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## **Sandown Board of Selectmen Discuss 2022 Warrant Articles**

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN -Sandown Board of Selectmen held its regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 29. and during the meeting the board got an initial look and had ment capital reserve, initial conversations about the town warrant articles for next year's Town Meeting.

discussion," said Paula figure for it in the plan is Gulla, the Selectmen's Office Assistant.

wanted to get them thinking about some of the possible warrant articles they usually put about

they may put in.

One of the annual The warrants is for the budget but Gulla said that they are nowhere close to knowing what the figures will be for it.

For the road improve-Gulla said that the road improvement plan for 2022 states that they would segment 2 of Odell "This is just an initial Road. She said that the \$570,000.

"That was the initial She explained that she figure in the plan," she said.

She also noted that

and some of the figures \$100,000 in the paving line item for the budget and the balance of what they need goes into the warrant article.

It was explained by Gulla that they are waiting for the final figure from their Town Engineer Steve Keach.

It was also pointed out by Selectmen Chairman Eric Olsen that they may also be doing other road paving this year.

For the bridge capital reserve fund Gulla said that last year they put \$150,000 into it and now have a total of \$509,000 in the fund.

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**Hampstead Zoning Board Gives Approval on an Addition & Salon** 

### HENRY GREENBAUM NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the Wednesday night Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) meeting held at the Hampstead Town Office Building on Dec. 1, public hearings were held over the approval of requested variances in the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance.

The first hearing was to consider the request of Bruce and Christine Hamilton who seek the approval for construction of an addition to their home. The addition, however, would be too close to the right and rear lot lines located at 68 Shore Drive

modify their home," said feet, but it will be going Kurt Meisner of Meisner out a little bit further. I Brem Corporation. "There is an existing wooden deck on the back of the house now, which is towards Wash Pond, and they are looking to put a second story deck up above that as well as a three-season room off to ried about how disruptive the right-hand side of their house."

Board Member Alternate Karen Hanides asked for clarification on the angled portion of the addition that exists opposite to the actual deck. Bruce Hamilton came forward to explain in his own words how the addition is planned on being setup.

"[The Hamiltons] are deck already exists. It closer to [Wash Pond]. It consider updates for three looking to renovate and comes out about eight

believe it will come out a few more feet," said Hamilton. "That angled portion is a corner walkway simply so you can get access to the secondfloor rear deck."

The ZBA is also worto the neighbors this new addition could be but there is no simpler way of going about the construction. "I am not sure if you have an answer for that. Looking at the lay of the lot, I do not necessarily see any way that will make it less infringing," said Chairman Geoff Dowd.

"The right-hand side could not really move meeting on Nov. 17 to continued on page 4 areas of the current

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and treats. See more on pages 4 and 5.

CHESTER - During the Dec. 1 Chester School Board meeting Superintendent Sharon Locke explained that she called Chester Academy Meisner said, "We Reopening Committee

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reopenning plan that have the Committee recombeen under review.

**Retire at End of School Year** 

**300TH HOLIDAY** The Chester 300th Anniversary

Committee held a tree-lighting event in front of Stevens Hall on Saturday

night where a large group of residents showed up to enjoy holiday caroling

**Chester Academy Principal to** 

One of the areas was to add a Matrix to the plan that would define the thresholds and triggers for relaxing the School District's current mitigation strategies including universal mask usage requirement and would have the authority for social distancing.

It was explained that

mendation was to track two indicators, one being the Town of Chester COVID cases over the last 14 days and the number of COVID Cases at Chester Academy over the last five school days. The Superintendent

Photo by Chris Paul

to make the determinacontinued on page 3

## **Chester School Board Denies Special Meeting Request**

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the last Chester School Board meeting the School Board discussed what to do in regards to a petition they received to have a Special School District dent. Meeting.

Chester School Board originally received the Chairman Royal Richardson that the petition the would be to allow voters to vote on an article relat- fied the Chair that she

my.

question was The whether or not the voters would instruct the School Board to make mask usage optional, at the the discretion of the individual or parent of the stu-

Richardson said that It was explained by on Nov.4 a day after they petition that Liz Lufkin Chester Town Clerk/Tax Collector notied to the wearing of Face verified the signatures

Masks at Chester Acade- and out of the 68 signa- attorney for the Chester and would be non-bind- it as a Petitioned Warrant were not counted due to that the School Board not being a registered voter, signing the petition twice, or signing twice and not being a registered voter.

Despite that there were still 54 valid signatures and only 50 were required in order for it to be valid.

the cost of hosting a cle was voted on and School District Meeting approved at a Special would be around \$2,500. Meeting, the vote would

tures listed, 14 signatures School District explained ing. could but isn't required to call a Special District Meeting because it is the School Board, not the legislative body that has the statutory authority under the RSA to mandate masks.

