

Chester Selectmen Discuss Public Works Department

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 9, where members discussed the possibility of moving forward with a warrant article to move from having an elected road agent to a full-time agent or a director of public works position.

"I think it really comes down to are we going to have the person essentially do what the road agent does or are we going to have them include other departments," said Chester Board of Selectmen Chair-

man Chuck Myette.

One of the reasons why the Selectmen have been discussing it is because they want to have some consistency in the position. Right now every two years there is the opportunity for someone new to get elected as the Road Agent.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that the question if they go with a public works director is if people in town should be selecting the person for the position or if the Board of Selectmen should. He said the other concern is whether or not the person they appoint or elect has the needed equipment or if they will be able to contract out to get it.

Landau said that he isn't opposed to electing someone or appointing someone but his concern is about where they are going to get the needed equipment from.

"I'm not opposed to electing someone. I'm not opposed to appointing someone. My concern is where are we going to get the equipment one way or another," Landau said.

Selectmen Steven Couture said that he doesn't think they have enough information yet and they should take their time

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Hampstead Planning Board Approves an ADU Addition

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HAMPSTEAD - During the most recent Hampstead Planning Board meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to a conditional use permit for an accessory dwelling unit at 74 Rolling Hill Road.

The applicant Donald Goodwin told the Board he was proposing to have about a 1,100 square foot addition that would be attached to his house in order for his parents to have an in-law apartment.

"It looks like a pretty complete application," said Planning Board Chair Stephen Wentworth.

One question that was asked by the Board was

what room they would be attaching the accessory dwelling unit to.

"It's going to be a 10x14' common area," Goodwin said.

After only a few minutes the Board unanimously approved the conditional use permit.

"That's what happens when you have a complete package," Wentworth said.

Also during the meeting the Board had an application for a subdivision of land at 46 James Drive.

Representing the owner was James Lavelle. He explained that the subdivision would create an additional with the existing dwelling staying on one and the other having the other house. He said that each of the lots would have frontage on James Drive of 200 feet or more which is above the requirement of 150 feet.

He said that one of the lots would be just over an acre of land while the other one would have 1.35 acres of space.

Town Engineer Steven Keach said that he got the revised plan right before the meeting and didn't have time to review it.

Lavelle said that he wouldn't be opposed to the application being continued to the next meeting.

"I have no problem with asking with a request for a continuance to the next meeting," he said.

In other business on the agenda was the lot line adjustment for 290 and 291 Stony Ridge, which had a conditional approval

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SEASON SURPRISE Zeke Dela Cruz was more than excited about the arrival of Santa Claus at the annual Polar Express reading at the Taylor Library in Derry last week. The annual tradition continued this year with three readings. See more photos on page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Derry Residents Elect Jodi Nelson in State Rep Election

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DERRY – Just under 3,600 residents of the town of Derry elected a new State Representative last week with Republican Jodi Nelson winning the seat in a special election held last Tuesday.

"I am humbled and honored by today's results. Since August, we have run a campaign promoting lower taxes, better educations for our children, safer communities for our residents, and a strong economy to support our local businesses and working families," Nelson said in a statement. "These are the bedrock of a successful community and our message resonated with our friends and neighbors in Derry."

Nelson, who received 2,190 votes, faced off against Democrat candidate Mary Eisner, who received 1,538 votes in the election, a difference of about 650 votes.

The Special Election occurred after the seat

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Chester Planning Board Discusses Zoning Amendments

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CHESTER - The Chester Planning Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 8.

During the meeting the Board discussed different proposed zoning amendments from different departments in town.

Chester Town Planner Andrew Hadik said that one of the proposed zoning amendments came from

the Building Department.

He explained that Chester Building Official Myrick Bunker asked that they add a definition for impervious surfaces.

Hadik explained that he pulled nine different environmental definitions off the internet and ran it by Bunker and said that he liked the one that he proposed. He said that it is needed because it is referenced in the Town's regulations and there have been

times when people were going to exceed the limit for their lots and they "were completely baffled by what that is."

