

Masks Mandated in Derry Despite the Public Outcry

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DERRY – From the earliest days of democracy, people have been gathering in public forums to articulate their thoughts and have them heard by their peers in an orderly fashion. Sadly, this was not that case during a recent meeting of the Derry Cooperative School District. The proposal to make masking mandatory for all students at the start of the school year incited animosity and hostility from parents. More than once, the board asked the attendees to not

applaud, keep quiet while others were speaking, and above all, maintain a respectable decorum.

The meeting began with Dr. Chris Peterson, a pediatrician and advisor to the school board on several health issues involving children. He presented a brief slide show and explained the importance of getting the vaccine and continuing to wear a mask unless medically prohibited from doing so. To prove his point, Dr. Peterson included data from a study conducted in China which showed that wearing masks indoors reduced the virus' spread by up to 80%.

Peterson's calm demeanor of his presentation met with outright hostility from some parents almost immediately. One of the first attendees to speak up began by saying "Everyone pushing this CDC narrative and talk down approach to what we should be doing, you should be ashamed of yourselves." He continued with "If you want to muzzle your kids, put them in a classroom with all muzzled kids...you have no right to take our kids' freedom." He wasn't alone in this sentiment.

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Selectmen Give Go Ahead on Needed Stevens Hall Repairs

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CHESTER - During the Aug. 26 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items that was discussed was in regards to repairs at Stevens Hall.

It was explained by Chester Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette that they had a proposal to make needed repairs to the roof, along with doing some painting of the outside of the building, along with a restoration to the gutter.

Chester Town Administrator Debra Doda said that the roof repairs would cost about \$8,000, the gutter restoration would cost about \$2,000 and the painting would cost about \$22,000.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that he thought

they were in the process of putting together a committee to look at what needs to be done to the building for repairs and renovations long term.

Myette said that putting together a committee is something they talked about, and is something they could still do, but there are also some things they could do in the meantime.

"It does seem like those are short term things we should do anyhow so it doesn't get any worse," he said.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo commented that he was concerned that if they spend the money for the temporary repair they are never going to get to the point of doing the major renovations needed on the building.

Myette responded that they could do both things in parallel.

D'angelo also asked if it was cost effective to do the painting because it always peels quickly. He also said that they should try to force the issue of coming up with a plan to get the major repairs and renovations done.

Myette mentioned that it would be better to do something short-term now to make sure it doesn't get any worse.

It was ultimately decided on a 3-0 vote to approve the proposal for \$32,000 for the repairs to the roof, along with the gutter restoration, and painting of the building.

Both Landau and D'Angelo abstained from the vote.

Selectmen Steven Couture said that they should work on a draft charter for

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Three Decades After 33 years of service with the Derry Fire Department, Battalion Chief Jack Webb was bid a fond farewell by the department at the Derry Municipal Center last week. About 28 members of the force were recognized at the service. See more page 4. Photo by Chris Paul

Hampstead Board of Selectmen Finalize ARPA Funds Process

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Board of Selectmen held its bi-monthly meeting on Aug.23. During the meeting Hampstead Administrative Assistant Sally Theriault gave the Board an update about the funds they will be receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act.

She explained that the Town of Hampstead would be receiving a total of about \$900,000 in funds with \$450,000 coming this year and \$450,000 coming to the town of Hampstead the following year.

During the last meeting with the department heads she said that some of the department heads were able to prioritize what they would like to pursue the most.

"We are drilling this down a bit," she said.

Theriault explained that the current idea is that the department heads

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Chester School Board Approves Its Reopening Plan

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CHESTER – During the Aug. 25 Chester School Board meeting one of the main agenda items that was discussed and voted on was the 2021-2022 Chester School District Return to School Plan.

The plan was prepared by a committee made up of a variety of different stakeholders.

"A committee of parents, teachers, staff, nurses, administrators, and Board members has

been reviewing guidance from public health experts as well as feedback from the community to draft and revise this 2021-2022 Return to School Plan," the introduction of

the plan stated.

"The NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) is moving away from creating situation-specific guidance in favor of applying general principles of COVID-19 prevention and mitigation to specific situations," it went on to state. "We expect there will be ongoing guidance as information about the COVID virus, variants, and immunizations evolve. We have attempted to craft a Return to School Plan that balances our goal of in-person learning with our need to minimize risk of COVID spread."

It was explained in the plan that their goal is to have as much of a traditional school year as possible.

"Our goal is to have our

students and staff on campus for safe, healthy, and engaging in-person learning. Students will be in school 5 days a week full time with a focus on academic and social/emotional learning," the plan stated. "Our plan is to return to a Traditional In-Person model with universal precautions and layers of responsive strategies."

Chester School Board Chairman Royal Richardson, who served on the committee, said that the main difference between the finalized approved plan and the original one proposed is that masks will be required.

"Given that Chester's goal from the outset has been to return students to in-person learning and

operating under a consistent schedule while also minimizing the risk of COVID transmission, the committee decided to update the proposal to require Universal Mask Usage for all students and staff while indoors," Richardson said.

Masks will also be required while on buses which is a federal mandate by the CDC.

Another major change that Richardson pointed to is that the plan only allows one grade level to be in the cafeteria at a time on a rotating basis.

The Committee also made a recommendation for there to be more communication about the COVID risk indicators between the school district administration and the school board.

"In addition, the Committee recommended that the Administration track key COVID Risk indicators and supply a monthly report to the School Board for review at the monthly School Board meetings," Richardson said. "If the current level of Community Transmission risk has been reduced from a Substantial level then the Board has the ability to adjust the Chester Academy mitigation strategy in place (ie; reducing the mask requirement)."

In one of the proposed back to school plans there

was going to be a system in place to determine if and when masks would be required in the school. That was taken out and instead replaced by the universal mask mandate.

"The Committee agreed to remove the proposed Matrix from the plan and to simply adopt Universal Mask Usage due to the current Substantial Risk of community transmission in both the County and the

Town," Richardson said. "The Committee also agreed that Superintendent Locke will present the Board with a set of key data - points pertaining to this requirement each month for evaluation."

The School Board ultimately voted unanimously in favor of the plan that was presented to them. The full back to school plan can be found on the school district's website.

OBITUARY

Robert E. Slager



Robert E. Slager, 78, of Hampstead, NH passed away Friday, Aug. 27, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Lawrence, MA on Nov. 21, 1942, a son of the late Edward and Mable (Addison) Slager. Robert served his country in the US Army Reserves for several years. Robert was employed as a maintenance mechanic, most recently for Kalwall in Manchester, NH, from which he retired. Robert was a proud member of the NRA and enjoyed tennis, hunting, and fishing. One of his greatest joys in life was being in nature and was known as an all-around outdoorsman.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth (Kupis) Slager of Hampstead; his two sons, Joel Slager and his spouse Jared of Chicago, IL, and Jonathan Slager and his spouse Amy of Bow, NH; his granddaughter, Jocelyn Slager of Bow; two sisters, Diane Blackington and his twin Betty Rossello. Robert was predeceased by his brother, Steven Slager.