She also explained that if they were to grant It was explained that the meeting and the Arti-Diane Gorrow, the be considered advisory

Because of those reasons she said that she recommended not calling a Special Meeting for a vote that would only be advisory.

Gorrow that it was her recommendation that instead of holding a special meeting they could suggest to those who filed the petition that they could draw up a Petitioned Warrant Article and get the necessary signatories to include

Article at the March School District Meeting. She said that they would only need 25 valid signatures in order for it to be validated.

She said that even It was explained by though it would still only be advisory in nature the Article would need to be included on the District Warrant for consideration by the Legislative Body.

> The School Board ultimately voted in favor of not having a Special Meeting.

### **Derry Zoning Board** Approves Variance For New Garage

## ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Dec. 2 Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting the Board heard a case regarding the construction of a two-car garage.

It was explained that the owners of the property at 13 Gordon Road Jean and Samantha Marte were seeking a variance to allow the garage even line

won't be excessive in size and there won't be any tree removal from the property.

landscaping "New will be done to enhance the property," Marte said.

He also explained that the structure will increase the value of the property and increase the value of the neighborhood as a whole and having the garage there can be aesthetically pleasing.

It was explained by Jean Marte that the main reason why they need to build the garage where they are proposing it is because of the leach field

"We want to build a they are planning on two car garage, unfortu- building any kind of attic nately where they put the or second floor to the new leach field when we moved in it's right beyond the driveway which is where most people would put a garage," Samantha Marte said.

Zoning Board member Craig Corbett asked if they explored the other options on the property.

It was explained by Samantha Marte that they tried to put it as close to the leach field as possible without breaking the rules

"It has to be five feet off of the leach field so that's as close as we could go," she said.

One question that was asked was whether or not

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garage.

Samantha Marts said that they aren't planning on doing so and that it will be just a one story garage.

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Sandown Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell said that the fund could be used for any of their bridges in town.

For the revaluation capital reserve fund Gulla said that as of Oct.31 there was \$31,000 in the fund. She said that \$25,000 would be coming out of the end of next year for the revaluation.

Selectmen Tom Tombarello said that he thinks that going forward it should be a budgeted line item in the budget.

"If we didn't have the money and we had a cou-

the appropriate permits "It looks pretty straightforward to me," said Zoning Board member Richard Tripp.

The Zoning Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the variance with the requirements that they receive

default budget we have to

come up with the money

at the end of the year," he

it's in the budget and they

don't spend it then they

"This is is our ability

She explained that

right now they pay a cer-

tain amount down for the

revaluation services and

then each money they pay

a certain amount depend-

ing on the cost of the con-

tract and what percentage

that they put \$10,000 into

Her suggestion was

they put down.

said.

lose it.

to save it,"

and inspections, which was the recommendation of the Town Staff.

The next Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting is slated for Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

ple of bad years with a it each year.

"I think it's best to reval the town we have to keep it at 10 grand. I think that's a reasonable number," Blaisdell said.

The Board of Select-Blaisdell said that if men decided to think it over more before making a decision.

For the fire equipment and fire apparatus reserve warrant article, Gulla said that they are waiting to hear from the fire chief about how much they want to propose in the warrant article.

Gulla said that the figure for the Block Grant warrant article is \$162.044.

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## **Food Pantry Plunge Scheduled To Take Place on Saturday**



ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The fifth annual First Baptist Church Community Food Pantry "Pantry Plunge" fundraiser to raise money for the food pantry will be taking place this Saturday, Dec. 11, at Gallien's Beach in Derry located on Beaver Lake.

COVID-19 Pandemic, need this coming winter participants went off in small groups or individually throughout the event,

will be held in the more fill out a waiver and back-to-basics traditional fashion. With donation pledge sheet apparel. We recommend Greater Derry," one big "Freezin' for a Reason" splash.

"The Food Pantry has been serving our community for over thirty years and has not missed a step," the organization stated on their website. "During our current Covid-19 crisis. We Last year, due to the anticipate unprecedented and hope you can help us meet these needs."

12 p.m. There's no minior participate individually.

creative, donning costumes or team shirts," the

but this year the plunge event participants need to stated. "Others prefer plunging help us meet the and come to the event on plungers wear water wrote on Facebook. Dec. 11, which starts at shoes, old sneakers, or "You're making a real difmum donation required Bring warm, dry clothes munity bonds by particito participate, the organi- to put on when you come pating in the Plunge. And Plungers can form teams fleece throw blanket to wrap up in."

The organization said Plunge Day is festive. is very important in order Many plungers are very for them to help the community.

"Your enthusiasm in To participate in the event's Facebook posting fundraising and intrepid

swim needs of people in they sandals into the water. ference and building comzation said on Facebook. out of the water and a it's fun. We appreciate your involvement and support."