Another zoning amendment request that was made came from Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair Billie Maloney. Hadik explained that they wanted to add under Bed and Breakfasts that detached buildings are not allowed as a right but instead an applicant could

seek a variance.

The ZBA also made a request to increase the number of alternatives for the Board from three to five.

One question that was asked is if they are having quorum issues.

"We haven't had quorum issues yet but it's always been tight," said Rick Snyder who sits on the ZBA as the Planning Board representative.

He said that by adding the number of alternatives

they have the ability to increase the diversity of the Board some.

"I think it's a good thing to do," he said.

Also during the meeting Hadik told the Board that he spoke with Chester School District Superintendent Sharon Locke and School Board Chair Royal Richardson regarding the school district's copier machine lease agreement which was put in the proposed capital improvement

plan.

Hadik explained that they were okay with it being withdrawn from the Capital Improvement Plan.

In other news it was announced by Hadik that the 5-Lot subdivision located between Route 102 and East Derry Road plan would be heard during the Jan. 5 Planning Board meeting.

The next Chester Planning Board meeting is slated for Jan. 5 at 7 p.m.

Sandown ZBA Discusses In-Home Occupation Permits

HENRY GREENBAUM
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - John Ferreira presented his application for a variance and In-Home Occupation Permit to the Sandown Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) at their Nov. 18 meeting.

His proposal was to allow for the parking of two work trucks as well as four employee vehicles to be parked at his 25 Hale True Road home. "I own Select Excavation, a small business," said Ferreira. "We are not looking to do anything we have not done. It is just to have legal permission to be able to have a few trucks from time to time...just basically bring them home and park them in the garage.

Out of sight, out of mind, discreetly. We are not looking to make it a base of operations or anything.

Ferreira wishes to temporarily store some of his trucks and other vehicles from his business at his home. He is in fact already using his home for these purposes but was told that he needed to request a variance which is why he has now appeared before the ZBA. He promises that the trucks would be out of sight and not disturb any of his neighbors.

Chairman Christopher Longchamps opened the floor to public comment and Elizabeth Jasukonis of 27 Hale True Road came forward. "I have had multiple conversations with John [Ferreira] about this proposal and he assures

me that there are only going to be two trucks and those trucks will be in the garage and that the employee vehicles will not be visible," said Jasukonis. "Once the garage is completed, the construction vehicles that are coming in and out now will not be there and his excavation equipment will be off-site. He has assured me of that, and I feel comfortable with that."

Arthur Genuardo of 26 Hale True Road also came forward to express his views on the proposal. "I personally think that this is a waste of time for what he does," said Genuardo. "Everybody basically brings work trucks home... I honestly don't see an issue with what

[Ferreira] is doing."

Chairman Longchamps closed the meeting to the public and expressed his opinion on the variance. "I still do not think it meets the in-home criteria. I think John [Ferreira] even said it himself, it is not doing anything inside of the home," said Chairman Longchamps. "I think if we put it against the In-Home [Occupation

Permit criteria] it is going to fail because, like Roger [Ernst] said, it strictly says no commercial vehicles associated with the business that is in-home when there really is not a business in-home."

Chairman Longchamps expressed his concerns that permitting the trucks to park at Ferreira's home when his business is not taking place there con-

tradicts the idea of an In-Home Occupation Permit. Ferreira was asked by Chairman Longchamps if it was ok to wait a month while they try to determine if the permit is even needed to which he agreed.

The Sandown ZBA concluded to continue discussions on Ferreira's application until their next meeting on Thurs. Dec. 30.

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became vacant because Anne Copp moved out of the District meaning she couldn't represent Derry anymore at the State House.

In the primary Nelson faced off against Neil Wetherbee, and Thomas Cardon. Eisner ran unopposed in the Democratic Primary.

Nelson following the election thanked her family.

"I would like to thank my husband, Scott, and my three children, Blake, Brooke, and Luke, for their love, support and patience throughout this

campaign," said Nelson in a statement following the election. "Second, I am grateful for the support and confidence I received from my friends and neighbors in Derry who came out to vote."