At the family's request, there are no calling hours or service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Humane Society of the United States <https://secured.humanesociety.org/page/8-3122/donate/1?locale=en-US> The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

Pinkerton Academy Senior Travis Henry Attends Boys Nation

Pinkerton Academy Air Force Junior ROTC cadet Travis Henry was recently selected and completed the American Legions' Department of New Hampshire Boys State program, a six-day training course in study and practical application of problems of self-government. As an attendee at the program

held at St. Anselm College, he was one of only two participants to be selected to attend the follow-on Boys Nation, a week-long fully paid conference in Washington, D. C. Travis is a rising Senior at Pinkerton and will be entering his fourth year as a Junior ROTC cadet. He is a resident of Hampstead.



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Derry Town Council Picks Taylor Library Board of Trustees Members

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DERRY – During the Aug. 17 Derry Town Council meeting one of the main agenda items was in regards to filling three vacancies on the Taylor Library Board of Trustees.

Derry Town Councilor Chair Pro-Tem Brian Chirichiello was the acting Council Chair during the meeting since Chairman James Morgan was absent from the meeting.

It meant that he got to make the first nominations to fill the vacancies on the Board.

He nominated Samantha Hamlin, Angel Fontaine, Lynne Townsend.

Before making his nominations Chirichiello explained that while he knew some of the other people who applied he wanted to pick new people to participate instead of people who are currently serving on boards or are elected officials.

Derry Town Councilor Joshua Bourdon said that they had good backgrounds for the positions.

“In studying their backgrounds I think they’d be a strong fit, and provide some stability so I will be voting yes,” he said.

On a roll-call vote the Town Council unanimously approved Hamlin, Fontaine, and Townsend to serve on the Board.

The terms are until March of 2022, when a new election is set to take place.

While only three people could be picked to fill the vacancies Chirichiello said he was pleased with the number of people who expressed interest by applying.

He said that those who weren’t picked but are still interested in serving on the Board come March should consider putting their names on the ballot.

Also during the meeting the Derry Town Council heard from Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon.

Gagnon said that the number of positive COVID-19 cases are starting to increase again across the

state and locally.

For example during the meeting he said that they had 51 active cases of COVID in Derry. That was an increase from the previous two weeks when they had 16.

“We went up from 16 to 51 in two weeks in this town,” he said.

While there weren’t many positive highlights during his presentation, one thing that Gagnon pointed to was the fact that at the time of the meeting there weren’t any current positive cases of COVID in their adult care facilities.

He also said that the “super majority” of Derry first responders have been vaccinated so far.

“We feel good about that,” he said.

When it comes to the vaccination rates for the rest of the Town, however, he said that it has been concerning.

At the time of the meeting, Gagnon said that they were at about 46 percent which was the lowest rate for towns in the area.

Gagnon said that they have seen some improvement in Derry residents getting the vaccine as of late with about 75 people getting it per day.

He said that they are hopeful that more people in the community will get the vaccine, saying that the State has been doing what they can as well to encour-

age people across the Granite State to get vaccinated.

“There really is an all out push in the state to get as many people vaccinated as possible,” he said.

In other news the Derry Town Council approved the resignation of Donald Kirkland, from his positions as a regular member of the Taylor Library Board of Trustees. His term was set to expire in March of 2022.

They also approved the resignation of Richard Tripp, from his position as a member of the CART Advisory Committee.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is slated for Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.

Chester Planning Board Hears Conceptual Discussion

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Planning Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 26, and

during the meeting the board once again heard from Doug McGuire from the Dubai Group who was representing Garabedian Properties. He was at the meeting to discuss their future plans for their gravel pit and excavation operation off Fremont and Stowe roads.

Chester Planner Andrew Hadik said that the meeting would be for a conceptual discussion as there was still more work

needed to be done to finalize the details of the plan, which needed to be updated after 30 years. It was last updated in 1991.

“This is basically going to be a conceptual discussion so both parties can get their goals and concerns into the record and their expectations moving forward,” Hadik said.

McGuire said that when they last met with the Planning Board there were some immediate concerns that the Planning Board had and wanted to be addressed. One of those things was the fact that coarse gravel was put down on Stowe Road, and another concern being that

boulders were put down on the road, which was blocking public access.

He said that they addressed those concerns the next business day and was hopeful it was to the town’s satisfaction.

McGuire said that the plan wasn’t completed at the time but his intention is to create a new plan that would be reflective of the conditions that are out there now, what their intentions are for the future, and what areas have been disturbed already from their tree cutting operation and what areas they intend to disturb.

It was also explained by McGuire that he want-

ed to get the plan finalized right away, so he could submit it to the Town’s Engineering firm so they could start the peer review process.

Hadik explained that it would be the applicant’s responsibility to submit the plan to the engineer and to sign a contract with them to do the review and to be in communication with them. He said that some entities didn’t realize that.

Chester Board of Selectmen Chairman and Planning Board Liaison Chuck Myette said that it will be important to include in their plan how they will handle different

things like dust, and environmental impacts among other things.

Chester Planning Board member Rick Snyder said he wanted to make sure it was clear that a public hearing would be required for the plan once it’s completed before it could be approved by the Planning Board.

“I don’t take issue with it being a public hearing,” McGuire said.

He said that he doesn’t plan on coming back to the Planning Board until they get final approval of the plan from the Town Engineer.

Hadik said that they

would have a regularly scheduled meeting for the public and the abutters of the property, which is normal procedure.

“Just like we would do with anything else,” he said.

By the end of the meeting both the Board and McGuire felt they were on the same page about things.

“This was a good conversation, Andrew and I had a good conversation earlier so I think we have good direction,” McGuire said.

The next Chester Planning Board meeting is slated for Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial

Happy Labor Day!

With Labor Day almost here, a day that acts as a nice transition to the start of school and the end of summer.

This year, as we celebrated with friends and family, we were urged to take precautions due to the surge in COVID-19, which continues to forever change our surroundings.

Yes, things have changed. Families on the verge of losing their homes, businesses closing, layoffs happening, and people who were once donors to charities and social service organizations becoming recipients.

Labor Day is a holiday that gives recognition to all American workers who labor to keep our country going. America's economy moves like a machine, fueled by the hard work of all its citizens laboring for independence, family, and the American dream.