The organization said "The atmosphere on that the annual fundraiser that T-Bones in Derry will be serving soup to the Plungers after the event. about the plunge visit Those details will be pantryplunge.org. announced on the beach, they said.

Photos by Chris Paul

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It was explained that The Town of Derry is currently following Universal Best Practices State of New Hampshire Governor's Economic Reopening Taskforce, and the Pantry Plunge will do the same.

It was also noted that The Town of Derry does not allow dogs at Gallien's Beach.

For more information

Chester

## continued from page 1 tion that a change in poli-

cy is warranted after evaluating the data each Thursday.

The second recommendation was to add details to clarify the criteria for availability of Telepresence participation for students.

Another recommendation that the Committee had was for the Board to consider changes regarding on-site face mask requirements at School Board meetings and also when external groups are

building.

They also recommended authorizing the Chester Academy nurses to implement a process to accept the results of FDA authorized Covid-19 Home testing, as supported by New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

The School Board had

**Removal!** 

authorized to use the several concerns about the Matrix that was presented and for the proposed changes to on-site face mask requirements at School Board meetings and also when external groups are using the building with permission.

Because the Reopening Committee already had planned to review the aspects of the Reopening update the School Board in February, the Board decided to table the recommendation.

For now the currently will remain in effect pending review at the February School Board Meeting.

changes recommended by plans on retiring at the

Plan in January and to the Committee regarding telepresence, communication and home testing, are operational in nature they will be communicated to the staff and impleapproved Reopening Plan mented by Chester Acad-

emy Principal Karen Lacroix. Also during the meeting Lacroix told the Because the other School Board that she

end of the school year.

In addition to serving as principal she also served as a teacher and as assistant principal over the years.

It was announced that Locke will be convening a Search Committee in January to begin the process of finding the next Principal of Chester Academy.





Photos of previous years plungers.



December 7, 1941: a day that would live in infamy. It was the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and the day that thrust the United States into World War II.

Men who had fallen asleep awoke to explosions. Many U.S. sailors would be lost to the clamor and chaos. A total of 2.403 American citizens would be lost on that fateful day.

The numbers tell a morbidly fascinating story of that morning the United States came under attack without warning. Our nation was well aware of the turmoil and horrific events taking place overseas in Europe, but at that time we had our own battles-those of exceptional economic distress-and war was the farthest thing from our minds.

But this day would change all of that.

The Greatest Generation mourned a tremendous loss of human life in the days following Pearl Harbor, and they would rally behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call to arms without looking back.

Today, there is time to look back with awe at ordinary people becoming extraordinary and to personally thank, if possible, that shrinking number of individuals who were there when everything changed.

In his speech to Congress and the nation on Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

Sadly, the progression of time has dimmed the voices of the men who were on ships, who clamored to battle stations, who cried over lost comrades. Much of today's generation will hear of these events only from sterile textbooks and dry classroom lectures, information that may go in one ear and out of the other.

There is much that divides us today - some of it is of consequence, and some of it is merely the result of too little generational sacrifice, a lack of understanding of what is and is not important.

We should remember this event and inform future generations of this event not just by moments of prayer and reflection, but by focusing on being better Americans, and along with the hardships we as a nation have overcome reflect on our own shortcomings.

There were more dark moments to come during World War II within the United States. Out of fear and prejudice, Japanese-Americans were forced from their homes and put into internment camps. Two wrongs do not and never have made a right, and we would be wise to remember this today.

Freedom is important. We owe what we have today to the heroes of Pearl Harbor and to the heroes of the battles that would follow. We remember them and learn. And we offer thanks.



SUBMITTED BY SUE RIETER, CHESTER 300TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

CHESTER - On Saturday evening, Dec. 4, residents of the town of Chester came together to celebrate the Holiday Season with an old fashioned Community Christmas Tree-Lighting.

As twilight faded, residents of all ages from little kids in strollers to respected elders, gathered outside Stevens Hall in anticipation. The countdown commenced, the switch was thrown by 300th Committee Chairman Jean Methot, and the tree, in all it's traditional multicolored glory was illuminated!

Shortly after the lighting, a musical interlude took place from the stairs of Stevens Hall with performances by the Manchester Choral Society, Dr. Academy Chorus, Ms. tional carols. Laura Green, Director.

## tion hair salon. Hampstead

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it was planned." The ZBA approved the requested variance, 4-1, to allow for the Hamiltons to have the new additions built on their property.