In her statement following the election, Nelson said that she was also thankful for those who volunteered on the campaign trail.

"Third, I'd like to give a humongous shoutout and thank you to my many, many volunteers who were the lifeblood of this campaign," Nelson said. "Without their help, dedication, and encouragement, to-

night's results would be much different. We truly ran the best grassroots campaign Derry has ever seen."

Nelson said that she is excited to get to work in Concord.

"I am beyond excited to get to work with my colleagues in the House to ensure our state continues moving in the right direction," Nelson said. "I look forward to representing Derry in a transparent and positive fashion and I encourage my neighbors to reach out with their thoughts, concerns, and issues."

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Sandown Zoning Board Debates Property Line Setbacks

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SANDOWN - Philip and Karen Lussier requested a variance from the Sandown Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) at their Nov. 18 meeting.

The Lussiers are looking to have the ZBA allow for the construction of an addition above the garage at their property on 15 Lakeside Drive that would be 3.9 feet from the side lot line. They are also looking for the ZBA to remove a restriction that was imposed by them on the

property back in 1985.

"The garage is pretty much parallel with the road and the lot is not," said Philip Lussier. "As we go back to where the shed is now which is where I want to add that extra 14 feet it kind of encroaches on that property line on the left-hand side...I suppose if I had to, we could shift the property over."

Mr. Lussier is seeking to renovate his new home but noticed a restriction that allowed him from making certain changes to the property. One of these changes would be

installing a septic system that goes between 15 Lakeside Drive and his other property that is across the street from it.

ZBA member Dave Ardolino asked Mr. Lussier if this was going to be his permanent residency to which he responded, "I decided I would work on my house, sell the house, and take the equity and we will have all the cash, but I got no place to live. So, the idea was that we will build out the garage and we will move in there temporarily. Then, we will move back across

the street when the house is done and that is when I noticed the [restriction] on the deed."

Chairman Christopher Longchamps asked Mr. Lussier if the septic system has been state approved, and he said it has not, but he plans on submitting it for state approval.

There was a concern for the length of the setback from the property line. Alternate Member Tracey Dembro pointed out the precedent it would set for allowing Mr. Lussier to have his side setback at 3.9 feet instead of

the minimum 7 feet.

Chairman Longchamps said, "What Tracey I believe is saying, and correct me if I'm wrong, is that we have never really gone less than the 7-foot setback. Now we could open ourselves up, if you go 3.9 feet, to a lot more opportunity to let other people come in and do the same thing...We also worry about health and safety because if two houses are up against each other and the fire department can't even get in there. If they are ablaze, then the neighbor's house goes up because your house went

up."

The ZBA ultimately approved the Lussier's application, 4-1, under two conditions. The first condition was that the Lussiers had to maintain the required 7-foot setback for the addition that they plan on building. The second condition is the removal of the restriction on the deed that was placed by the ZBA in 1985 which would now allow the Lussiers to live on the property.

The Sandown ZBA will meet again for their monthly meeting on Thurs. Dec. 30 at the Town Hall.

Derry Planning Board Approves South Street Pavilion

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Dec. 1 Derry Planning Board meeting the Board had a review in regards to a proposed addition of a pavilion at 49 South Main Street.

Derry Planning Director George Sioras said that the original site plan was approved. However, he said the owners want to take the existing basketball court that is there and con-

vert it into a pavilion.

He said that Town staff met with the developers and the owners along with the police and fire department and felt it should go back to the Planning Board for final approval.

Paul Chisholm, from Keach and Nordstrom the engineer for the project said that change is that they would remove the basketball court on the property and would replace it with a 2,592

square foot pavilion

"I would describe the pavilion as an open air structure," he said.

He explained that they are planning on having a couple of bathrooms in it and a utility room. They would also add lights on the walkway for safety.

Chisholm said that they are seeking a variance from the State Fire Marshal Office to allow the structure to be in a location that doesn't have a 20

foot road coming down to it.