This year, the average American employee and employer has faced nearly insurmountable turmoil from this pandemic, lost jobs, inability to find workers, furloughs, gas price increases, lost wages and revenues hit both sides.

Despite all of this, we as a whole are hardworking Americans struggling to make ends meet, especially as income continue to lag behind the high cost of housing, food, gas and health-care costs. Inflation grows but incomes stays stagnant.

Many still struggle to earn enough

to cover basic necessities, even with government stimulus. I call it corporate greed when large corporations make a killing off COVID-19 and do not pass along their good fortunes to workers or share it with smaller businesses.

We recognize that local commercial businesses are suffering after adapting to the new regulations. Many businesses still look hopefully towards a good holiday season to pull them through these financially changing times. You can include this local business among them.

We can take for granted how many comforts we as a society have. We should reflect on the work and sacrifice of everyone who contributes to our country, our freedoms, and our way of life, even with the problems that we continually tweak to make better.

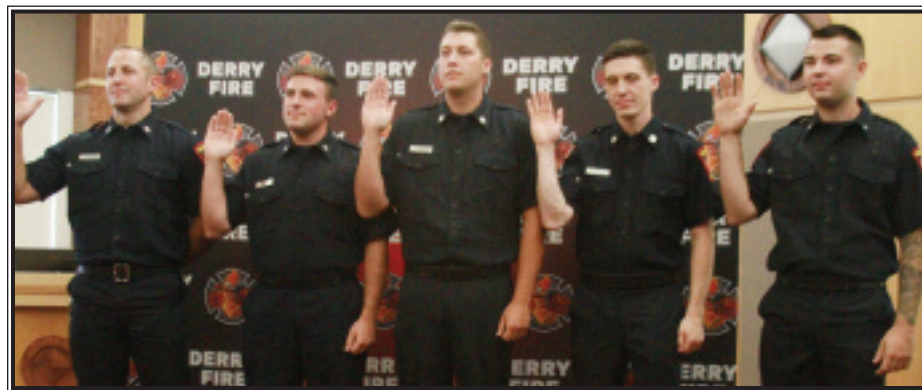
Beyond these financial, social and emotional losses that are hitting home for many of us, there are too many intangibles to list that make us strong when it comes to figuring out all that has been lost and all that we must do. We as humans are very resilient.

In the end, the burden remains on all of us to do our share.

What we do for others will shape what this community, and the world, will look like when we come out of this pandemic.

We still have each other. That will have to be enough to make it through.

Derry Fire Department Promotes, Welcomes and Bids Farewell



Nine new members of the Derry Fire Department were sworn in.

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – The Derry Fire Department held a Promotional Ceremony last week where eight members of the force were promoted ten members were welcomed and ten were recognized for their years of service as they retired.

On Thursday, Aug 26, family, friends and colleagues gathered at the Derry Municipal building to recognize the efforts of 28 members of the Derry force. This was a larger number than is usual, since last year, due to COVID-19, the ceremony was postponed.

During the event, Derry Dispatch Supervisor, Charles Tinkham, acted as the Master of Ceremony and began by introducing Derry Fire Chief, Mike Gagnon, who welcome

attendees and gave a brief statement before swearing in those being promoted and those entering the force.

Battalion Chief Robert Atwater was the first to be given the Oath of Office by Gagnon.

That oath was followed by the swearing in of Captain Michael LaValley, Lieutenant Todd Donovan, Lieutenant James Kersten, Lieutenant Alan Daviault, Lieutenant Robert DeGroot, Director of Fire Prevention David Eastman and Inspector Michael Garone.

Each were presented with a new badge and certificate and the badges were pinned by family members.

After those promotions, Tinkham and Gagnon welcomed the new personnel that were assembled at the event.

The new members of the force were then sworn

in by Chief Gagnon.

Those members are: Privates Jeffery Bell, Patrick Glennon, Sean Hall Ethan Major, Yari McKeon, Scott Newnan, Joseph Parisi, Andrew Reale, Tyler White and Brandon Wright.

To end the service, 10 retirements were announced beginning with Battalion Chief Jack Webb was honored for his 33 years of service to the department.

Other members of the department that have retired are: Captain Bruno Soucy; Lieutenant Matthew Evans; Lieutenant Rick Fisher; Lieutenant Michael Stanhope; Secretary Jayne Gannon; Private James Moran; Private Keith Munroe; and Private Eastman Wedge.

Each member was presented a large plaque featuring a golden fireman's axe.

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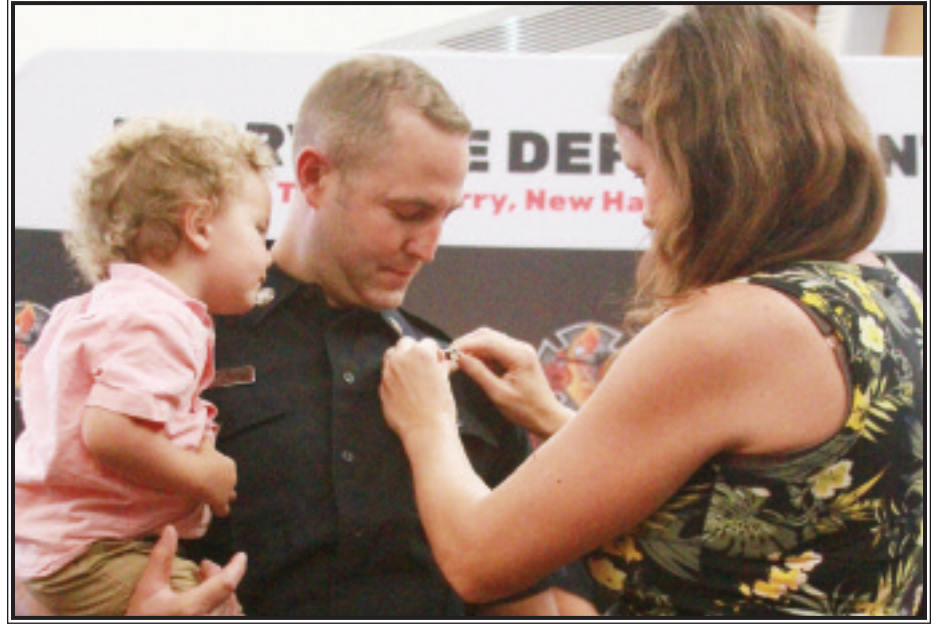
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Derry Fire recognized 28 members at last weeks ceremony.



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would meet again as a group at least one more time and then work to narrow in on what projects they may want completed this year. After they decide they will bring their recommendations forward for the Board of Selectmen to take a final vote on what they will allocate the funding towards.

