

School Board OKs Changes To Next Charter School Lease

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DERRY – During the March 29 Derry School Board meeting the Board reviewed proposed changes to the memorandum of understanding between Next Charter School and the Derry School District.

“The MOU with Next Charter School is not intended to be an agreement that is binding on the District,” said Derry Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian.

It was explained by Joe Crawford, the Director of Next Charter that the proposed changes to the memorandum of understanding is specific to special education services.

He explained that in New Hampshire special

education services are the responsibility of the school district for the Town where the student is attending charter school.

Crawford explained that the arrangement that they have with Derry is that Next will hire staff and then Derry reimburses them.

He said that currently they have one special education teacher and three paraprofessionals. Currently 37 students from Derry are identified as needing services. In total 40 out of the 80 students there need services.

Crawford called the numbers “disproportionally high” but said that all students are welcome to apply.

“Any student that wants to come to Next is more than welcome to apply,”

said Crawford.

He said that having one teacher for that amount of students is inefficient and that while they were able to use some grant funds to patch things together it is no longer a viable option.

Crawford explained that the proposal was to increase the number of full-time special education teachers from one to two.

One question asked was what the cost would be for the extra teacher. Crawford said it would be capped at a masters step 6 position meaning the salary would be no more than \$53,669.

The School Board unanimously approved the amendment to the memorandum of understanding.

Also during the meeting Crawford presented

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Volunteer Needs May Cancel Sandown’s Old Home Day

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SANDOWN – During the March 28 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting Sandown Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell told the Board of Selectmen that the Old Home Day Committee is in desperate need of volunteers this year.

She explained that the only returning member was the Chair of the Committee and that anyone who is interested should get involved.

Last week a post on the Sandown Town website

said that there is even a possibility that the Old Home Day Fall Festival may not happen this year.

“The Old Home Day Committee currently has no returning members and therefore, without a committee to plan and run the event, we run the risk of not having an Old Home Day Fall Festival for 2022,” the post said.

The website also stated that anyone interested or a has a group of people who are interested in helping with the annual event should contact the Selectmen’s Office at townof-sandown@sandown.us or

call (603) 887-3646 #2.

Another agenda item discussed by the Selectmen was in regards to the Office Assistant position.

Blaisdell said that the budget passed as presented and within the executive budget they have funds allocated to have someone start before Paula Gulla retires. Gulla is expected to retire at the end of the year.

“We’re ready to put that out for advertisement,” said Blaisdell. She said that they have it in the budget for the new person to start on April 1. She said that the soon they can get

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Pinkerton Academy students kicked off the inaugural Astrothon, an overnight fundraiser Saturday night to Sunday morning, with some spirited dancing. The event raised over \$15,000 toward the Miracle Network of the Boston Children’s Hospital.

Photo by Chris Paul

Pinkerton Students Host Overnight Astrothon

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What started as an idea back in 2019 was finally realized over the weekend when the Pinkerton Academy Student Council hosted it’s first-ever overnight Astrothon to help raise funds for the Boston Children’s Hospital.

With a fundraising goal of \$10,000, the students were able to far surpass that

goal and bring in \$15,000 at the event, which took over a 12-hour period from Saturday night, April 1, to Sunday morning, April 2.

Students participating were encouraged to raise money to attend the event with the minimum amount being \$50.

Throughout the sleepless evening, there were countless activities planned, beginning with a few members of the

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Chester Board of Selectmen Discuss Facility Rental Fees

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CHESTER – One of the agenda items discussed during the March 31 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to facilities rental fees.

Chester Recreation Director Corinna Reishus said that since she has become an employee with the Town in 2016 the rental fees haven't changed.

"Since 2016 nothing has been changed," said Reishus.

Reishus said that the rental forms have changed from time to time but they only were changed after getting permission from the Board of Selectmen. She said that the last time the fees were changed was in 2014.

Selectmen Steven Couture said that they could have a revised date on the bottom of the forms when they update them for now on so they know when it has been updated.

One question that was raised was in regards to the COVID-19 policies.

Reishus explained that they have been following any emergency orders that have been in place and it has been extended until June 30. She said that they plan on continuing to follow them.

Chester Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette said he thinks it makes sense to do that until there are no more orders in place.

Couture said that they aren't at the peak of COVID-19 anymore and thinks that the language needs to be looked at

again.

"I think the language clearly has to be looked at," said Couture.

Reishus also noted that they follow the recommendation of their insurance administrator company Primax.

Selectmen Jeremy Owens said that they have to follow what Primax tells them.

"We have to go with what Primax recommends," said Owens.

Selectmen Stephen D'angelo said that they are the insurance administrator but they don't have to follow their recommendation.

Couture also argued that all the regulations should be listed on the forms so people know the rules and expectations.

Chester Town Administrator Debra Doda said that if they had the specific policies on the forms then they would have to change it anytime there was even a minor change in policy.

D'Angelo raised the question of why they are charging people in town to use their facilities.

"Why are we charging Town peoples fees," said D'Angelo.

Reishus said that they don't for the vast majority of the time because their fees are waived.