"That is actively ongoing," he said.

Chisholm said that it's not intended to add any capacity to the facility but instead it's just a better way to use it.

Planning Board Vice Chair Jim MacEachern said that he thought it was a good idea to add the pavilion to the property but wanted to hear more details.

"This is a great idea. I like it but it does beg a few additional questions that we didn't discuss previously," he said. He noted that they are significantly closer to where people live

than where the tent is.

Chisholm said that there is going to be a decent vegetation buffer. He also explained that he viewed the pavilion as more of a cocktail hour spot.

For the lights on the path going to the pavilion Chisholm said that they are going to add it for safety but doesn't want to impact the neighbors. He said through the design he thinks they will achieve that.

"We have to do what we have to do for safety purposes," he said.

Chisholm said that all music there would end at 12 a.m. like was in the

original plan.

Planning Board member David Nelson said that he thinks that it should be treated as an amended site plan saying that he feels that the changes go beyond field changes.

Sioras said that staff felt it was administrative changes which is why they were just seeking feedback from the Planning Board instead of having a public hearing.

"We didn't feel that it needed a public hearing," he said.

The Planning Board ultimately approved the addition with a 8-1 vote. Nelson was the one no vote.

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before they make a decision.

"There's no need to rush, we want to make sure the basics are taken care of," said Couture.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said that they need more information regarding finances before they can make an informed

decision.

Myette said that he agreed.

Myette said that he thought they should form a committee to dive into it. He said that they should have someone from the Board of Selectmen, Chester Road Agent Michael Oleson, financial staff, and people from the

public.

"I think that's a great idea," said Couture.

The Selectmen agreed to move forward with the Committee with the short term decision being if they should move forward with the warrant article this year or not.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial

Holiday Greetings

As the holidays get closer and closer, we're all treated to outdoor Christmas decorations brightening the night on most streets, with merrily lit trees adding a festive touch to public spaces, and warm, friendly holiday music playing from every other car on the road. The weather even seems to be cooperative, for the time being, yet an offering of a light covering of snow would better set the scene for a Norman Rockwell, New England Christmas.

Now is a great time to bake an extra batch of cookies, or get together a few hand-written holiday cards and send them along to neighbors and coworkers. It may seem like a small gesture, but you'll never know whose holiday you'll make in the process.

In the past few decades, it feels like we have been led to believe that in order to show the amount we love our family and friends is reflected only on the amount of money we are able to spend on them, through fancy gifts and extravagant dinners. In our hearts, we all know that Christmas, Hanukkah and rest are not holidays based on greed and gluttony, despite what large commercial companies would want us to think. But rather, an opportunity for families and friends to reunite. These holidays carry the message of the miracle of giving and remembering what is near and dear. It's true that you don't have to break bank for gift-giving, just a little thinking outside of the gift-box goes a long

way to show someone you care.

Money, after all, is not what the holidays were meant to be about, rather, good will towards our fellow human.

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With the holidays fast approaching, we don't doubt that you, our readers have been busy. Between holiday activities, fundraisers, collecting warm clothes and toys to help out those in need in our midst, requests from community groups selling Christmas trees and wreaths, holiday party invites and suggestions for gift giving, it can be hard to remember to take a breath. We appreciate you for taking the time to catch up on your local news!

We wish each one of you our readers the Merriest of Holidays, and all a very Happy Healthy New Year.

Thanks for reading!

Lifeway Church To Hold Christmas Special in Derry



Pictured are: Jeff Fleming, Matt Squibb, Chase Desrosiers, Colin Bigelow, Riley Skafas, Angel Rodriguez, Natalia Saa, Jen Gage, Emily Saa, Pastor Juan Saa, Manuela Saa and Ana Saa. *Courtesy photo*

A Christmas Special will be held on Dec. 23 & 24 from 7 - 8:15 p.m., at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway. Enjoy this rendition of the Christmas story with heartfelt original music and dramatization written specifically for this occasion.