Hampstead Board of Selectmen Joe Guthrie said he had issues with the department heads meeting and then bringing recom-

mendations to them before they take a vote. Instead he felt that they should have workshops with the department heads before taking a vote on the different proposals they had.

"We're going to have almost a million dollars to spend. I think this board should determine what should be spent with those funds," he said.

Therault said that the idea wasn't to have the department heads make the decisions about how the money would be spent but instead to have them do their due diligence by coming up with proposals

for the Selectmen to consider.

Hampstead Board of Selectmen Chairman Sean Murphy suggested that they allow the department heads to meet again to discuss what they think is the best way to use the funds based on the research they have done and then have a workshop meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

It was ultimately decided to have the department heads meet in September to discuss their priorities for how they would like to use the funds and then have a working session with the Board of Select-

men on Sept. 27.

Also during the meeting Therault explained that every year the assessors fill out a "MS1 form" for the department of revenue, which essentially gives them a Town wide assessment.

She said that it's due on Sept. 1 but oftentimes they have to ask for an extension due to the fact that the utility values that are handled by a separate company aren't done in time.

She said that the Town assessor was seeking approval by the Board of Selectmen to apply for an extension until Oct. 1,

which they agreed to allow.

During the liaison reports it was announced that the fire department is currently down one per diem member due to a personal Injury and will likely be out for a couple of months.

Also during the reports

Murphy said that he was meeting with the police department to interview potential candidates for their open positions.

The next Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

Hampstead Friends of Library Elections & Membership Drive

HAMPSTEAD - The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library have started their annual membership drive. If you are interested in becoming a Friend, you can find more information at hampsteadlibrary.org/about-friends. By joining this group, you show your support for community, literacy, and education. You choose your level of participation in the organization.

The membership sea-

son runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31; however, you can sign-up at any time. Individual membership is only \$5 for the year, and there are options for individual lifetime membership and for business memberships.

The next business meeting for the Friends of the Library is on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. All members are welcome to attend and give their input for future plans. The Septem-

ber meeting also includes voting for the officer positions. Those are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. In addition, there is a Thrift Shop Manager, and Liaison to the Trustees. If you would like to be considered for any of the above positions, please email HampsteadFriends@gmail.com. To run for a position, you must be a member in good standing (your dues paid.) Please join the Friends at the September meeting to cast your vote, and feel free to bring fundraising and program ideas for the future.

The Friends hope to

resume their entertaining programs by Jan. 2022. In the meantime, they will hold monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, Sept. - Dec., at 7 p.m. in the Library's second floor meeting room. If you have any questions about the Friends or their elections, please do not hesitate to contact them at HampsteadFriends@gmail.com.

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OBITUARY

Beverly A. Curtin



Beverly A. Curtin, 79, of Derry, NH, passed away Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at Hanover Hill Health Care Center in Manchester, NH. She was born in Somerville, MA on Dec. 12, 1941, a daughter of the late Frederick and Rita (Murphy) Howard. Beverly's greatest joy in life was time spent with her family especially her grandchildren and her friends. She had a big heart, a caring disposition, and would do anything for the people close to her. Beverly was very outgoing, loved to dance and to spend time at the beach. Beverly will be fondly remembered as the anchor of her family.

She is survived by and will be greatly missed by her son, David Curtin and wife Kathy of Epsom, NH; daughter, April Paolini and husband Steven of Peabody, MA; daughter, Rita Hogan, of Peabody, MA; her daughter-in-law Paula Faria; her seven grandchildren, Kristy, Christopher, Nicholas, Eileen, Krystal, Barry, and Eric; as well as many great-grandchildren, cousins, extended family members and friends. Beverly was predeceased by her former husband Robert Curtin; her son, Christopher Steinman; two grandsons; Philip Steinman Hogan and Joshua Chase; and a brother, Kenneth Howard.

Following cremation, calling hours were held Thursday, Aug. 26, with a memorial service in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium.

Memorial contributions may be made in Beverly's name to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications/donation-in-honor-of-someone.html?sc_icid=wtg-lz-honor



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Derry Conservation Commission Reviews Grindhouse Plan

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Conservation Commission held its bi-monthly meeting on Aug. 23.

During the meeting the main agenda item was in regards to a plan review for 43.5 Crystal Avenue, which will be "The Grindhouse."

Representing the owners at the meeting was Doug McGuire, from the Dubay Group.

He explained that after their previous meeting where they explained the plan to the Conservation Commission they had a site walk of the property, which he said went well.

McGuire previously explained that the property has been vacant for many years.

"I think we have a pretty exciting use for it," he said.

Their plan he explained is to have a joint venture between a butcher shop and a correlating restaurant with it. They also will be having a brewery there which will be a stand alone building.

"It's kind've a match made here," he said.

As part of their proposal they are planning on having a common area between the two entities. The idea is that patrons would be able to order from either of the spaces and then eat in the middle, as a food court type concept, McGuire said.

"I think it's intriguing and I think it has potential to do pretty well," he said.

He said that they have

some wetlands in the back of the property and thinks that they have a robust landscaping plan for the property, saying that it is pretty well vegetated along the building and will have some street trees.

One question that was asked is how many parking spaces are required. He said that 80 spaces are required and they will have 139 spots as part of the proposed plan.

"We have more than what we need," McGuire said.

For drainage they plan on having a closed

drainage system to collect most of the water. They will also have a wet pond.

Derry Conservation Commission Chairman James Degnan said that one thing he mentioned at the previous meeting is for them to consider having additional parking spaces designated as snow storage.

He asked if they were still planning on doing so.

"Is that still planned to be presented," he asked.

McGuire said he has no issue for that being a recommendation from the Commission and can up-

date the plan accordingly.

One of the additional requests made by the Commission was for the owners of the property to remove all of the trash from the wetlands. McGuire said that they were agreeable to that.

McGuire said that he will resubmit the plan with the additional parking spaces used for snow removal for the Conservation Commission to give its final approval, which will

take place during a public meeting.

Also during the meeting Degnan announced to the rest of the Commission that there is going to be a meeting for local conservation commissions, which will be hosted by the Sandown Conservation Commission.

He said that the goal is to have an open forum and discuss what they all do for outreach, best practices, and things they look for.

He said that it will also be a way for them to collaborate with commission members from different municipalities.

Some of the different commissions that are expected to have representatives there include Hampstead, Chester, Sandown, Fremont, Danville and others.

Degnan said that the event will be taking place on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sandown Town Hall.