After approving the Hamiltons' request, the ZBA proceeded with a public hearing on a request made by Brighton Drive Inc. This request was for a special exception in the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance to allow for a home occupa-



Members of the Manchester Choral Society perform on the steps of Stevens Hall. Photos by Chris Paul

Dan Perkins, Musical assembled townsfolk in and homemade baked Director, and the Chester rousing renditions of tradi-

The evening was Dr. Perkins also led the topped off by hot drinks

"This is Courtney and

Jim Gray. Right now,

they live at Harper Ridge

and she also had a hair

salon there for 14 years,"

said the President of

Brighton Drive Inc. "She

only uses it three or four

times a week. She has

probably four people a

asked Courtney a few

questions about how she

runs the home occupation

salon and after seeing no

issues with it, they

approved the request

unanimously.

The Zoning Board

day."

goods, served by the Chester Lions Club, both inside, for those who wantcontinued on page 5

the request made by Andrea Peters for a variance in the Hampstead Zoning Oridnace was moved to the Jan. 5 meeting. If approved, Peters would be able to build a dwelling with less than the required 50 feet from Group 5 soils, less than 45,000 Square Feet of space, less than the required 150 feet of frontage, and for stairs or a deck to be built too close to property lines.

The Hampstead Zoning Board of Adjustments will meet again on Wednesday Jan. 5.

The public hearing on

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## **Tree Lighting** continued from page 4

ed to warm up just a bit, as well as outside, for those who preferred to enjoy the tree and the festive decor for just a little longer.

A fine time was had by all, and the 300th Anniversary Committee hopes the

Tree Lighting will become Kevin Bolduc (Bolduc a new yearly tradition in town.

As they say, "It takes a Village," and many folks contributed to the success of the celebration.

Farm Nursery. Thanks to Mike and Lisa Oleson, Tree Service) and Rhonda and Chip Lamphere for finding, moving, installing, and decorating the tree.

Joe Castricone (Daisymae Productions) helped The beautiful tree was with the sound system. The donated by Dillon Old Chester Police and Fire

Departments, as always, helped keep us safe by managing vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The Lions did a great job with the refreshments.

A special thanks goes out to the evening's musical guests, The Manchester Choral Society and the five talented young ladies of the

Chester Academy Chorus. Limited Sponsorships are still available for busi-

nesses and families who would like to partner with us to make this the Best Celebration in the History

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## **Chester Congregational Baptist Church Continues Fund Raising**



Although the Chester Congregational Baptist Church and is all packaged in a biodegradable bag. church looks from the outside to be finished with its renovation efforts, there is still a lot of work left to be done inside the church.

Because of that, more fund raising efforts took place on Saturday, Dec. 4, with a Loaf and Ladle "TO GO" events and sales of Luminary Kits to benefit the Meetinghouse Preservation Fund.

The Loaf and Ladle "TO GO" had residents purchasing homemade meals for \$10 and they included a choice of Beef Barley Soup, Corn Chowder and Italian Vegetable soup, bread and cookies. Jams and jellies were also being sold as well as having a raffle to win two hand knitted throws and a quilt.

Church members were stationed in front of the vestry selling the meals.

"Light the Way" Luminary Kits to were also available next door at the church to benefit the Meetinghouse Preservation Fund. The kits were also being sold for \$10 each. The kits contains: six white bags, six long-burning votive candles, six burn extender cups, instruction sheet



Organizers have the "Light the Way" event taking place on Dec. 24, with candles being lit between 2 and 4 p.m. for an 8 to 10 hour burn time (rain date is Dec. 31).

Kits are still available at Bittersweet Blessings, 20 Chester Street, throughout the season.

For questions on how to donate, contact the Church office at 887-4799 or email at chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net.



## **Pinkerton Academy Graduate Will Soon** Voice a Character in a New Animated Series

DERRY - Danny Haddish.

Gendron, a 2008 graduate of Pinkerton Acade- acter known as Chomski Mike & Jill Gendron of my is featured as a the dog and voices sevvoiceover actor in a eral other characters as new, adult animated well. series called The Freak show can be found on Academy's plays and Brothers that also stars the streaming network musicals while in high well known actors such known as Tubi. as Woody Harrelson, John Goodman, Pete Angeles and works as a ater organization known

Danny plays a char-

Davidson & Tiffany comedy writer and as Kids Coop Theatre.

voiceover actor.

He is the son of Derry, NH.

Danny performed in The animated many of Pinkerton school and is also an Danny lives in Los alumni of the local the-



Danny Gendron





## **The Majestic Theatre Presents 'Scrooge in Love' Friday**

Company invites residents ens classic! A year after the to join them for their pro- events of "A Christmas duction of "Scrooge in Carol," the four ghosts Love" starting on Friday, (Jacob Marley and the Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., at the Derry Opera House located Present, and Future) return at 29 West Broadway in with a new goal: to reunite Derry.

Love is directed and chore- long-lost first love, Belle. ographed by Rebecca Antonakos-Belanger with characters return in this Musical Direction by Keith romantic and festive sequel Belanger and stars an to the perennial classic. ensemble cast of all ages.

the music is by Larry Grossman with Lyrics by Kellen Blair.

