was befriended by a young woman commander.

The commander made sure the two remained safe after her mother sewed the commander a dress made out of her apartment drapes.

Soon after that she experienced the taste of an orange for the first time,

and this fruit has come to symbolized life and security for Preston, who said she always has one in her house. She also said that Sununu usually presents her with an orange when they meet, but he forgot this year.

During her talk, Preston showed a picture of her daddy that her mother used after the war to try and find her husband as the trains returned Jews from Auschwitz. There, they found out of his death by a man that her mother eventually married.

Preston also showed the Hampstead students a picture of a little girl that was killed in Auschwitz for being a Jew.

She explained that it

took 50-years for her to stop hating the people who murdered her daddy and since then has decided to "fill her soul with love."

She added that she feels the world is made up of about 80 percent sheep, 10 percent good and 10 percent bad and told the students that you can change the world "Hatred has the same face in every generation. This generation can change the world."

Before taking a multitude of questions from dozens of students, Preston finished with a portion of a speech by Winston Churchill, saying, "The earth is yours and the fullness thereof, be kind but be fierce, you're needed now more than ever before, take



Kati Preston was presented an orange during the Q&A portion of her talk with HMS students. The orange has symbolizes life and security to Preston.

up the mantle of change for this your time."

After her talk, she answered questions for over 30-minutes.

Her largest message to

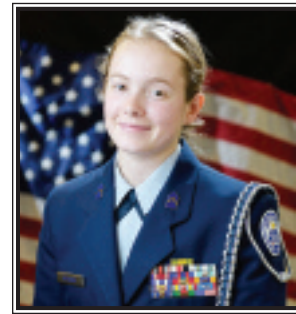
students was using love as a weapon, saying that it is a healthier thing to love than to hate.

Preston was presented an orange and a bouquet of

flowers before she left and was also informed that the students would be donating to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Pinkerton Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Receives ROTC Scholarship

DERRY - Senior Cadet Rachel Keisling has received word she has been chosen to receive a full, four-year Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship to any of their universities. Cadet Keisling competed against thousands of other Air Force



Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) cadets from across the nation for one of only 100 of this type scholarship awarded specifically for top AFJROTC cadets.

Cadet Keisling is the daughter of Karen and John Keisling of Hampstead.

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DERRY SPORTS

Former GDTC Runner Completes Marathons in All 50 States

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Some people take bets more seriously than others.

What started as a bet back in the 1980s in Boston, culminated in January of 2022 in the heat of Hawaii with an accomplishment that not too many people can lay claim to.

When Maureen Knepp, a founding member of the Burnt Timber Tavern running group in Wolfeboro, and former member of the Greater Derry Track Club crossed the finish line in Maui, Hawaii on Jan. 16, she officially completed a marathon in all 50 states (plus Washington, D.C.), joining a group of only five women and 17 people total in the state of New Hampshire who can make that claim.

"This journey has been over 29 years and it is a wonderful way to see our country in slow motion, 26.2 miles at a time," Knepp

said. "I tried to learn something about the state by visiting something historic or a national park while I was there."

And the quest all began back in the 1980s when she and her husband, Bob, who were living in Londonderry at the time, attended the Boston Marathon.

"Honestly, I didn't know what a marathon was, but it sounded like a fun party to go to," Knepp said, remembering the inspirational Kenyans running by like the wind. "I bet my husband that I would start running."

"Knowing that I never sweated a day in my life or participated in any sport, he took the bet and said he would run if I would run," she continued. "I started running that day and have not stopped."

So, Maureen and Bob started running, but with two kids under the age of five, they could never really train together, since one of them was always watching



Maureen Knepp

the kids. That did not deter them from entering Washington, D.C.'s Marine Corps Marathon in 1993, where they toed the starting line together unsure of what the pace would be. Just more than four hours later,

they finished with a wonderful sense of accomplishment and she was hooked.

"It's a very expensive hobby," she said with a laugh. "We can knock off New England states pretty quickly, but it's a big country."