Juan Saa, Lead Pastor of LifeWay Church with wife Ana have been working diligently along with their children and creative arts team and in cooperation with other local creative arts leaders. Come receive this gift of hope thoughtfully prepared to

bless you and honor the birth of Christ the Savior. Refreshments will be served after each showing. Register for FREE tickets by texting HOPE4U to 97000 or visit lifeway-church.net and click on Christmas Special.

Sandown Garden Club Holds Holiday Workshop



Sandown Garden Club members Fran Rosenau, Asteria Dauphinais, Halinka Vail, Donna Waterman, Marilyn Eaton and Dale Dumphy display their holiday wreaths and swags which will soon adorn several civic sites in town.

It's that time of year with the holidays coming, for the Sandown Garden Club to hold its annual Holiday Workshop. On a recent morning, club members met and gathered fresh evergreen boughs and holly branches to create their wreaths and swags. They were then decorated with brightly colored balls, pinecones and festive ribbons. After the workshop, the members scat-

tered about town like happy little elves to adorn various civic locations with their holiday creations.

The Sandown Garden Club is a non-profit, volunteer organization. New members are always welcome. Information on the club and membership can be found on the website www.sandowngardenclub.org or visit its Facebook page.

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Polar Express Rolls Through Taylor Library Once Again



Staff at the Taylor Public Library in East Derry resumed what had been a holiday tradition for a good many years. The Library was able to host the reading of the Polar Express once again after having to conduct the reading virtually last year. Three sessions were held last week where librarians took turns reading holiday books to children who were riding in "a train" in the center of the library, and waited for the arrival of Santa. Santa handed out bells to each of the children and a prize of the Polar Express book was given out. Children enjoys snacks and hot chocolate to finish off the magical evening.

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Wason Pond Conservation Commission Addresses Issues

KATRINA STROUD
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation's total expenditure of 2021 is \$5,477.02, which is \$3,842.02 over budget. They have received a new estimate in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Ash Street Bridge: the upfront engineering is about \$120,000 and the feasibility study is about \$40,000 which includes construction oversight and expenses from the engineering firm. The bridge itself is estimated between \$250,000 and \$350,000. The committee is looking to use the money in the CIP, which will cover about half of their expenses.

The committee has received the design for the pavilion, and they have a list prepared for what timber is required for construction. At the moment, the timber is being put on hold for a few years, until the pavilion is ready for construction. The committee argued that if the timber is

purchased now, the wood will dry out and it requires a certain amount of moisture before building.

One area of the land is being devoured by bitter-sweet. Bittersweet is an invasive species, native to Eastern Asia as an ornamental climbing vine. The vine wraps themselves around trees and other plants until they are dead. The vine also grows berries that are poisonous to pets, which will cause a problem for dog walkers. The committee is deciding on whether to use herbicide or to pull out the vines themselves, but the problem is that these vines have very deep roots and would be able to grow back next year. The issue is still up for debate.

The Pollinator Project had to be postponed as Deb Munson, the woman spearheading the project, was ill and could not visit Wason Pond to complete her work. One of the other Conservation members found a location to plant the pollinator garden near the Senior Center. The soil in the area is rich

and they can begin the project in the spring of 2022. They hope to recruit volunteers, including the seniors.

There was a recent beaver sighting found in Wason Pond. The committee will be using a "grapple contraption" to safely carry the beaver out from the water. Although it might not even be necessary as the water will prob-

ably freeze over by next week and the beaver won't return until next spring.

Boot Camp has returned recently in-person. The fitness program is a circuit-style training class that alternates muscle toning and cardio moves for people 18 and older. The program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Cost and registra-

tion is available online at chesternh.org.

The Senior Fitness program is currently being conducted online. It is free to anyone 60 or older. It is held on Monday at 12:30 p.m. and on Thursday at 10 a.m. Email Kim Cremin at kacremi1@gmail.com or Corinna Reishus, the Recreation Director, at director@chesternhrec.org to register.