The production is a

The Majestic Theatre musical sequel to the Dick- adults, \$15 for seniors 65 Ghosts of Christmas Past, the new and improved Majestic's Scrooge in Ebenezer Scrooge with his

All of Dickens' familiar

Shows are on Friday, The show is based on a Dec. 10, at 7 p.m; on Saturbook by Duane Poole and day, Dec. 11 at 2 and 7 12, with a matinee performance at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for

## OBITUARY Jan J. Kevlik



Jan J. Kevlik, 60, of Derry, NH, passed away Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, in his home. He was born in Derry, NH on Feb. 12, 1961, a son of John and Mary (Murphy) Kevlik. Jan loved hunting and fishing, his place in the woods and going surfing. He

enjoyed time with his friends, watching Jeopardy and was a wealth of knowledge about everything, especially geography and history. More than anything, he loved his grandbabies.

He is survived by his son, Jan Kevlik, Jr.; three daughters, Yanna Peters of Nashua, NH, Leah Hall, and Cayla Slaughter; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Rosalie O'Connell and Lisa Preston and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Jan is predeceased by his siblings, Jim Kevlik and Elaine Patenaude.

Calling hours will be held on Friday Dec. 10, from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Memorial contributions may be made to Chucky's Fight in Jan "Shaky" Kevlik's name; information about Chucky's Fight can be found here: www.nhmagazine.com/good-cause-of-the-month-chuckys-fight/ and Chucky's Fight donations may be made here: www.chuckysfight.com/blog/2016/01/11/donate-tothe-cause

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## day, Dec. 11 at 2 and 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. Hampstead Library Holds StoryWalk Fundraiser

effort to provide additional safe places for the community to get together, the Hampstead Public Library has been working improve outdoor to spaces.

added a sturdy StoryWalk and completed a safe path from the front of the building to the building to

Trustees has plans to build a roofed pavilion on the Library's front lawn. It is to serve all ages and facilitate outdoor meetings and programs, such The Library have as toddler story time, chair yoga class, book discussions, craft activities, and much more.

the Storybook Garden your help. This pavilion

## OBITUARY

**Leslie Bernard Troutman** 

Leslie Bernard Troutman, 86, of Derry, NH, died Tuesday Nov. 30, 2021, in High Point Hospice in Haverhill, MA. He was born in Philadelphia, PA on Sept. 12, 1935, a son of Bruce Troutman and Lillian (Lafferty) Caul-

der. Leslie proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy as a Radioman.

He is survived by two sons, Philip Troutman of Revere, MA and Vincent Troutman of Woburn, MA; daughter, Crena Troutman of Wrightwood, CA and one grandchild, Ashley Laffin.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematory. The burial will followed in NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH.

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## Hampstead Holiday Parade Rolled Through Town Sunday











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The Hampstead Lions Club once again orchestrated a mobile Holiday Parade which traveled throughout many of the streets and neighborhoods in the town of Hampstead. This year's theme was a Hawaiian style Christmas and many of the floats were decorated with grass skirts and palm trees. Residents lined town roads and cheered on the parade which ended with Santa Claus riding on a Fire Department ladder truck. *Photos by Chris Paul* 

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# DERRY SPORTS

## **Astros Have Three Named to DI All State Volleyball Teams**



Ella Koelb – Division I First Team

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

As high schools are preparing for the winter sports to begin, selection ior setter Ella Koelb made were made by the Division I the Division I First Team, coaches for their selections on some of the best high school volleyball players during the fall season.

There were 24 choices made on those who coaches felt were standout players work this season.



Pinkerton Academy sensophomore Outside Hitter Sarah Bolduc was chosen for Second Team, while senior middle Blocker Abby Leppert received Honorable Mention for her outstanding





Sarah Bolduc - Division I Second Team

Koelb was a four-year Bulldogs. varsity player and had over 1,100 assists in her high team went on to become the school career and holds the record at Pinkerton for service points with over 580. She also had over 200 Aces

and Kills. The team made it as far as the New Hampshire Interscholastic Association's Division I Semifinals, where they lost to the Bedford High School Lady

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Bedford High School

exceptional 14-4 record and The Pinkerton girls fin- were seeded in the top four



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Abby Leppert - Honorable Mention

state champs this season. ished the season with an in the state tournament.



## **Pinkerton Girls' Lacrosse Coach Retires After 10-Years**

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Lacrosse team will have a new person holding the reigns in the spring after longtime head coach Rob Daziel announced he would be leaving the post.

According to a press release by the school, Katelyn Bourque-Blair was recently hired as the new Pinkerton Academy for the ning four state champi-

2022 season.

Bourque-Blair is former three-sport athlete at Pelham High School and was the head lacrosse coach at Dracut, Mass. from 2012-2018.