That being said, Knepp points out that she has learned something at every marathon and can look back now and laugh at how she used to train with Fig Newtons and Gatorade, long before the days of the spe-

cial foods and training supplements that flood the market nowadays.

With her first marathon under her belt, the Knepps became very involved with the Greater Derry Track Club and as various members were training for different marathons around New England and beyond, Knepp would travel with them and run too, hitting marathons along the east coast, including Philadelphia, Baltimore and Burlington, Vt.

She recalls running in Portland, Maine and talking to a fellow runner who was completing his 50th state and he told her about the 50 State Marathon Club, which certifies the races you have done and requires proof. In order to join, you had to have completed marathons in 10 different states and at that point, Knepp was up to 14 without even knowing about the club, so she quickly joined.

Being a mother of two and employed full-time, running marathons was something she did a couple of times a year, enduring the hard part of training for three months to get the enjoyment of running one morning.

"After a while, I learned that I could train up once

and do a marathon a month and knock the states out faster," she said. "I ran all over Londonderry, Derry, Windham and Nashua, doing over 1,000 miles a year for years."

Knepp notes that she did take some years off for marathoning, including when her daughter was diagnosed with Leukemia at age two, but she never stopped running.

"I would travel to states where I had relatives or friends to visit and get room and board," she said. "Some states I went by myself, sometimes I had a friend from the running club go with me."

Her husband tackled five marathons with her and supported her on many others and on a couple of occasions, the entire family went on the trip to run, which included the Disney Marathon in Florida and Mayor's Midnight Marathon in Anchorage, Ak., which they ran in 2000 and raised more than \$10,000 for the Leukemia Foundation.

The Knepps retired to their home in New Durham in 2017 and really missed their old running group. They were talking about that

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PA Students Named National Merit Scholarship Finalists

DERRY - Headmaster Timothy Powers and Dean of Students Susanne Tartarilla are proud to announce that two Pinkerton Academy students have been recognized by the National Merit

Scholarship Program for their exceptional academic promise. Jude Farley of Derry and Diego Rubio of Chester have been named Finalists and will now be considered for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships

worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered next spring. About half of the Finalists will be awarded scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Program.



Pinkerton Academy Headmaster Dr. Tim Powers, Jude Farley, Diego Rubio, Dean of Students Susanne Tartarilla. *Courtesy photo*

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one night at Burnt Timber Tavern in Wolfeboro and from that, a local running group was born. The group meets every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. and runs around the area before returning to the tavern for a beer.

Then came COVID and like everything else in the world, the pandemic brought Knepp's dream of running a marathon in each state to a grinding halt, as marathons were cancelled. At the time, she was three away from finishing her quest.

However, once things started getting back up and running, Knepp and a running buddy hit the road and ran in Montana and Washington in the fall of 2021, leaving just the final marathon, Hawaii, on the docket for 2022.

She notes that it's not always easy finding a marathon in every state, either.

"Some of them are pretty remote and some places don't have a large selection

of marathons," Knepp said, noting that Wyoming and Delaware were particularly hard to track down and Montana provided a few challenges as well.

All told, she says the prettiest marathon was the Leading Ladies Marathon in South Dakota, followed closely by the Avenue of the Giants, which ran through the Redwoods in California.

"You just run the whole marathon looking up," she said. "That's just another really cool place."

Her hottest marathon was the Clarence DeMar Marathon in Keene back in 2017, though the final one in Maui was also quite warm.

"Hawaii killed me, it was really warm," she said, noting she had been training in November and December in New England before traveling to Hawaii. "They let us leave at 4 a.m. to beat the heat, I left at 4:40 a.m. and was wishing I had left at 4 a.m."

On the other end of the spectrum, the Route 66 Marathon in Tulsa, OK, in 2013 was the coldest, while Grandma's Marathon in

Duluth, Minn. provided the foggiest environment in which to run.

Her fastest overall time was the Boston Marathon in 1999, which she finished in 3:55:10, while the slowest was her final race in Hawaii at 5:50. She notes that the inaugural Manchester Marathon, which didn't seem to skip a single hill in the city, was the hardest race.