She said they have some events like baby showers that pay the minimum fees which then goes to the general fund on a quarterly basis. She said the last one was in 2020 for \$25.

Reishus also pointed out that they don't charge for anything at Wasson Pond in exchange for having a police detail and porta potties if they have over 50 people.

It was also noted by Reishus that they charge a security deposit for groups to use the facility and some regular users have asked that it not be returned so they don't have to go back

and forth each time they rent it. She said that they have \$1,300 in security deposits at this time.

D'Angelo said he didn't think they should charge people in Town for the security deposit as long as they have good relationships with them and they haven't caused issues in the past. He also argued that they shouldn't require people in Town to pay insurance in order to rent the facilities.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that he is concerned that it is the first he is hearing about the \$1,300 in security deposits and thinks that it needs to be monitored in some way.

Landau said that he also doesn't think they should be renting out Steven's Hall for now.

Reishus said that she would be speaking with the insurance company to see if they don't have to charge groups for insurance.

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someone in the better.

Blaisdell said that they also have another position that they added but they wouldn't be filling the job until after Gulla leaves.

Selectmen Robert Nickerson asked what happens if it doesn't go well.

"Like anything else we start over," said Blaisdell.

Selectmen Darren Hudgins said that he thinks they need to start the process of finding someone right away.

"I think we have to jump on it, get right on it,"

said Hudgins.

Blaisdell said that it could be a couple months before they find somebody. She pointed out that this time of the year would be a good time to train someone.

It was pointed out by Selectmen Vice Chairman Tom Tombarello that filling Gulla's void in the office is going to be tough.

"These are going to be tough shoes to fill," said Tombarello.

Blaisdell said that they have someone interested who has been interested for a while, which led into discussion on whether or not

to just hire the candidate right away.

It was pointed out by Blaisdell that if they don't advertise to the public then they don't see who is interested and they may miss out on some applicants with more experience.

Tombarello said that it doesn't hurt them to look.

"I personally think it's money well spent," said Tombarello.

Blaisdell said that they spent around \$300 on advertising for the Recreation Coordinator position.

It was ultimately agreed to post the job in various places.

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Butler Re-Elected as Sandown Conservation Chairman

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SANDOWN – The Sandown Conservation Commission voted for its different officers during their March 24 meeting.

Being re-elected as the Commission's Chairman for the next year was Brian Butler.

"He does a great job," said Nick Ortins.

Ortins was also re-elected as Vice Chairman during the meeting.

Butler said that they haven't had a secretary or treasurer position for the past couple of years and

that they wouldn't again this year.

Conservation Commission member Jillian Winmill said that she won't be renewing her term on the Commission noting that she has gotten more busy with her work after receiving a promotion. She has been on the Conservation Commission since 2016.

Butler said that Winmill has done a lot during her time on the Conservation Commission including playing a key role when it comes to their Facebook page. He said that he wanted to add a

Social Media Director position to the Commission and asked that Winmill be in that role.

"I think we can have a social media person," said Butler.

Winmill said she would do it. She also noted that she may join the Commission again one day in the future.

"I don't think I will be gone forever," said Winmill.

Also during the meeting the Commission got an update regarding the annual Kids Fishing Derby which is scheduled to take place on April 30.

Colleen Olsen, the Administrative Assistant for the Conservation Commission said she is working on getting donations from different businesses and recently got four \$25 gift cards from Bass Pro Shop.

It was explained by Butler that they usually wait until they get all the different prizes and then decide how to divide the different ones.

Butler also told the Commission that he spoke to some former Conservation members who said that they are willing to help out with

the event this year.

Olsen said that they are going to have online registration again this year. She said that once the link is ready she will post it online.

It was also pointed out that last year they had around 90 people sign up and had a cap of 100 children. Butler said that it worked out last year having the cap on it.

"It seemed to work out how it went last year," said Butler.

Olsen also noted that she would reach out to the police department about getting detailed coverage

for the event.

The 22nd annual Fishing Derby is slated to take place on April 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The event will take place at Sal's Pond. The cost is \$3 per child with a maximum of \$10 per family. It is open to all children from 2 to 15 years old.

Anyone who has questions regarding the Fishing Derby can contact the Fishing Derby Chair Brianna Butler, at BriButler@Comcast.net

The next Sandown Conservation Commission meeting is slated for April 14 at 7 p.m.

Hampstead Board of Selectmen Gets Update On Master Plan

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Board of Selectmen heard an update from Robert Weimar the Chairman of the Planning Board in regards to the Master Plan during the March 28 Selectmen meeting.

Weimar said that he thinks that they are at a phase in drafting the Master Plan where it's important for everyone to look at what they have done so far and to get any input people have.

Weimar explained that the first phase was the community survey which was completed in 2021.

The second phase of it is the vision statement and

objectives which is currently what they are working on now.

The final phase is a detailed plan "to hopefully complete those objectives," Weimar said.

"We would like to complete the plan this year," said Weimar. He said it was their intent to give them a final presentation before the end of the year.

Weimar said that the goal of the Master Plan is to develop something that is useful. He said that some of the key areas are preserving the community's character, protecting the environment, and balancing municipal services.