Masks

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"I'm here standing up for my child and all the other children who don't have a voice right now" another attendee declared. "no child should be made to do something that is so detrimental to them for no good reason...medical decisions are being taken away from parents." Many parents echoed this perspective, that the mandate was a violation of their rights, and that the school board who were overstepping their bounds as educators. One parent made it a point to announce that he was unvaccinated. "You're bullying parents, you're

boxing us in a corner" he claimed "I'm not vaccinated and you're all in the room with me."

That's not to say that everyone in attendance was against the mask mandate. Some parents were more than willing to adhere to the school boards' mandate. "I was more than bummed when the delta variant came out." One parent admitted. "But I rolled with the punches because that's how science works...I wish that's what more people would do." One attendee was quite blunt about why he supported the mask mandate. "There's a doctor in the room. There're teachers in the room. When I want

advice about teaching, I go to teachers. When I want advice about medical, I go to the doctor."

Before the school board voted, they had the chance to address some of the concerns raised over the course of the meeting. "Vaccines work, viruses spread indiscriminately. I can tell you that when I came in here not knowing how I was going to vote...I sat here being told I should be ashamed of myself." A collective hush filled the room. "Attacking the position is one thing, but attacking one another is just sad and unnecessary." The mask mandate passed, prompting most of the crowd to leave the room.

OBITUARY

Stella Willett



Stella Willett, 63, of Derry, NH, formerly of Amesbury, MA, passed away Tuesday Aug. 24, 2021 at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, after a period of declining health. Stella was born Oct. 18, 1957 in Bisbee, AZ and was a daughter of the late Matias and Frances (Quen) Rojas. She was raised and educated in Bisbee. Stella had been a resident of Amesbury for 27 years, prior to relocating to Derry in 2017.

Stella had been employed as a nursing assistant and home health aid for many years. She was a kind and caring person who was ready to help anyone in need. She enjoyed find-a-word puzzles and loved old television shows, especially westerns. Stella was a passionate collector of Roosters and loved her cat, Bella. She will forever be remembered for her love of her family.

Stella is survived by her husband of 37 years, Daniel R. Willett, of Derry; two sons, Stephen & Robert Willett, both of Derry; two brothers, Alfred Rojas of Bisbee, AZ and Albert Rojas of Douglas, AZ; her three sisters, Sally Rojas of Sierra Vista, AZ, Jenny Charvez of Bisbee, AZ and Francine Powers of Tucson, AZ; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be planned by the family for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to; the National Alliance for Mental Illness, www.namih.org. or mail to: NAMI NH, 85 North State St., Concord, NH 03301. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Derry Looks to Solar Power as an Alternate Energy Source

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – Utilizing the power of the sun as a safe and effective energy source has been a goal for many years. Harnessing solar power is not only a leap forward in terms of technology, it demonstrates a great deal of responsibility in terms of taking better care of the environment. Since the beginning of the industrial revolution, powering our cities and producing goods has led to a large output of harmful emissions. A recent bill signed by New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu has helped lay the groundwork for a massive undertaking that will deliver an abundance of solar power to the residents of Derry.

The bill, described by Gov. Sununu as a “win for clean energy” was intro-

duced in January of this year. It allows for a wider metering of solar power and renewable energy. Coinciding with this is Senate Bill 91, which requires the state to adopt new rules as they pertain to energy sources. As solar has begun to become more widespread among consumers, this measure has the potential to change the way we think about providing power to our towns and major cities.

Working closely with Derry’s Director of Operations Mike Fowler, the Net Zero Task Force under Jeff Moulton have made plans to construct a 2.2 Mega-Watt solar farm.

The property near Kendall Pond Road which is currently the site of a landfill will be the location of the new project.

The goal for the 10-acre facility would be to



Solar array at the Derry Transfer Station.

Courtesy photo

produce enough electricity to power street lights and municipal buildings, and there’s even long-term plans to extend the project to provide power to the public school system.

While long term plans are still in the developmental stage, the advantages of the solar farm are unmistakable.

It’s estimated that the

facility will save an estimated \$3.5 million over a 25-year period, with \$400,000 in savings generated every year. Net Zero Chairman Moulton also noted that the saving would generate enough savings to recoup the cost of the massive facility “with potential payback in under twelve years.”

While there’s bound to

be skeptics wondering if such a large facility can achieve its projected aims, there exists a precedent to prove the effectiveness of solar power in Derry.

In 2018, the town built a panel array at the towns transfer station. While diminutive in size, the impact it’s made is sizable. The 86KW facility has generated over \$50,000 in

savings for the towns’ residence.

For further information on the Net Zero task force and their plans to improve the quality of life in Derry, visit www.derrynh.org/net-zero-task-force.

According to the group, cleaner energy to provide an improved quality of life is no longer just a dream, it will soon be a reality.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astros Field Hockey Starts Against Two Tough Teams



Sage Wing scored the first goal of the season in the 3-2 loss to Dover last week. *Photos by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

tough losses against two very strong opponents.

Their season started on Friday, Aug. 27, with head coach Katie Littlefield and her team headed to Dover

High School where they ended up on the wrong side of a 3-2 finish.

Dover started strong, scoring twice in the first quarter to finish that period with a 2-0 lead.

The Lady Astros first goal of the season went to Sage Wing, who scored unassisted with 5:20 left in the half.

The second period ended at 2-1 and the third was scoreless for both teams.

In the fourth, Pinkerton's Jaelyn Crossman had an unassisted goal of her own with 13 minutes left in the period to tie it at 2-2.

Dover hit the game winner four minutes later for the 3-2 home win.

Littlefield commented, "It was a tough loss to a talented Dover team. Great play by Ava Bennett and Elise LeBlanc on defense, as well as standout performance by Sage Wing and Jaelyn Crossman on the front line."

Pinkerton goalie, Elise LeBlanc had nine saves in the game while the Dover goalie had five.

The PA team's second game was also against a tough team. This time they faced Bishop Guertin on their home turf under extremely hot, humid conditions.

Pinkerton kept pace with the Cardinals for much of the first half and only trailed 2-1 by the first half.

Jackie Dubray was the PA goal scorer.

The Astros went down 3-1 in the third quarter, but were able to bring the score to within one at the beginning of the fourth with a Jaelyn Crossman goal assisted by Sage Wing.

In the end, BG scored one more time making the



Jaelyn Crossman had two goals in the season's first two games for Pinkerton Academy.

score 4-2 and handed PA their second loss of the young season.

Littlefield commented that Quinn Mailloux played great from in the midfield

and Aili Carney was outstanding with her defensive play.

Elise LeBlanc had four saves in the loss.