"My favorite was probably the Disney Marathon in 2002, I had so much fun high-fiving all the characters," she said.

With a total of 54 marathons in the books, Knepp said she is stepping back from the long distance, instead choosing to focus on shorter runs.

"No more marathons, I'll run but nothing more than a half-marathon," she said, noting that the Burnt Timber group continues to grow and she continues to enjoy running with her new-found friends.

And as she runs, she certainly has plenty of stories to tell and experiences to share from an adventure of a lifetime.

Derry Garden Club Hosts Botanicals Photographer

Renowned botanicals photographer and flower arranger Arabella Dane will be visiting with the Derry Garden Club (DGC) at the Boys and Girls Club's Children's Garden in Derry, on Friday morning during the club's monthly meeting.

Ms. Dane hails from Center Harbor, New Hampshire, and is known nationally for her flower designs and photographs of plants

and flowers. She has won many awards at prestigious flower shows and generously donates her time and skills to budding photographers.

The public is invited and residents thinking of becoming new members are always welcome.

The DGC's Civic Beautification Committee will soon begin the spring cleanup of Robert Frost Farm,

Marion Gerrish Community Center the rail trail entrance and the pocket garden on Manning Street and Broadway.

The club meets monthly from March through December.

Plans are underway for the annual plant sale to be held at Robert Frost Farm on June 4. Visit the website for more information. www.derrygardenclub.org.

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Into the Breach

The Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry will host "Into the Breach", eight weekly sessions on what it means to be a Christian man and how to embrace masculine virtues in a world in crisis. The sessions will run Tuesday evenings from April 26 to June 14. Learn more: two-minute video and info at bit.ly/itb-video. Register at bit.ly/itb-sta.

Midrash and Moses

The Midrash and Moses presented by Rabbi Peter Levy on Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m., in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. Just in time for Passover, Rabbi Levy will talk about this fascinating subject. They will explore the midrash that will bring new insights and understandings into a very critical and complex time in the evolution of our people. The talk will be in person. This is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult

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Holy Week Services

Join the Calvary Bible Church (145 Hampstead Rd., Derry) for an Easter Celebration! We will have music, a timely message, and coffee & refreshments after the service. Nursery & Children's program provided. Learn more at www.cbcderry.org or them on Facebook. 3 Services: Palm Sunday (4/10) at 10 a.m.; Good Friday (4/15) at 6 p.m.; Easter Sunday (4/17) at 10 a.m.

Kids Fish Derby

The Derry Lions are hosting the 32nd annual Kids Fish Derby at Hood Pond on Rollins St., Derry on May 7. Registrations will be available pre derby day on line at the Recreation Department

website or at 7:30 a.m., on Saturday May 7. Fishing begins at 8 a.m. - noon. Participation is free for kids 15 or under. Donations are welcome. Participant ribbons will be given to the first 100 participants. Trophies will be awarded in several fish categories including longest and shortest fish. There will be refreshments, soda, water and coffee for purchase. Worms will also be on sale if needed. Raffle prizes include fish gear from Charlie Moore the Mad Fisherman. This year for the first time we will have background music provided by a NH vendor demonstrating a Fish Holster. Derry Lions look forward to seeing you rain or shine on May 7 at Hood Pond for a healthy outdoor activity.

Tiny Tot

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

Story and 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.

Senior Movie Special

Free movie, popcorn & soda for seniors on the last Friday of each month at noon at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

Meals on Wheels

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

Story and Building Club

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

Food Drive

Derry Village Rotary helps support ending 68 hours of hunger which supplies weekend food bags for our Derry children to take home so they have meals over the weekend. Most of these students partake of the reduced cost breakfast / lunch program but have no other means for food while not in attendance at the schools. Rotary helps the Ending 68 Hours of Hunger program in town by distributing the food bags to the schools. Courtney Cashman and a group of volunteers bag the food that is needed. What's

needed: Non-Perishables for all meals, including snacks, protein bars Their food supply is getting low and if you would like to help go to Ending 68 Hours of Hunger website: Derry - End 68 Hours of Hunger www.end68hours.org/find-your-community/new-hampshire/derry/

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

Storytime

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

HAMPSTEAD

Student Art

Hampstead Middle School Student Art is on display in the Hampstead Library's second floor meeting room for a month, starting April 5. Everyone is welcome

to an Artists' Open House on Tuesday, April 5 from 5 - 7 p.m., where you can meet teacher Kim Downey and student-artists.