Some of the other areas are encouraging communication from the residents,

thriving for housing, and clean water.

Weimar also pointed to safe transportation saying not just for cars but for the walking and biking community. He said that they are also looking to protect the historical and agricultural areas in Hampstead and encouraging civic involvement.

Weimar said that they are currently seeking input from all the different boards and committees in Town.

"We're currently seeking comments from all the Town Boards," said Weimar.

He said that the goal is to have the comments in by April 7 and then have them in written form by

April 14 for review.

Weimar said that eventually they plan on having a public hearing on May 5 at Town Hall and on May 7 at the Hampstead Middle School.

"Hopefully we get a good turnout," said Weimar.

Hampstead Board of Selectmen Chairman Sean Murphy asked who they received feedback from so far. Weimar said that they have received feedback from the Conservation

Commission, the Water Resource Committee, and the Fire Department.

Weimar said that they have been making adjustments based on the comments they have received and will be making adjustments until May.

Weimar said that one of the most important things that has happened so far in the process was the community survey saying that the input from it weighed heavily. He said that they had 800 responses to it.

"The survey has been the foundation for everything we have done," said Weimar.

It was pointed out by Weimar that they have been following the state guidelines for master plans.

Selectmen Joseph Guthrie asked if the Board of Selectmen would be able to see a draft of the master plan at some point. Weimar said that they could review it at any time but said mid May would be the best time to see a draft.



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Editorial

It Is Time to Think About Lyme Disease

Are you like me? You came to NH for the wonderful outdoor quality of life here, to have a relationship with the outdoors. Well, this has all changed since having Lyme disease.

I still love the outdoors, but I check for ticks every time I go outside.

Ticks can be found almost every month of the year, but you should be especially aware of the risk of tick bites from early spring until late fall.

If you find a tick attached remove it as soon as possible. You should put the tick into a sandwich bag with a small piece of damp paper towel and mark the date and the person who was bitten on the bag. Then, the tick can be identified by someone knowledgeable in tick appearance or be sent to a lab to see if it was a carrier of Lyme disease or other infections such as Bartonella, Ehrlichia, Babesia or Anaplasma.

Most people feel that you need to have a bulls eye rash (erythema migrans rash) to be diagnosed with Lyme disease. This is not true, but rather have an even red appearance across the entire area. Typically when a person first contracts Lyme disease, they will develop flu-like symptoms about 7 to 21 days after the tick bite. However, this is not necessarily the case. Sometimes the onset is quite insidious and may take years to show.

Lyme disease can spread to most organ systems, including the heart and the central nervous system. More than

a decade ago, Syphilis was nick named "the great masquerader" since it could develop symptoms that mimicked most any other disease. Today, Lyme disease is the great masquerader, since it may appear to be like other illnesses, like cardiac arrhythmias causing sudden death, neurologic symptoms that often appear like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease. There is often a buzzing or tingling sensation of the skin, burning neurologic pain, and a great amount of joint pain, muscle pain and incredible muscle stiffness. A lot of "brain fog" resulting in poor memory, difficulty with language skills and even out right dementia, chronic sinus infections, migraines, Lyme rage as well. I do not have the space to go on as what it can look like.

With most disease the best "treatment" for Lyme disease is prevention. Permethrin, a common synthetic insecticide, can be applied to clothing to make them tick resistant. DEET, Lemon Eucalyptus Oil to name a few, can be used as insect repellent for the skin. Wearing light clothing makes it easier for you to spot ticks. Clothes should be put in a dryer for 10 minutes on high heat after coming in from outside to kill ticks. Tucking pants into socks can prevent the ticks from climbing up the leg.

Enjoy the outdoors and protect yourself from Lyme disease by taking preventative measures from tick bites and seek treatment if necessary.



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high school marching band joining the event to get the groups Pinkerton Pride running on all cylinders.

Seniors Ellie Krump and Ryan McMahon ran the event that evening with a very long itinerary mapped out. McMahon is the Student Council President and Krump was the chair of the committee and the originator of the Astrothon.

The fundraiser would have had its first event back in 2020, but the pandemic stood in the way both that year and in 2021.

The event was to begin at 8 p.m. with a local patient and their family being greeted by students for the kick-off, but the family was unable to attend at the last minute, so some words about the local Children's Miracle Network Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital were given by Development Officer Bryanna Grimes. She expressed her appreciation for the event and explained how the funds raised would help families.

Besides being somewhat of a Dance Marathon, the night began with making Glow in the Dark T-

Shirt painting.

Along with dancing, there were games and movies played throughout the night as well as patient videos played to inspire the students fundraising efforts.

Games included: Murder Mystery Case; a Prehistoric Relay Race; Escape Room Game; a Just Dance Battle; Karaoke; Cornhole; Ladderball; Kanjam; Spikeball; Large Jenga, Big Checkers; and a Beach Volleyball Tournament.

The event ended with a patient family showing up in the early morning hours, thanking students for their efforts.

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proposed changes to the lease that Next has with the School District.

He explained that right now they are in year six of a 10 year agreement. He said that right now Next is in the process of renovating the current space they are in.