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Lady Astros Soccer Squad Starts with a Close Win



Pinkerton Academy junior midfielder Emily Hood pushes the ball up field. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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The Pinkerton Academy Girls Varsity Soccer team had a thrilling start to their season with a final period goal to give them a 3-2 victory and their first win to start the fall season.

Sawyer Jackson got the go-ahead goal with six minutes remaining in the game that broke a 2-2 tie against the Timberlane Regional High School Lady Owls for the victory on the road.

Pinkerton head coach Danielle St. Pierre and her Lady Astros started out slow on a hot and humid afternoon on Friday, Aug. 27, trailing the Lady Owls 2-1 by the end of the first half of that game.

Astros goalie Jordan Wheaton and the Pinkerton defense kept the Owls offense scoreless in the second half.

The Lady Astros scored early in that half to tie the game 2-2 and the eventual winner came off the foot of Jackson with Grayson Tellier getting the assist.

Tellier had a goal of her own in the first half assisted by Jayden Smith and Sofia Crnilovic scored the second goal with an assist by Chayse Dube.

Jordan Wheaton made eight saves in the win.

The team's second game of the season was scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 31, against Portsmouth High School at home followed by a road game against Merrimack High School on Thursday, Sept. 2.



Lady Astros senior Sofia Crnilovic scored the tying goal against the Timberlane Owls.

Pinkerton Boys Soccer Squad Starts with 7-0 Win

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Soccer team came out of the 2021 Fall Season gate with a dominant performance against a young Timberlane Regional High School squad to start the season with a 7-0 victory.

The Astros squad opened their season on Friday, Aug. 27, at home and were able to comfortably outpace the young Owl's squad 4-0 in the first half and 3-0 in the second.

The Pinkerton goals came from seven different players in the game.

Zach Smith scored at the

two-minute mark with Landan Villeneuve assisting.

Tyler Sullivan was second to hit the net at nine minutes, Landan Villeneuve got the assist. Jake Spezzaferri was assisted by Romar Couture in the 26th minute for his goal and Landan Villeneuve got a goal of his own at 38 minutes.

Giovanni Iob scored at 48:00 with Cameron McMahon assisting, and Zach Smith hit with another assist by McMahon at the 50-minute mark.

Sean Kelly got the final goal at 56:00 with a Sean Small assist.

PA goalie Will Paganini had two saves in the game while Owen Belanger had two of his own.

Two Timberlane goalies combined for 13 saves.

Head coach Kerry Boles commented after the game, "This was a good opening day result. You never know what Day One is going to look like so I'm very pleased with what we saw today. But Monday is a new day and we have to get back to work to prepare for Portsmouth."

There are no breaks in Division 1. With that said, the boys earned a great victory today and will enjoy their respective weekends."

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Astros Golfers Starts with Two Second Place Finishes

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The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Golf Team had two four-team matches to start the 2021 fall season and the Astros squad shot just under 200 in both to take second-

place both home and away.

First, in the opening match at the Par 36 course at Hoodcroft Country Club on Wednesday, Aug. 25, the home team shot a combined score 199 to take second place behind the Bedford Bulldogs who was 10-shots better with

a 189. Bishop Guertin finished with a 229 taking third and Merrimack High School had a 255 for fourth.

The top five Pinkerton players were: Julianna Megan, who shot a 37; Jeremy Burke had a 39; Robbie DeFeo shot 40; Max

Lukeman finished at 41; and Lydia Tufts shot a 42.

One day later, on Thursday, Aug. 26, head coach Jeffrey Sojka and his Astros golfers headed to Exeter Country Club to face another three teams on the road.

The result of that match

was fairly similar to the previous days outcome.

The PA crew shot a 198 to take second, while the Exeter Blue Hawks finished in first with a team score of 186.

Spaulding High School took third with a 225, while Nashua South shot a 232 for

fourth.

Jeremy Burke shot a 37 on that course to be the top PA player while Jake Sullivan hit a 39.

Will Shea had a 40 while Julianna Megan, Gavin Urnke and Robbie DeFeo all shot a 41.

Chester will be Throwing a Year-long Tricentennial Party

SUE RIETER
CHESTER 300TH COMMITTEE

CHESTER - Excitement is building in Chester for the Town's 300th Anniversary Party! After several years of dedicated planning by volunteers of the 300th Anniversary Committee, it's finally time for the Celebration to begin!

Between now and September 2022, we are inviting townsfolk, friends, and neighbors to a myriad of family-friendly events commemorating the Tricentennial of the Town of Chester. There will be something for everyone!

The Historical Observation on May 7, 2022 will feature a reading of the Proclamation, firing of the Cannon, patriotic music, appearances by state and local notables, the sealing of the 300th Anniversary Time Capsule and a Historical Encampment with interactive educational fun. Did we mention Food Trucks?

Other Festivities planned for the Tricentennial year will include a Kickoff Gala Dinner Dance (sold out), Christmas Tree Lighting with Community Caroling, New Year's Bonfire, Car Show, Fireman's Muster, Road Race, and an His-

torical GeoCache Event. All of this will culminate in a Grand Finale including the Biggest Parade in the History of Chester, a fabulous Bar-B-Que, Live Music to get you on your feet, and a Closing Fireworks Spectacular. Stay tuned for details on all of these!

Committee members will be hosting booths at both the Chester Town Fair at the ball-field on Saturday, September 11, and the Spring Hill Farm Fall Fest at 96 Towle Road in Chester on Saturday, September 25. Please come and talk to us about

the plans for the year! "It Takes A Village," as they say, and volunteers are still needed for all events. Available for purchase will be 300th merchandise including Commemorative challenge coins, hats, shirts, ornaments, mugs and special Tricentennial license plates that can replace your front plate during the celebratory year.

Artifacts are still needed for the Time Capsule. Would you like to donate

an item to be placed within? Have an idea of what should be preserved inside for future generations? Send your suggestions to jeffd@chesternh300.org.

Also in the works is a slide show to be entitled "Life in Chester - Past and Present". We are asking you to submit photos depicting life in our town. Old/Historical photos, recent photos, whatever you feel fits that description. The 300th committee reserves the

right to choose the photos to be used in the show. If you'd like to submit your photos, please send to nancyj@chesternh300.org.

Limited Sponsorships are still available for businesses and families who would like to partner with us to make this the Best Celebration in the History of Chester. Please contact rhondal@chesternh300.org for details.

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the committee for the next meeting, to come up with things like goals for the committee along with what the representation should be for the committee.

Landau and D'Angelo both agreed to help draft the charter.

In other business, Myette explained to the Board of Selectmen that the Conservation Commission and the Wason Pond Commission both agreed that it

would be best to construct a temporary wood bridge on the structure of the pedestrian walking bridge.