OBITUARY

Harold Milton Wallace



Harold Milton Wallace, 90, of Derry, NH passed away on Friday Dec. 3, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Manchester, NH, a son of the late Ray and Idella (Plummer) Wallace. Harold proudly served his country with the US Army during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Alaska.

Harold grew up on a dairy farm in Londonderry, NH. He had a great passion for farming and all the animals that came with that, especially cows. He worked for many years at the Foster Beef Company in Manchester until it closed. He maintained the farm, he was so proud of, throughout his working years, up until the age of 89.

After retirement he worked part time at IHS, now known as Pleasant Valley Nursing Home. He enjoyed the agricultural fairs, looking at all the animals, new and antique farm equipment.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Hawes and husband James, his son David Wallace, granddaughter, Kayla Hawes, two brothers Henry Wallace and his wife Barbara and Alfred Wallace and his wife Susan, as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and his long-time Best Buddy, John "Junior" Piccirilli, he spent a lot time at Weber's Junkyard with Junior and friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Katherine (Kimball) Wallace in 1994.

There are no callings hours. Graveside services will be held in the spring in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Londonderry, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to non-profit organization, Pumpkin Wall Farm Animal Sanctuary, 56 Tsienneto Rd., Derry, NH 03038.

OBITUARY

Linda Mae Martin



Linda Mae Martin, 77, of Derry, NH, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, in Parkland Medical Center, Derry, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Pepperell, MA on Dec. 9, 1943, a daughter of the late Clarence and Arlene (Gilligly) Blood.

Linda was an active member of the Christian Fellowship Baptist Church. She was an avid book-reader. Her favorite author being Colleen Hoover (as of late). She also enjoyed crocheting and gifting her friends and family with her beautiful creations. She was always there whenever anyone needed her and she made tremendous impacts in all of the lives she touched.

As said by Emily Dickinson, a poet from Amherst, Massachusetts in the 1800s, "Unable are the loved to die, for love is immortality".

She is survived by her son, George A. Martin; daughter-in-law, Lisa Martin; two grandchildren, Alexis and Zachary; sister, cousins, and several nieces and nephews. Linda was predeceased by her loving husband, George H. Martin and brother, William Blood.

Following cremation, there will be no services scheduled at this time. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Historic Hampstead Museum Looks at Need of Repairs

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - Before the monthly meeting began, the Hampstead Historic Commission began, members held a moment of silence for Juanita Randall. Juanita Randall, the wife of the late Maurice Randall, was the former Hampstead Town Historian and a member for Historic District Commission for many years, died on Nov. 28 at her home. The wake was held on Thursday evening at Brookside Funeral Home in Plaistow and the funeral was at the Hampstead Congregational Church. Mrs. Randall was a resident of Hampstead for 67 years.

The local museum is in desperate need of renovation.

The commission is hoping to remove the non-necessary vent in the roof and then patch the roof up to prevent future leaks.

The interior ceiling where the leak caused the damage will be repainted after Robert Morris, the Chair, confirms that the leak has been fixed by the roofer.

The stairs at the bottom of the handicap ramp have also been replaced. One of the members, John Kelley, suggested that slip-resistant material should be added to the handicap ramp to make it safer, given his recent accident on a handicap ramp at a veterinary clinic.

The museum was able to reopen a few weeks ago, after painting the interior, replacing the light fixtures,

and the Hampstead Historical Society reorganized the exhibit. They hope these improvements will satisfy tourists and the community. However, the museum 2021 budget is \$700 in the red and the commission still has to calculate the new electric bill.

The historic cobbler shop in front of the town office building was opened during the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree on Friday, Dec. 3. It was staffed by the members of the Hampstead Historical Society. The society had their own float during the Hampstead Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 5.

The commission's meeting house is also renovating itself: in November, the meeting house's roof

was re-shingled; Morris purchased 100 ft of second-hand granite curbing for the parking lot; by next spring, the commission will be landscaping between the parking lot and the meeting house; a new interior light fixture needs to be installed in the kitchen, as well as a larger refrigerator; one of the members, Chip Hastings, plans to reconnect the

lighting rod cable; and a new bench, that was donated by a married couple, was installed in the nearby park.