Most recently, Bourque-Blair spent the last two years as head coach at North Andover High School. Bourque-Blair has also been the head field hockey coach at Windham High School head girls' lacrosse coach at for the past six years, win-



Rob Daziel

onships.

Daziel, who retired after 10years of coaching the PA Lady Astros where he was able to compile an outstanding 141-37 record.

Daziel was also able to win three state championships in 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Daziel also reached the championship games in 2019 and 2021, but fell short to Bishop Guertin in both of those games.

She is succeeding Rob coach his four girls while of all the accomplishments coaching at Pinkerton.

> When reached for comment on his departure Daziel said, "It was a very difficult decision to retire from coaching the girls. I am sure there is going to be a feeling of emptiness this coming spring. Not just for me, but also my long time assistants Jackie Driscoll and Jerry Kraus. They started on day one with me and ended it on our last game 10

Daziel was also able to years later. I am very proud the girls had over the past 10 years."

Daziel also added, "Besides all the player and team accolades, I think the one that will stick with me the longest is having 46 girls go on to play college lacrosse. Having that kind of impact on a young a person's trajectory was very rewarding - we've had girls play at all collegiate levels and all over the country."

## **Pinkerton Academy Bowlers Begin** Winter Season with Home Meet

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Bowling team kicked off the winter sports season last week with their first home meet on Saturday, Dec. 4, at Strikers East Bowling Center in Raymond.

The Astros squad hosted the Hollis-Brookline Cavaliers, Raymond Rams and the Souhegan Sabers for their first match of the season.

Pinkerton was seeded second with a two, standardgame total of 1,660 behind



Raymond, who took the third seed 1,504 and Hollis-Brookline had the fourth seed with 1,310.

Pinkerton bowler Jon Little rolled a 119 in his first game, followed by a 137.

Dylan Kossacoff managed a 115 and a 150.

Mike Fiandaca shot a number one seed with 169 and a 176, Colby Wong 1,771. Souhegan had the a 167 and a 113, Shawn Kelly hit rolled a 91 and 86. Paul Farley a 76 and a 69 and Camden Binette had a 86 and a 104.

> Senior Lance Lemieux shot two exceptional games, highest standard total of the match with a 246 and 268.

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In Round One, Raymond defeated Hollis-Brookline in two games of Baker; 208 to 126 and 130 to 115. Pinkerton won the first game 179 to 140 against Souhegan but lost games two and three, 146 to 138 and 146 to 111.

In Round Two, Raymond defeated Souhegan in two games, 200 to 161 and 181 to 131. Pinkerton won the first game 158 to 123 but lost the next two games to Hollis-Brookline 147 to 137 and 163 to 156.

## Athlete of the Week

Week of Nov. 29

Lance Lemieux Senior. Bowling

Lemieux shot two great games, shooting the highest standard total of the match with a 246 and 268. His first game of 246 started with three strikes and a seven pin spare followed by a five bagger. He finished the game with his first open in the tenth. Lance opened game two with five in a row through picking up the tenpin for the spare. Four more buried in the pocket strikes followed with a four pin standing for a spare and a clean game of 268.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office



## **TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC HEARING** NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing in accordance with NH RSA 31:95-b, III (a) on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021, at 7:00pm at the Chester Municipal Offices, 84 Chester Street, Chester, New Hampshire, in the Meeting Room (Room No. 4) for the purpose of accepting unanticipated revenue from the Federal Government (ARPA Funds) for unrestricted municipal aid in the amount of \$521,734.44.

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## **Ovation Theatre Company Presents Elf Jr. for the Holidays**

upon us and everyone's dy is determined to win over favorite character is prepar- his new family and help ing to take the stage in Ovation Theatre Company's production of Elf Jr. starting on Friday, Dec. 10, at Granite State Arts Academy in Salem.

The theme of the production centers around, Buddy, a young orphan, who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toymaking abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and

The holiday season is even believe in Santa, Bud- direction from Jennifer New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Ryan Kaplan of Windham brings Buddy to life, describing him as innocent and hopeful. "He is so optimistic and always looks for the best in the people around him. It has been a dream to work through this show and explore not only the over-the-top parts of Buddy's personality, but also the parts which make him feel human."

Youngest cast member Luke Anderson is excited for people to come. "You should come see Elf Jr. to see all the imagination we put into this play."

With four shows already selling extremely well, Ovation can't wait to present Elf Jr. The production is direct-

that his half-brother doesn't ed by Meg Gore, with music and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec.