Since July 12 the Chester Wason Pond Pedestrian Bridge has been closed due to it being deemed unsafe.

Following torrential rainstorms over the summer there was damage done across the state from flooding to down power lines and trees due to the wind and rain.

Summer storms led to the town of Chester to make the decision to close the

walking bridge leading to the Wason Pond public beach.

Myette said that the Conservation Commission agreed to use its funding to pay for the wooden structure, so people can walk on it as they continue to decide what the best thing to do is moving forward regarding the bridge.

The Board of Selectmen agreed that they could get to work right away to build the wooden structure.

The next Chester Selectmen meeting is slated for Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.



The Derry Garden Club has chosen two recipients for their annual Scholarship. They gave a \$1,000 scholarship to Emma Detellis from Londonderry who is pursuing a course in environmental study and policy at the University of South Florida and a \$1,000 scholarship to Maggie Krein of Derry, who will be pursuing a course of study in environmental science and ecosystems at UNH. Pictured is co-President of DGC Sylvia Roberts, Scholarship recipient Emma Detellis, Scholarship Committee representative Meredith Hatch, and Scholarship recipient Maggie Krein.

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DERRY

Building Me

Strategies Program Coordinator, Building Me, is a 4 week series, that will offer 4 virtual lunch time workshops to discuss simple steps to achieving a balanced lifestyle. Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24, it will on zoom at 12 - 12:45 p.m. This series is FREE of charge and hosted by the Upper Room. To register, call Beth O'Connell at 603-437-8477 x124 or e mail boconnell@urteachers.org For more information about support and services for young adults 18 - 30 please call x124.

Recovery Capital

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positive steps to increase your recovery capital. This series offers education & guidance on essential recovery topics to help you successfully manage early recovery. Build skills in resilience, enhance your recovery skills toolbox, and deepen your self-awareness. Oct. 8, 15, 22, it will be on zoom at 12 - 12:45 p.m. This series is FREE of charge and hosted by the Upper Room. To register, call Beth O'Connell at 603-437-8477 x124 or e mail boconnell@urteachers.org For more information about support and services for young adults 18 - 30 please call x124.

Strengths Based Parenting Workshop

On Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The Upper Room, 36 Tsieneto Road Derry, is hosting an evening with Charlie Applestein for a workshop entitled "Strengths Based Parenting", in partnership with Salem Family Resource Center. This workshop will share solutions with parents and caregivers, which can be effective to managing everyday childhood challenges that present themselves in families. "Raising children is a big job, and we want to offer parents and caregivers the opportunities to come together, explore what is working for them and what needs attention. Looking at how to reframe a challenge can be a great way to focus on a small change that can make a big difference", says Brenda Gug-

gisberg, Executive Director. This event is Free of charge. To register for the event, www.bit.ly/TURstrengthbasedparenting For more parenting workshops, and events visit www.URTeachers.org for a full list of workshops, classes, support groups and parent child playgroups.

Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday Sept. 30, from 2 - 7 p.m., at the Derry VFW post 1617, located at 18 Railroad Ave., Derry. To schedule an appointment go to derryrhg-op@gmail.com. Limited Edition tee shirt for donors. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter VFW-POST 1617 to schedule an appointment

Harvest Festival

Join the Taylor Library for pumpkin decorating, yard games, fall treats and a special visit from Joe the Balloon Guy of Silly Solutions on Sept., 26 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. A Story and Craft for preschoolers ages 3 - 6 will be held on Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

Tiny Tot Storyhour

The Taylor library will be holding Tiny Tot Storyhour for ages 6 months - 3 year olds, on Monday's at 10 a.m., and Friday's at 10 a.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

Etz Hayim Sunday Camp

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Etz Hayim Religious Learning

The Etz Hayim Synagogue is holding Religious Learnings on Tuesdays, Weekly starting Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. (Ages 7-18) This will entail: Hebrew letter recognition and decoding to learn Hebrew reading skills; Holiday observance, Tzedakah, Judaica, Jewish history, living and ethics; Liturgical and Judaic knowledge and skills in preparation for becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Registration: www.etzhayim.org/learn. For more information, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

Etz Hayim High Holidays

Etz Hayim Synagogue High Holiday Schedule and Registration. No requirements on tickets or reservations. Schedule is as follows: Mon. Sept. 6, at 7:15 p.m., for Erev Rosh Hashanah Service; Tues. Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 1); Tues. Sept. 7, at 1 p.m., Tashlich - Hood Pond, Derry; Tues. Sept. 7, at 2:30 p.m., Family Service; Wed. Sept. 8, at 9:30 a.m., Rosh Hashanah Service (Day 2); Wed. Sept. 15, at 7:15 p.m., Kol Nidre; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 9:30 a.m., Yom Kippur Morning Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 1 p.m., Discussion "Lessons Learned from Covid for our Synagogue"; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 2 p.m., Family Service; Thurs. Sept. 16, at 4 p.m., Afternoon Service; Mon. Sept. 20, at 7:15 p.m., Erev Sukkot; Fri. Sept. 24, at 6 p.m., Potluck Shabbat in the Sukkah; Wed. Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m., Simchat Torah. For more information or live stream links, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

Free Senior Activities

Free games, and groups for older adults every weekday at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, and coffee is provided. Bridge on Mondays at 1 p.m.; Mahjongg at noon and Hand & Foot at 1 p.m., on Tuesdays; Whist at 1 p.m., on Wednesdays; Domino Train at

noon on Thursdays; Cribbage and at 9 a.m., and Forty Five's at 1 p.m., on Fridays; The last Friday of the month at 12:30 p.m., a Free movie will play with popcorn and soda. Available to play every day on the lawns during Spring & Summer: Giant Jenga & Connect Four, Backgammon, Chess & Checkers, Yardzee & Farkle, with Bocce and Cornhole on the back lawn. Located at 39 West Broadway, Derry.

CHESTER

LEGO Club

Come play with LEGOs at the Chester Library on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Adult Evening Book Club

This Chester Library book club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. To Discuss 'In the Woods' by Tana French. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Author Talk

On Thursday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Chester Library Author Ellie Atherton will speak about her new book More Stepping-Stones. She is also the author of Stepping-Stones: Following the Pathway to End of Life. Ellie will sign copies of her books after the event. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Silent Book Club

Introverts, this book club is for you! Meeting Friday, Sept. 10 from 2 - 4 p.m., at the Chester Library. Bring your own book, Share book recommendations, Share what you're reading, You can choose to talk, or not at all, One hour timed silence for reading.

Book Sale at the Town Fair

Stop by the Friends of the Library booth at the Chester Town Fair on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Prices: Paperbacks for \$.50, Hardcover for \$1, all media prices as marked.