Storytime

Spring Preschool Story Time series at the Hampstead Library is on Mondays at 10 a.m., April 4, 11, and 18. Sing, move, and read in the upstairs meeting room. Attendees receive a craft to take home. Please note, that Story Time takes a break (end of April through May) as the renovation of the children's area and program room complete. Then Story Time returns in the summer.

Spinners & Knitters

The Spinners & Knitters group meets at the Hampstead Public Library on the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting is April 9 from 10 a.m. - noon. The group is comprised mostly of knitters and spinners who create their own yarn on spinning wheels; however, all needle-workers are welcome to join. This is a place to relax and share your work. No instruction is provided, but you can always pick up a tip or two. The meeting is held in the second floor meeting room.

Senior Bus Trip

Hampstead is having a Senior bus trip to Encore Casino in Everett MA., on April 14. The price of \$45 includes rt transportation, buffet meal at Prince Pizzeria

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on the way home (salad, chicken broccoli Alfredo, homemade meatballs, penne with marinara sauce, dessert and coffee.) all tips and \$20 in slots from the casino. Signups are April 5 and 6 at the Hampstead meeting house at 9 a.m. Any questions? Call 603-329-5422.

Easter Egg Hunt

Hampstead Congregational Church invites all families with younger children to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at the church, 61 Main St., Hampstead. The event will begin at 10 a.m., inside the social hall with fun activities for the children. The hunt will take place outside in groups according to age, weather permitting. Be sure to come and say hello to our special guest, the Easter Bunny, who will be available for pictures. All are welcome and invited to attend.

For Food Pantry

The Hampstead Public 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.

Easter Services

Island Pond Baptist Church cordially invites you to services throughout Easter weekend. A Good Friday service will be held on April 15 at 6 p.m. No childcare is available, but kids are welcome in this family friendly service. Easter Sunday morning service is at 10:30 a.m. Kids' ministry is available for ages 0-10 at this service. You can also join us online by going to the church's main Facebook page or Youtube channel. Look for the "live" post. Island Pond is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, NH. You can visit on the web, online at www.islandpondbc.com, email info@islandpondbc.com.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Hampstead Lions club is happy to announce that the 25th annual "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" will be held again this year. It will be held on Saturday, April 16 at the Central School on Emerson Avenue in Hampstead from 7:30 - 11 a.m. Donations are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children. The Easter Bunny will be available for photographs with the children and families. There will also be a craft table where the children can make Easter decorations and a raffle table with the chance to win lovely themed baskets. Face painting and games will add to the fun.

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

New book in 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 snowshoes from the Library. Then you can snowshoe and read at the same time.

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.

Crochet Club

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

Chess Club

Meeting on Sundays from 4 - 5:30 p.m., for players from Hampstead and their friends from nearby towns. There is no cost to play and all skill levels welcome. Due to Covid-19 the Chess Club will be online

only. Go to <https://hampstead-civicclub.org/chess-club> for more information.

Volunteers Needed

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

Bricks For Library

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SANDOWN

Lions Scholarship

The Sandown Lions Club is pleased to announce that they will once again be sponsoring a scholarship award for the 2021-2022 school year. This scholarship, honoring the memory and legacy of Lion Eleanor Bassett, will be awarded to a graduating high school senior residing in the town of Sandown per the criteria: The Lions are an organization whose members volunteer to serve their local community and beyond in many ways. In keeping with this spirit, scholarship applicants should be involved in some form of community service. This service can be, but is not limited to, one's church, local community, and/or school. Applications and further information can be obtained in the guidance office of Timberlane Regional High School or you may request an application from the Lions Club directly by emailing mixic13@gmail.com or calling 603-765-9303. This scholarship does require a brief essay entitled "Why I volunteer". The deadline for application consideration is April 18, 2022