Crawford explained that they were able to secure a "very low cost loan" to spread out the cost over a course of time. In

order to spread the load out however, Crawford said that they were told that they have to have a lease of the space for 10 years.

Crawford said that the proposal was to extend the end of the current lease from 2026 to 2032.

In order to spread the loan which they like to do is that they have a lease of the space for 10 years

"We didn't propose any other changes to the lease," said Crawford..

Crawford said that originally they had an

increase of three percent per year for the lease payment which will also continue.

Some of the results of the proposed renovations will add two classrooms and a bathroom, will add a storage space, and four exterior windows.

He said that the plan is to do the construction over the summer and would only be in their localized space.

The School Board unanimously approved the changes to the lease.

Astrothon Raises Money for Boston Children's Hospital



Clockwise from above: Pinkerton Academy students decorate T-Shirts; students sign cards for families being treated at the Boston Children's Hospital; members of the Astros Marching Band help kick off the event; and organizers Ellie Krump and Ryan McMahon address fundraisers. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Chester Charitable Foundation May Take Over Wason Pond Pounder

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CHESTER - While this May will mark the 10th and last Wason Pond Pounder, the Chester Charitable Foundation told the Board of Selectmen during their March 31 meeting that they have been having discussions with a group who may be interested in taking over.

Maria Veale, an organizer with the Foundation said that while the group of individuals haven't com-

mitted to it yet she said that the organization thinks that they would be the best people to move forward with it. She said that if the new group was to continue to do it, they hope they would receive the support from the Board of Selectmen.

Chester Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette said that they would.

"I hope it continues to go off. It's been an amazing program since it started," said Myette.

It was explained by

Veale that they would work on a name change if the new group was to take over in order for them to have a fresh start.

The request to support a new possible group wasn't the only request that the Chester Charitable Foundation had during the meeting.

Veale said that in 2019 an ordinance was drafted that wouldn't allow dogs or horses at Wason Pond on the day of their event. She said that they have had

a couple of incidents that she remembers when someone insisted on riding their horses during the race which caused issues.

She said that they didn't have any way to stop them.

"We didn't have a leg to stand on," said Veale.

Myette said that he agreed that it made sense to have the restrictions.

"It does make sense," said Myette.

Selectmen Stephen Landau explained that he doesn't think they should just

single out horses and dogs and instead it shouldn't allow any livestock that day.

"We can't just single out dogs or horses," said Landau.

Myette said that they would work on having an ordinance in place before the race.

The final race which is scheduled to take place on May 21 is the first race to take place since 2019. The races in 2020 and 2021 didn't take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was explained by Veale that originally there were events through the organization Chester Field of Dreams as a way of raising money to construct a field at Wason Pond.

After a series of small events it was decided to organize an obstacle race

and after two events enough money was raised for the fields.

In order to keep it going the Chester Charitable Foundation was formed in 2013.

Veale said that they usually have about 1,000 racers per year but this year they are shooting for 1,400 participants. Usually about 100 people from Chester participate in the race.

Over the years they have raised over \$244,000 for different charitable organizations.

Selectmen Steven Couture said that he was looking forward to running in the race once again.

"I'm excited to run it," said Couture.

Those who want to sign up for the race can do so by going to runreg.com/9057.

White Picked as Sandown Planning Board Chair

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Planning Board picked its Board officers for the 2022-2023 year during their March 15 meeting.

Being selected on a 6-0-1 vote as Chairman this year was John White. White abstained from voting. Selected as Vice Chairman of the Board for the year was Ernie Brown. Ed Mencis was selected as Secretary for the Board this year. Mencis and Brown both abstained as well.

Selectmen ex-officio Eric Olsen said that he thinks they need to provide new members with a list of the different positions and

a description of what each of the roles are.

Earlier in the meeting White was sworn in for another three-year term after being re-elected during the election.

Also in attendance for the meeting was Pam Gaudreau who is the Chair of the Sandown Heritage Commission.

She explained that usually Heritage Commissions has one of the Planning Board members on the Commission. She said however, that since the Commission started in Town no Planning Board member has been on the Commission.

Gaudreau said that when they established the Com-

mission in Town in 2018 they had a Selectmen appointed to the Commission as required. She said that they went to the Planning Board as well but at the time they didn't have anyone who was able to do it.

No member of the Planning Board was formally appointed during the meeting.

It was also discussed by Gaudreau and the Board that the Heritage Commission could review the different applications that they receive to make sure that there aren't any areas of interest that are being impacted by any of the new developments.

White said he recommended that it be added to either the site plan or subdivision regulations and would check with Town Engineer Steve Keach to make sure that was proper.

Gaudrea said that the Heritage Commission is also working on creating a historical resource inventory in Town and once completed they would bring it to

the Planning Board for it to be added to the Master Plan.

In other news James Lavelle from James Lavelle and Associates was at the meeting representing Michael Cronin the owner of 65 Odell Rd. Lavelle submitted a written waiver request from the subdivision regulations related to on-site recreational requirements. He said that a donation to the Sandown recreation department will be made. The Planning Board approved the waiver request.

Lavelle told the Board that they are still waiting for the dredge and fill permits, which will give them their state subdivision approval as well.