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On Monday Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. in the Teen Room at the Chester Library. Registration is required by calling 887-3404. This event is for kids and teens.

Crafting Club

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, ect.) and meet other crafters at the Chester Library on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Bob Ross Paint Night

Create a beautiful landscape painting while follow-

ing along with a Bob Ross video at the Chester Library on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own brush set and an 18x24 canvas. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Be Prepared to Shelter in Place

Second in a new series with the Chester Library, local preparedness expert Ele West will cover the necessities of preparing for a disaster, including medicines, food, clothing and bedding, and money. Bring paper or a journal for notetaking on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m.

Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Library Closure

The Chester Library will be Closed Sept. 4 and 6 for Labor Day. They will also be closed Sept. 11th.

Retirement Planning Strategies

An Advanced Retirement Planning Strategies with The Society of Financial Awareness workshop will be held on Monday, Sept. 20, 3:30 - 5 p.m. & 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Chester Library. Steve Pessotti from SOFA (The Society for Financial Awareness)

will present a free financial planning workshop to help people become more aware of planning for the future, risk management, and protection strategies. Attendees will learn about: Estate Planning, Ancillary Documents, Life Estates, Nursing Homes/Medicaid Rules, Getting Fiscally Fit, Financial Blunders, Lump Sum vs. Pension Income Payouts, and Social Security. Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Friends of Library

Join the Friends of Chester Library and help with

fundraising to benefit the library, on Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Interested in joining? Call 603-887-3404 for more information.

Canasta Club

Looking for a card game to join? Learn to play with pros at the Chester Library every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m.

The Kindness Rocks

Paint a rock to spread kindness in Chester with The Kindness Rocks Project! The Chester Library will paint rocks on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 4 p.m. After the program, Miss Kandy will be the

"kindness fairy" and distribute the rocks. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by calling 603-887-3404.

Storytime

Chester Library Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo! Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

HAMPSTEAD

Art Exhibit

Starting Sept. 7, A new Art Exhibit in the second continued on page 15

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Poetry At Library

Do you enjoy poetry? The Hampstead Public Library is having a Poetry Reading & Blackout Poetry Creation event on Friday, Sept. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Bring your favorite poem or song lyric to read and share with others in a relaxed atmosphere. After, we'll create our own black out poetry. If you're unsure what blackout poetry is, don't worry, we'll teach you. The Library provides the necessary materials. It's fun and easy, and a great way to spend a morning.

Story Time

Outdoor Story time resumes on Monday, Sept. 13, at 11 a.m. This weekly 45-minute class is for children age 3 to 5 years old, however, younger or older children are welcome to attend. Come for stories, songs, and crafts on the lawn. If the weather is poor, we may move indoors to the large Meeting Room upstairs which is equipped with an air-purifier. Any changes to the program will be announced on Facebook by 10 am that day. Masks are required for all who are unvaccinated aged 2 and older.

Mother Goose

Mother Goose on the Loose resume on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 11 a.m. This weekly 30-minute class is designed for our youngest patrons, infants to age 2, and their caregivers. Grab a blanket and join Miss Jenn on the

lawn for songs, rhymes, movement, and stories. Should we need to change class location, it will be announced on the Library Facebook page by 10 am that day.

Junior Olympics

Registration is now open for Ages 6 thru 17 for the Hampstead Civic Club Junior Olympics on Saturday Sept. 11, at 8 a.m. At Depot Road Fields Go to <https://hampsteadcivicclub.org/jr-olympics> To register. Over 40 Years of Tradition and Competition. The Junior Olympics event takes place each September. We have records still standing from 30 years ago. At this event you can sometimes see children breaking the records that their parents set many years before. It is free of charge, and a tremendous opportunity to have friendly competition with friends and classmates.

Book Club Reads Caste

The Hampstead Public Library Nonfiction Book Club's Sept., selection is available to be borrowed. The group discusses Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Pulitzer Prize winning author Isabel Wilkerson on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America. She explores how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings. Wilkerson also points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity.

Bridge Club

Has returned to the Hampstead Public Library on Mondays, starting at 1 p.m. Players of all levels are welcome. Come meet old friends or make new ones. Please note: no instruction is given, and the club does not meet on weeks where there is a Monday holiday.

SANDOWN

Library Closure

The Sandown Library will be closed on Monday,

Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day.

Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown Library on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., 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. This month: Giada De Laurentis. Registration is required for this event.

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.

Trivia Game

Are you a Trivia Pro or just an Average Joe? Join in the fun with the Sandown Library and play the latest edition of the popular Trivia Game on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 1 - 2 p.m. Teams may be created and ZOOM breakout rooms provided for each team to discuss their answers. Three rounds will be played with 10 questions in each round. A bonus round will be offered if there is time. Participants will be emailed the link to join this Zoom program. For more information, please contact Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or email programming@sandownlibrary.us.

Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning sign language, and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for

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

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

Storytime Outdoors

This is a story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m., at the Sandown Library. This program is for children aged 2 - 6 years old. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. Summer story times will be held outdoors on the library's new patio. Mask wearing and social distancing is encouraged for this program.

Movies on the Patio

Outdoor movies shown at the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion At the Sandown Library. Movies will start as soon as it is dark enough, on Saturdays, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the showing will be cancelled, and notice will be sent out. Please register for this event so we can notify of any change in plans. This program was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the NH State Library. For more information please contact: Ad-

rienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email youthservices@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have Legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc. Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the program has started, so please arrive on time. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and youthservices@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.

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

Mother Goose On The Loose

On Mondays, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., a Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months) will be hosted by Sandown Library. Join Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

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Free Meals

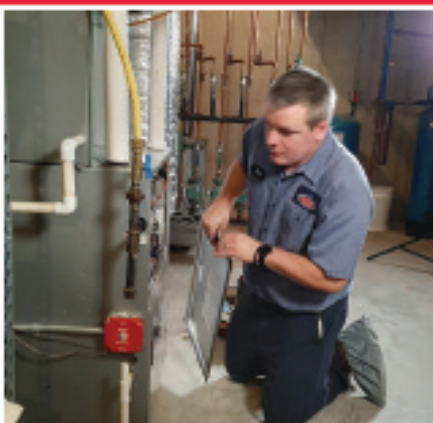
Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Dinner on Sept. 12, at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS) from 2 - 2:30 p.m.; Special Derryfest Breakfast on Sept. 18, at St. Luke's Parish, at 8 a.m., Please park on street or municipal lot & walk around to back of church; Dinner on Sept. 24, at First Parish Church, from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door; Breakfast on Sept. 26, at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS) from 9 - 9:30 a.m.; Lunch on Sept. 26, at St. Jude's Parish, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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