Garden Club Scholarship

Each spring the Sandown Garden Club (SGC) offers a scholarship opportunity to one student in their senior year at Timberlane Regional High School. In keeping with the purpose of the SGC to share the knowledge of gardening with each other and the community; to participate in activities that increase the beauty of the town's public

and historic grounds; to encourage the preservation of native plant species; to encourage respect for the environment and demonstrate techniques that conserve natural resources, the applicant must meet certain criteria. The applicant is expected to graduate at the end of the senior year to be accepted to an accredited institution of higher education (either a 2-year or 4-year program), and must pursue a major or minor in a gardening-related field such as agronomy, agriculture education, floriculture, horticulture, landscape design, plant biology, wildlife science, soil/plant science, city (rural/urban) planning, habitat or forest systems ecology, forestry, environmental concerns, botany, environmental conservation, land management, sustainable agriculture and food systems or earth science. Preference is given to a student from Sandown. In addition to the application, an essay must be submitted that explains how one's academic choice meets the SGC Scholarship criteria, including volunteer activities in the community especially those pertaining to gardening or the environment. An application may be obtained from the guidance office of TRHS, downloaded from the SGC website or requested directly by emailing fsrosenau@mygsc.com. The deadline for applications is May 6, 2022. More information can be found on the SGC website: www.sandowngardenclub.org.

Legos and More

Do you love Legos? Come and build at the Sandown Library on Mondays from 4 - 5 p.m. We will have building challenges, introduce some STEM activities, and have open, creative time. This program is appropriate for ages; 5+Registration is required.

Show Yourself Some Love

Essential Oils - Balance and life empowered! Do you know the difference between an empowered response and a typical response? Join the Sandown Library on Saturday, April 9 from 10

a.m. - noon, to learn simple strategies for emotional health and how that plays a huge role in our physical health and daily habits. Show yourself some love this Valentine's Day! Learn how to use oils to support yourself and a special presentation with a Crunchi Makeup specialist. Crunchi products are made with a combination of safe, certified organic, and EcoCert ingredients. Registration is required for this event.

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.

Cookie Bites & Canvas

Join Michelle's Art as she guides us through a paint project at the Sandown Library, and we enjoy a new cookie treat each month on Saturday from 1 - 2 p.m. All materials and snacks will be provided by the library. Dress in clothes you don't mind getting paint on. This program is for tweens and older please.

Dog Man Book Club

This Sandown Library club will meet once a month on

Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m, to discuss a Dog Man book and do some fun activities. For this month, we will be reading Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk.

Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown Library and explore recipes and cooking. Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month. Each month we pick a chef/recipe, prepare the food, and meet together to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. A great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. Registration is required for this event.

PageTurners Book Club

This Sandown Library group will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be great snacks! At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk

Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

Mother Goose On The Loose

Join the Sandown Library on Monday mornings for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations.

PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night at

the Sandown Library for PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Weather permitting, summer story times will be held outdoors on the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email youthservices@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or programming@sandownlibrary.us.

Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

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

Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning

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

Story Hour

Come join the Sandown Library for fun with stories, songs, puppets and more. This themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This event will take place on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. director@sandownlibrary.us.

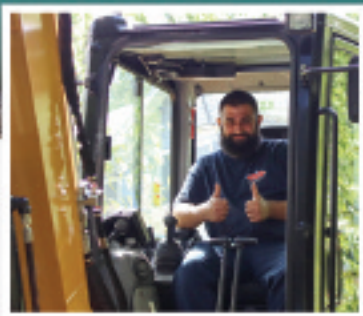
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Free Meals

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

Need a Tutor?

Work one-on-one with a volunteer tutor. Free Tutoring is offered for a variety of programs including Adult Basic Education, Adult High School, and English as a Second Language at Derry Center for Adult Studies. Cover a variety of content areas, Flexible days and hours, Sessions held via Zoom and/or in-person. If you are interested in receiving tutoring services, please email kcapistran@sau10.org for more information.



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