The commission is still waiting for the Hampstead Boy Scout Troop 33 to clean up the Hampstead Town Pound. The troop originally planned to clean up the town pound in spring or autumn of this year, but the troop had to

postpone it. The troop's leader promised to put it in their calendar.

For the meetinghouse's 2021 Budget: the approximate amounts are \$1788 for electric, \$1900 for heat, and \$23,500 for maintenance. For the museum's budget, the approximate amounts are \$961 for electric, \$1891 for heat, and a negative \$700 for maintenance.

Hampstead

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that expired on Dec.6

Wentworth said he had to step down from the Board for the case since it was a lot line adjustment for his property.

He explained that it was for the lot line change

that was approved three months ago but until two weeks ago the other property owner didn't have his property released from the bank which was required because he had a mortgage on it.

Because of this they were seeking an extension to finalize the paperwork.

The Board unanimously approved extending the conditional approval until the next Board meeting. Wentworth abstained from voting.

The next Hampstead Planning Board meeting is slated for Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.



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Santa Has Breakfast With Residents in Chester



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DERRY SPORTS

Lady Astros Overpower Crimson Tide Squad in Home Opener



Senior captain Avah Ingalls had 13-points to start the season.

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

competitors from Concord High School on Friday night, Dec. 10.

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball Team began its 2021-22 winter season with an overwhelming 66-38 win over their

The Lady Astros squad outscored the Concord girls in three of the four periods and overpowered the Crimson Tide under the bas-

ket for much of the game.

The opening night home opener also featured two, new, state-of-the-art scoreboards keeping fans abreast of individual scoring and foul stats throughout the game.

Pinkerton head coach Lani Buskey and her Lady Astros began the game with a strong 15-8 start in the first quarter despite Concord keeping things close to start the first six-minutes. The home squad kept the momentum established at the end of the first period going with a 16-5 second period. The first half ended with PA leading Concord by a commanding 31-13.

Concord turned things around a bit to start the second half with a strong third quarter, outscoring PA 14-12, but only managed to bring the game to within 16-points.

The Astros had the biggest quarter of the game in the fourth, scoring 23-points over Concord's 11-points for the nearly 30-

point victory.

Sophomore guard Elizabeth Lavoie had an excellent start to her varsity season leading the team with 17-points. Senior captain Avah Ingalls had 13-points to start the season strong and fellow captain senior Kristina Pawkowski had 11-points, including one three-pointer, in the game.

Freshman guard Sydney Gerossie began her high school career with a nine-point game and senior Rebecca Farnum tallied eight points with two successful three-pointers.

The team will try for its second win on Tuesday, Dec. 14, in Portsmouth and then host Merrimack on Wednesday, Dec. 15 for its third game. They will host Dover on Friday night for the fourth game of the season.



Astros sophomore guard Elizabeth Lavoie led the team in scoring with 17-points. Photo by Chris Paul

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Pinkerton Wrestlers Get a Win and a Loss in Two Duals

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The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team started off the 2021-22 winter season by host a tri-meet at the school on Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, with Exeter and Keene High Schools.

The team lost an entire season last year because of

the COVID-19 pandemic and will now have to rebuild a bit to get started again.

The team did however compete in the Division I Dual meets, where they were able to beat Exeter High School in seven weight classes, but then lost to Timberlane Regional High School three days later.

In the first meet of new

season, the Astros fell to the Blackbirds by a score of 51-27. There were three weight classes given up by Pinkerton and one weight class was forfeited by Keene in the meet.

Wins for the Astros came from Cameron McMahon, at 120 lbs. with a pin at 0:40.

Anthony Borbone added six points with a fall at 126 lbs. over Garret Nichols, at 1:55.

Michael Follo, 132 lbs., added another pin at 3:18 in the loss.

Jack Mackiernan, 170 lbs., managed a 3-2 win over Austin Morris for three team points.

At 106 lbs., Aiden Doyle, had a forfeit win for six points.