Brown and choreography by Miranda Ronan. Avenley Allen is serving as Assistant Director and Ella Burroughs as Stage Manager. The youth cast is drawn from far and wide of the North Pole: Luke Anderson, Alaina Anthony, Ava Bicchieri, Jake Birch, Carter Blanco, Connor Burns, Meg Carroll, Sam Craigie, Mckenna Duffy, Michaela Horan, Cooper Jean, Charlotte Latour, Kamryn Latour, Grace McElroy, Malia Smith, Lizzie Sosa, Dylan Torre-Moody and Everett Vago of Londonderry; Julia Dowd of Amherst; Grace Perkins of Auburn; Abby Parnell of Hampstead; Cailean Anderson of Hudson; and Ryan Kaplan of Windham.

Elf Jr. will be presented on Friday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11 at 1



Ovation Theater Company's Elf Jr. cast members.

Arts Academy (19 Keew- for younger patrons. aydin Dr., Salem, NH). The lobby will open an hour children age 5 and under) before each show, with fun

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for and are on sale at Ovati-

12 at 1 p.m. at Granite State holiday activities planned onTC.com. Ovation is not requiring proof of vaccination, however facemasks will be required for all audience members.



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. Additionally: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send submissions to nutfieldnews@nutpub.net.

## DERRY

## **Free Christmas Event**

Christmas Special on Dec. 23 & 24 at 7 p.m., at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry. Text HOPE4U to 97000 to register for free tickets. The Christmas Special is a rendition of the Christmas story with heartfelt original music and dramatization written specifically for this occasion. An unforgettable memory for the entire family in this time of crisis and uncertainty for our world. Come and receive this gift of hope thoughtfully prepared to bless you and honor the birth of Christ the Savior. Appetizing

Derry, New Hampshire

after each showing.

## 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.

## **Derry Garden Club**

Kids Grades 1 thru 5 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are having their annual poster contest. Deadline for entering your 11x17 poster is Jan. 1. Call 603-434-0578 to enter and visit the National will be cleared from your

refreshments will be served Garden Clubs' website for more details. Poster paper and crayons and your imagination are all you need! Don't forget to put your name on the back.

### **Food for Fines**

The Derry Public Library and Londonderry Leach Library are excited to announce a Food for Fines drive to benefit local food pantries. The friendly competition will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted at both libraries during operating hours until closing on Saturday, Dec. 18.For every food item donated, up to two dollars in overdue fines

does not apply to lost or damaged items, and no rain checks will be given. Each library will report their total donation count on Facebook throughout the program. To join in on the fun, bring your non-perishable donations to the circulation desk with your library card. Please note glass jars and expired food will not be accepted. For donation suggestions and additional information, call the Derry Public Library at (603) 432-6140

library card. Food for Fines

## CHESTER

**Polar Express Tours** 

Choose your preferred time slot for an indoor reading tour of The Polar Express at the Chester Library on Friday, Dec. 10 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Groups are led by the Conductor on a Polar Express Tour, stopping at train stations where parts of the magical story are read. There will be handed out at the end. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

## **Holiday Hours**

The Chester Library will be Closing early on Monday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m., for staff Christmas party. Closed for Christmas: Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 25. Closed for New Year's Eve Friday Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1.

## **Crafting Club**

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) to the Chester Library and meet other crafters on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

### **Holiday Gingerbread Houses**

Get in the holiday spirit by making a graham cracker house with Miss Maureen at the Chester Library on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m.

goodie bags and a special gift Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

### Among Us Party!

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of you is the imposter! Download the Among Us! app on your device before the event at the Chester Library on Monday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. in the Teen Room. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404. This event is for kids and teens.

### **Adult Afternoon Book Group**

This Chester Library Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. to Discuss The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moves. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

### **Christmas Spirit Storytime**

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Spirit! On Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library. Come in jammies or watch on Facebook Live! If you are planning on attending in person, please call us at 603-887-3404 to register.

### Storytime

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

## Canasta Club

Looking for a card game to join? Learn to play with the pros at the Chester Library every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. New members, call 603-887-3404 to sign up.

## HAMPSTEAD Wreaths Across America

The town will participate in the nation-wide "Wreaths Across America" ceremony by laying a Wreath of Remembrance for Pearl Harbor Day at the World War II war monument in Veterans Memorial Park in front of the Town Offices on, Saturday Dec. 18 at noon. Anyone desiring to lay a wreath at any of the monuments is welcome to join in. For further information, contact the Chairman of the Hampstead Patriotic Purpose Committee, Howie Steadman at 603-329-4288.

### Santa For Seniors

If you are participating in the Santa for Seniors program and have taken a gift tag from the tree at the Hampstead Public Library, please bring the gifts to the Library or the Rockingham Nutrition office in Plaistow by Monday, Dec. 13. Please note: do not wrap the items. Gift bags are preferred and are easier for the clients to manage. Be sure to include the tag.