The Board opted against giving conditional approval for it as a new plan was submitted the same day as the meeting and Keach wasn't able to review it.

The Board approved continuing the public hearing to April 19.

The next Sandown Planning Board meeting is slated for April 19 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Mary Margaret "Nani" Chasse



Mary Margaret "Nani" Chasse, 89, of Derry, NH, passed away Sunday March 27, 2022, in the Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH. She was born on April 27, 1932, in Medford, MA, a daughter of the late Giuseppe and Maria Catherine (Toscana) Annaloro and had been a resident of Derry for the past 22 years.

Being kind and generous to a fault, Mary often donated to many different charities. Nani was the quintessential Italian woman, and she loved her God, family and cooking. She was a woman of strong faith and a follower of God. She attended St. Thomas Aquinas in Derry. Mary always made her family her top priority and loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and siblings. She loved being at the beach and near the ocean. In more recent years, she enjoyed watching the Boston Bruins games with her son Steven. Another passion Mary had was cooking and she will be forever remembered for her famous meatball recipe.

She is survived by her son, Steven Delpidio and his wife Elizabeth of Derry; three granddaughters, Ashley Delpidio, Amanda Delpidio, and Nicole Delpidio; one sister, Helen Lewis of CA, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Lawrence Chasse, four sisters, Rose Gilliberti, Aida Leone, Mildred Valiquette and Jean Notarangi; and a brother, Ernest Annaloro.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Thursday, March 31, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Friday April 1, in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The burial followed in Gibson Cemetery, Marsh Rd., Pelham, NH. Those wishing to be in the procession to the cemetery, should meet at the funeral home at 8:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Chester Town Fair Will Be 300th Anniversary Tricentennial Grand Finale

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the March 31 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting representatives from both the 300th Anniversary Committee and the Town Fair Committee.

It was explained by Chris Hadik from the 300th Anniversary Committee that they were concerned about having the grand finale and Town Fair on two different days. He said that the Town Fair uses a lot of the Town resources and that the

300th Anniversary event would use the same or even more.

"We're going to use that and probably more," said Hadik.

Aside from space and parking, one of the sticking points about having it on the same day was the fact that the 300th Anniversary Committee wants to have a beer truck there.

Recreation Director Corinna Reishus said that they were originally approached by Selectmen Stephen Landau and Town Administrator Deb Doda about merging the two

events on the same day.

Reishus said that after the two groups met together it was determined that both organizations wanted to have their events on Sept. 24. She said that they had reservations about having the beer garden there.

She said that Hadik and the event planner for the 300th Anniversary Committee came to the Town Fair and came to an agreement to make it work.

After meeting with the police chief and beer vendor at the field the 300th Committee gave the Town Fair Committee an update

on what they felt needed to be done in order to have the beer vendor there.

"It changes what the platform is for the town fair," said Reishus.

She said that the Town Fair Committee decided to not have Town Fair this year.

Hadik explained that the space that they were originally going to use for the beer tent was determined to not be enough space. He explained that the beer vendor also said that if they have the beer garden in a confined tent then people will quickly

drink their beer in order to rejoin the party.

It was pointed out by Hadik that they spoke with Police Chief Aaron Berube who agreed with it.

He said that the recommendation was to instead have an open space.

"It will make for a better experience," said Hadik.

Selectmen Jeremy Owens asked if it would be a major issue if they don't have the Town Fair this year.

"Is it the worst thing in the world that we just have a different event this year," said Owens.

Owens said that he didn't think they would be able to have both on the same day.

"I don't think both of them are going to work," said Owens.

Both the 300th Anniversary Committee and the Town Fair Committee told the Board of Selectmen that there weren't any hard feelings about the decision made.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette said that they still need to come back to the Board of Selectmen with the logistics for everything.

Derry School Board Signs Agreements With Unions

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - After being approved by the voters earlier in the month, the Derry School Board signed the contracts for the Derry Education Association which represents the Derry Teachers, and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council No. 93, Local 1801.

School Board member Derick Anderson said that he was thankful that the warrant article passed.

Anderson said that both sides recognized the fact that the teaching profession is not only losing teachers but also not as

many people are going into the teaching profession as they did before.

To help attract new teachers and to retain the ones they have, Anderson said that they added a tuition repayment plan incentive into the agreement.

"The District will provide a pool of up to \$25,000 each year for the purpose of student loan repayment assistance for eligible teachers," the language in the contract reads. "An eligible teacher is a teacher who: (a) is employed by the District for the complete school year; (b) is on step 7 or lower of the salary schedule; (c) has been employed by the District for 5 years

or less; and (d) is not in default on his/her student loan(s)."

It states in the contract that the maximum student loan repayment assistance that any eligible teacher can receive is "\$2500 per year, or the remaining balance on the loan(s), whichever is less."

"In the event that eligible teachers apply for more than \$25,000 in student loan repayment assistance in the same year, the pool will be divided equally among all eligible teachers on a per capita

basis," the contract reads.

Margaret Morse-Barry, the President of the Derry Education Association said that they are grateful to be given a three year contract and that she has signed many contracts over the years.