## Virtual Light Tour

Join the Virtual Hampstead Holiday Light Tour, Dec. 3 - 19. Send pictures of your holiday light decorations to circulation@Hampstead-Library.org, and we'll print them out to display at the Hampstead Public Library for all to enjoy. The week of Dec. 20, all the pictures will be posted on the Library's social media pages. This virtual tour helps those who are unable to drive at night still enjoy the festivities around town.

## **Christmas Service**

You are invited to join us at Island Pond Baptist Church for our candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. We'll sing carols, read the Christmas story, and reflect on the amazing gift that Jesus has given us! This will be a short, familyfriendly service. No childcare is provided, and all children are invited to attend with their families. IPBC is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead. Please visit us on the web at www.islandpondbc.com or call us at 603-329-5959, for more info about our church and our other activities.

### **Centerpiece Workshop**

Saturday, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m. Advance registration is required. Come create a beautiful boxwood tree with instructor Kari Allard at the Hampstead Library. There is an \$18 materials fee to participate, payable at registration (or soon after.) The fee helps cover the cost of the container, foam, boxwood tree branches, and decorations. Space is limited. Please register via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411.

### Wrap Party & Craft

On Saturday, Dec. 18 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Looking for a place to wrap gifts for loved ones without them seeing? Bring gifts and some wrapping paper, and we'll provide additional paper, bows, bags, tape, scissors and a big open conference room for you to work. Plus, you can create a book page ornament. We'll have a crackling video fireplace going on the big screen and holiday tunes playing to set the festive mood.

## **Cards To Show You Care**

Visit the Hampstead Public Library and fill out Holiday Cards for Area Healthcare Workers. It's a great time to show your appreciation for all they do for the community. The Library has a supply of cards you can use, or bring your own. Now through Monday, Dec. 20, you'll find cards, pens, and a red mailbox in the Library for the card collection. Library staff will deliver the cards on or after Dec. 21.

## Chair Yoga

Class is scheduled at the Hampstead Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 12:30 p.m. Maggie Grace leads everyone in strengthening and stretching exercises, as well as meditative breathing. Masks are required for indoor classes at the Library.

### **Bags For Sale**

Heavy-duty canvas totes on sale for \$15 each at the Hampstead Library. The bags are off-white with your choice of navy or dark green trim. They have two-ply canvas handles and a large reinforced bottom gusset. They are great for carrying books, DVDs, knitting materials, clothes, or anything you want. The bags make a great holiday gift or a fantastic way to package a gift.

### Blue Christmas Service

Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., Hampstead, will offer Blue Christmas: a Service of Remembrance, Comfort, and Hope, on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. For many, the holiday season with its emphasis on family, joy, giving, and "good cheer" can be a painful time. The loss of a loved one, the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of continued isolation and pandemic stress; all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating. You are invited into a space and time to acknowledge your sadness and concern. Please know that you are not alone. Join us for this quiet contemplative service of prayer, scripture and music. The service will be in person as well as live streamed and recorded. Please see hampsteaducc.org for more information.

## Friends Of Library Raffle

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library have a raffle basket on display at the library's front desk. The theme is "Focus on You," and the basket contains items to help enrich your life and help with relaxation, reflection, and organization. Items included: planners, notecards, desk tools, aromatherapy, a book with tips on how to relax, a Lily Pulitzer 17-month agenda book, and much more. The basket is valued at \$200. Tickets are on sale at the front desk and are \$1 each or six for \$5. The raffle drawing is on Dec. 14. For more information contact Janet Arden at 603/329-6411 or email at jarden@HampsteadLibrary.org

## SANDOWN Drive-Up Santa

The Sandown Lions are hosting a Drive-Up Santa and Mrs. Claus visits on Dece. 11 from noon - 2 p.m., at the Sandown Rec Center located at 25 Pleasant Run Drive. (Raindate is Dec. 12.) Bring the kids and drop off letters to Santa and pick up a gift bag. Donations to the Sandown Lions Club are welcomed so that we can serve the community for those in need. We are also collecting new socks for the homeless, so feel to drop off a pair or two. Any questions, please contact Pat Kimball at 603-819-8433 or Pkimballlion@aol.com.

### Storytime with Santa

Join the Sandown Library for a special story time with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Monday, Dec. 13, from 6 - 7 p.m. This program is for all ages. Registration is required. Essential Oils Family Make & Take

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Children 10+ are invited on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. - noon to join the Sandown Library in creating holiday gifts using essential Oils. Choose from 3 different Essential Oils gifts. Children 6-9 are welcome to attend with an adult to assist them. Each participant may make one item. Registration is required for this program. Should you choose to make more, each additional item will cost \$5, which will be paid directly to the presenter.

### 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.

### 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.

### PageTurners Book Club

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

### Board of Library Trustees

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

## Mother Goose On The Loose

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 You-Tube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brainbased program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skillbuilding 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.

## 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.

## 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

## 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

### 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.

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