"Probably way too many to count," said Morse-Barry.

She said she recognizes the fact that "negotiations are always tough."

"Everybody's looking for fair and sometimes fair is just being able to see we did a good job," said

Morse-Barry.

She said that it's about give and take when it comes to contracts and she thinks both sides did that this time.

"We appreciate the fact that we have something to sign tonight," said Morse Barry.

For Local 1801 School Board Vice Chairman Jonathan Dugan said that the voters showed that they were in support of the two-year contract.

"I think the overwhelming support proved that the negotiation and the agreement that we came to

was definitely is and well deserved," said Dugan.

Dugan said he is glad that they were able to give an increase of \$1.20 an hour for special education assistants and library and computer assistants to get them to \$15 per hour.

"Hopefully that will help us attract more special education assistants and library assistants," said Dugan.

School Board Chair Erika Cohen said she is also glad that both contracts were approved.

"You all work very hard," said Cohen.

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Case Name: **In the Matter of Ashley Darville and Veancorvd Darville**
Case Number: **622-2021-DM-00149**

On June 4, 2021, Ashley Darville of Sandown, NH filed in this Court a Petition for Divorce with requests concerning:

The original pleading is available for inspection at the office of the Clerk at the above Family Division Location.

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The Court has entered the following Order(s):

Veancorvd Darville shall file a written Appearance Form with the Clerk of the Family Division at the above location on or before **May 30, 2022** or be found in DEFAULT. **Veancorvd Darville** shall also file by **May 30, 2022** a Response to the Petition and by **May 30, 2022** deliver a copy to the Petitioner's Attorney or the Petitioner, if unrepresented. Failure to do so will result in issuance of Orders in this matter, which may affect you without your input.

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Robin E. Pinelle, Clerk or Court
March 31, 2022

Ovation Theatre Performs “Cut” as a Theatre in the Round

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

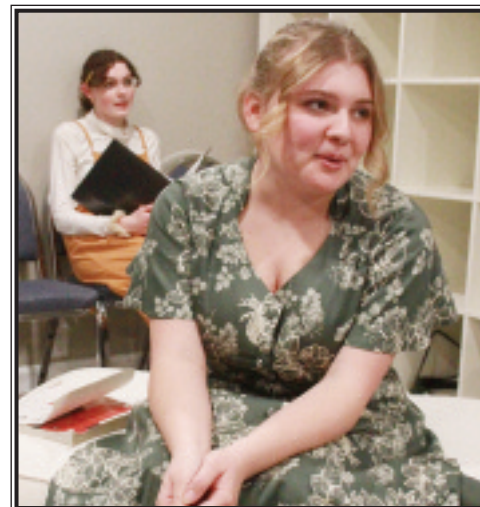
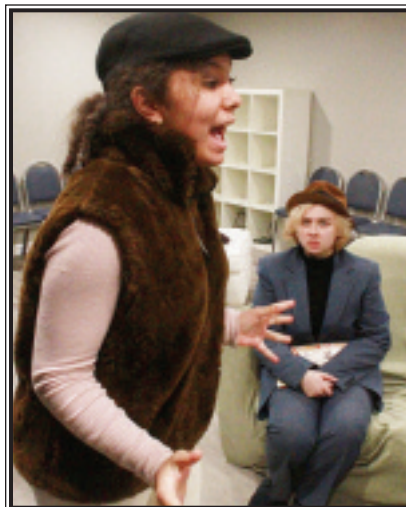
Londonderry's Ovation Theatre Company performed the play “Cut” over the weekend in a “theatre in the round” setting for four shows.

Starting on Friday night, April 1, and ending with shows on Saturday, April 2 at their studio on Harvey Road, performers and the audience shared a modest-sized room together for a play written Ed Monk and Directed by recent Londonderry graduate Tim Gore. Actors were: Avery Barcelos, 15, of Hampstead; Alex Barnes, 14, of Londonderry; Ella Burroughs, 18, of Hampstead; Meg Carroll, 13, of Londonderry; Sam Craigie, 12, of Londonderry; Hope Frost, 16, of Hampstead; Michaela Horan, 16, of Londonderry;



ry; Skylar Marzolf, 12, of Derry; Natalie McCormick, 15, of Litchfield; Abby Parnell, 14, of Hampstead; and Lizzie Sosa, 14, of Londonderry. Auditions are starting for their sum-

mer musical “Something Rotten” which will be performed on July 22 and 23. Auditions take place April 13 and 14 for ages 15 to 65 and over.



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Residents Show Their Support

Several local residents took to the streets of downtown Derry on Thursday, March 31, to show their support for area transgender youth on International Transgender Day of Visibility. Many of those traveling down Broadway throughout the day greeted the bright display with positive with enthusiastic smiles, honks, thumbs up, and waves. Transgender Day of Visibility is a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of discrimination faced by trans and non-binary people.

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DERRY SPORTS

Red Star Twirlers to Host Miss Majorette Qualifier

Back on March 10, 2020, with The Red Star Twirlers annual competition just weeks away, the event had to be abruptly canceled and little did anyone know that, for the whole world, time would stop. For children and coaches in sports, it was navigating a sea change and the Red Stars, coached by Gina Hutchinson, and her two assistants, KeriAnn Lynch Unger and Ashley Tiller, there was no question, they would reinvent and stay moving forward.

The next week, the team was on Zoom, from their garages, recreation rooms, and bedrooms working on skills that, for twirlers and dancers are necessary skills. They were stretching like never before, and getting

very fast and ambidextrous, at what are called low flips and thumb tosses, the backbone of twirling. The classes were scheduled just as they would have been in the gym. At the end of each night's workout, Hutchinson screened videos of The Red Stars throughout the decades to take this opportunity to show the current Red Stars more about the team's history. One night was "Off to China with the Red Stars, 2010." Another night was showing one of the Red Stars' summer shows at Stockbridge Theatre. The team called it "Red Star Drive In Old School".

Once spring came in 2020, the team moved to a cul de sac in Londonderry for outdoor practice and the ability to get back to high



Tiana Barton, of Derry, will compete in a competition is Saturday at West Running Brook Middle School.

tricks. It was there that the team created a "COVID

Show" with music geared to the situation such as Starship's "Nothing's Going to Stop Us Now". That show morphed into outdoor performances, including one for the staff at Parkland Medical Center, and a filming by Derry's Community Cable Network at McGregor Park as the finale to the virtual Derryfest that year.

When the team was able to get back in the gym at Veterans Hall that July, masked up for a year, the members kept pushing themselves hoping things would open up at some point. And open they did. In the last three months, Gretchen Murray of Londonderry, won the most prestigious award at Disney Twirl Mania, The "Mousecar", named for the Oscar. She had to have the highest score of all competitors from age seven to eighteen in beginner two batons in order to win. Tiana Barton, of Derry, as the youngest competitor in Miss New Hampshire Outstanding Teen, won overall talent. Madison Russell, age seven, of Sandown placed top three in all her events at Twirl Mania. The frosting on the cake was Londonderry's Emily Cowette becoming a Top Ten Collegiate Finalist at Twirl Mania, then, just last week, becoming the thirty second Purdue University Golden Girl.

This weekend, the local twirlers, their teammates

and twirlers from all over New England will be competing in front of judges from seven states, from Florida and South Carolina to New York and New Jersey.

West Running Brook Middle School will be the hub of great music, excellent performances as competition finally returns to Derry. By the end of the day, several twirlers will know if they qualified for Miss Majorette of America. The day is being dedicated to the memory of Major, Marjorie Gilbert of Newton, Mass., who passed away on Christmas of 2020 at the age of ninety six. She had been an NBTA judge for more than fifty years. She was the role model for the high standards in competitive and performance twirling.

The competition starts at 9 a.m. with modeling events, and then moves to the exciting team performances at 10:30, followed by individual events after 1:30. Guests are welcome to stop in to see some or all of the events free of charge.

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House Approves State-Run Cannabis Retail Business Concept

By **GARRY RAYNO**,
INDEPTHNH.ORG

CONCORD - The House recently approved a bill legalizing recreational cannabis that would be sold through a state retail monopoly similar to the state's liquor business.

Like other bills legalizing the recreational use of marijuana the House has passed over the years, it faces a steep climb in the Senate, which has yet to approve a legalization bill.

House Bill 1598 passed the House by a wide margin several weeks ago, but

ran into opposition before the House Ways and Means Committee where its financial assumptions were questioned, particularly its revenue estimates for the state.

Other issues also surfaced including the lack of state oversight board outside of the Liquor Commission which would regulate, buy, sell and advertise cannabis, and issues of who would produce the product on the terms outlined in the bill.

Another major concern was the fate of the state's alternative treatment dis-

pensaries for the medical marijuana program, whose owners do not believe they will survive if they have to compete against the state monopoly.

While the amendment approved in House Ways and Means on a 12-10 vote, addresses some of the concerns, a series of amendments were introduced Thursday to address problems in the bill that were adopted.

A proposed major change in the structure of the bill that would have used private retailers to sell the products and not

the state, failed however.

Rep. Max Abramson, R-Seabrook, said the proposal before the House would be a first, seeing socialism working for the first time in history, noting everything about the proposal goes against the state GOP's platform of privatization instead of growing government monopolies.

He also criticized the proposal's business plan and maintains it will not produce anything close to what sponsors claim it will.

Abramson's plan would collect state revenues through the rooms and meals tax, and that prompted sponsors of the bill to claim that would open the door "to a full-blown retail sales tax," according to prime sponsor Rep. Daryl Abbas, R-Salem.

He and other bill sponsors claim their plan will provide property tax relief

by reducing the amount of statewide education property tax needed to be raised, it would help erase the significant unfunded liability of the state retirement system and provide additional funding for mental health, and addiction prevention and treatment services.

While a number of House members said they support ending the prohibition on marijuana use and want to see the arrests stopped, they were concerned the proposal is not the best the state could do.

Rep. Dick Ames, D-Jaffrey, said while the model is based on the state liquor commission's structure, the two would be very different as the cannabis would have to be grown in New Hampshire while the liquor commission can draw its products from around the world.

Similar models have been used in Canada in

Ontario and Quebec, he said, but have not been successful.

While sponsors claim it will produce about \$250 million annually for the state, others told the committee it would likely be more like one-tenth of that figure.

Rep. Timothy Lang, R-Sanbornton, said the proposal "is a win across the board for all citizens of New Hampshire."

He, like others, said it will give the people of New Hampshire what they want, the legalization of marijuana as surrounding states have already done.

"This has been thoroughly vetted, has bipartisan support, and we can always come back and make it better," Lang said.

The House voted 169-156 to approve the bill.

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Chester Man Shot in His Home Friday Night

The Chester Police Department is investigating a late-night shooting of a 79-year-old man that occurred inside his home on Chester Turnpike Friday night, April 1.

Chester police responded to a home in town at between 10:30 and 11 p.m. Friday for a report of a

shooting.

According to local police, they determined that the home had been struck by gunfire and the elderly victim had sustained a gunshot wound inside his home.

The New Hampshire State Police took over the investigation and remained on the scene through the

night, but no arrests were announced. The investigation is ongoing and investigators are asking area residents with home surveillance systems to review the video for suspicious activity between 10:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. that evening and inform police if they find anything.

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DERRY

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 Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Masks

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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 wel-

come. 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.

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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

Dominoes Club!

Love dominoes and already know how to play? Or are you looking for something new and fun to try? Join Terry Armstrong for this fun new club, meeting in Chester Library conference room every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm. All skill levels welcome! For more information and to register call 887-3404.

Storytime

Bring your little ones for stories, songs, and snacks to the Chester Library on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Plastic Egg Bunny Craft

Come make this adorable bunny egg craft with Miss Kandy on Monday, April 11 at 4 p.m., at the Chester Library. All materials are supplied by the library. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404. This is a kids event.

Spring Gingerbread Houses

Design a spring graham cracker house with Miss Maureen at the Chester Library on Tuesday April 12 from 4 - 5 p.m. All materials will be provided. Space is limited and spots fill up fast. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Easter Bunny Visit

The Easter Bunny will be stopping by the Chester

library to say hello, hand out goodie bags and be available for pictures on Saturday, April 16 from noon - 1 p.m. This is an outdoor event, weather permitting.

Poetry Reading

Join the Chester Library on Monday, April 18 at 6 p.m., for an evening of poetry with Midge Goldberg. Midge will be reading poems from her latest book To Be Opened After My Death.

Adult Afternoon Book Club

This Chester Library book club will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 1 p.m. to discuss Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees are elected officials responsible for the government of library services and finances and will be meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Crafting Club

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) and meet other crafters at the Chester Library on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Adult Evening Book Club

This Chester Library will be meeting on Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m., to discuss

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The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Foundation Meeting

Join the Foundation to help the Chester library's renovation efforts for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.. New members are needed and always welcome.

Ruth Ray's Birthday

Come celebrate the Chester Library's benefactor's birthday at the Library all day on Wednesday, April 27.

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.

HAMPSTEAD

Kids Fishing Derby

On Saturday April 23, from 7 a.m. - noon. Come on down to Shop Pond 166 Main St., Hampstead for some free family fun. Open to kids of Hampstead and surrounding towns ages 1 - 15. No entry fee required. Each child receives a small gift. Pond stocked with 500, 8-14 inch. Prizes will be awarded. Masks optional (If you or a family member has Covid-19 symptoms, please stay home). Go To: HampsteadCivicClub.org to register

Celebrate Holy Week

Hampstead Congregational Church (61 Main St, Hampstead) will offer several special services for Holy Week. On Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m., all are invited to join in person or online for "A Service of Shadows" reflective service on the last days of Jesus' life. On Easter Sunday, April 17, two services will be offered. Please join us for a sunrise service at 6 a.m., at Camp Tel-

Noar, 167 Main St., Hampstead. We will worship together as we watch the sun rise on this holiest of days. After the service, all are invited to the social hall at the church for breakfast. At 10 a.m., we will offer a traditional Easter service full of music and celebration in our sanctuary decorated specially for this most joyous of days. This service will also be streamed online.

Storytime

Spring Preschool Story Time series at the Hampstead Library is on Mondays at 10 a.m., April 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.

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, or call 603-329-5959 for more information.

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 Cal-

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endar on HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411.

Story Walk

New book in the Story-walk® 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.

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.

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

Individuals, clubs and businesses can purchase a brick for the Hampstead Public Library's Pavilion Project fundraiser. The bricks will be part of a walkway from parking lot to pavilion. Each brick can be personalized. Bricks can be purchased

by filling out a form at the Library or visit www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/hampstead. If you are giving a brick as a gift, the Library has special cards and a limited supply of decoratively wrapped bricks which you can present to the recipient. Purchase of a bag, brick, or any fundraiser to benefit the Library is tax-deductible. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.

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.

SANDOWN

Family Fun in the Kitchen

Join the Sandown Library for some family fun in the kitchen on Monday, April 18 from 4 - 5 p.m. They will be making Lemon Cupcakes with Vanilla Buttercream Frosting! Registration is required. This program is for all ages. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registered participants.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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