The results were much better in the team's second meet of the evening, winning 54-24 over the Blue Hawks.

Aiden Doyle (106 lbs.) started the scoring with another forfeit, then



Senior Astro Jack Mackiernan battled Keene's Austin Morris for a slim 3-2 win.

Caleigh Cooper (113 lbs.) followed with another forfeit and evened the score at 12-points each in the meet.

Cameron McMahon added six points with a pin at 120 lbs. to put the Astros ahead 18-12.

After Exeter tied the dual at 18 a piece, Mike Follo (132 lbs.) and Adan

Duriga gave the team a 30-lead with two more forfeits.

The Astros squad widened the margin even further with pins in the 145, 152, 160 and 170 weights.

Nathan Lindquist, Nephison DeAlmeida, Ryan Gordon and Jack Mackiernan each added six points to the tally for the first team

win of the season.

Over the weekend, the team competed in the Salem Blue Devil Classic where they finished in seventh place.

Mackiernan was the competition's 170 lb. champion and Mike Follo finished with a third place spot with his win in the consolation round final.



Mike Follo had a very productive start.

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Astros Boys Basketball Squad Starts Season with Big Win

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The Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball Squad started its second year under the management of new head coach David Chase and came out of the gate with an extremely impressive victory.

The Astros finished the COVID-19-shortened 2021 season with an impressive 8-4 record and made it through two rounds of the

Division I playoffs.

This year's schedule has teams playing in 18 games with a condensed season ending in the first week of February.

The Astros traveled to the state capital on Friday night to start the 2021-22 season where they doubled up the scoring on the Concord High School team 64-32 for their first win.

Despite only scoring 13-points in the first quarter, they were able to hold the

Crimson Tide to just five and led by eight heading into the second quarter.

Pinkerton took a 29-11 lead heading into the locker room at the half and didn't let off the pressure in the second half, outscoring and rebounding Concord for the win.

Ten players scored for the PA squad with Jackson Marshall leading the way with 18-points and five rebounds.

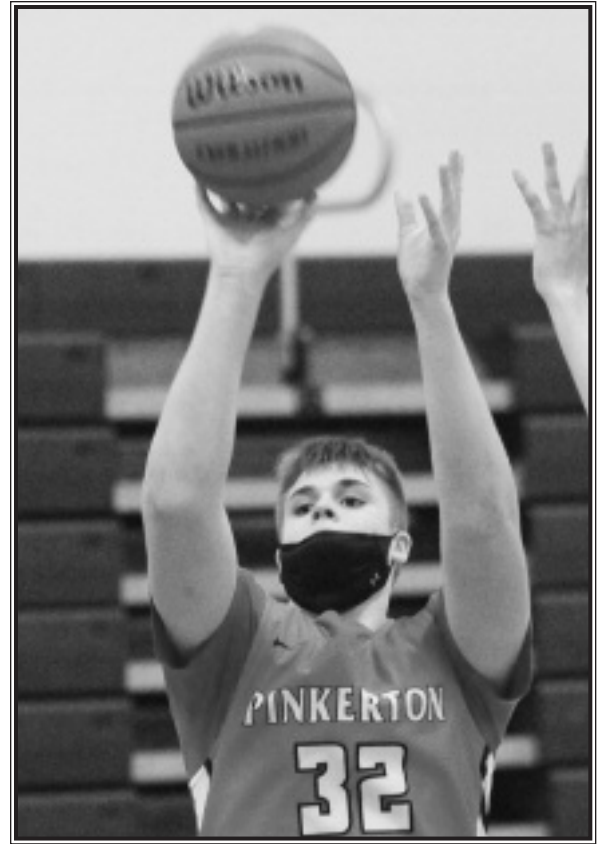
Anthony Chinn also had

a phenomenal game, with 12-points scored and 13 rebounds.

Aiden Kane finished with eight-points, Brandon Gendron and Jordyn Suarez had six points.

Quinn Hammer had five-points and five rebounds in the victory.

The team was scheduled play its second game of the season on Tuesday against Portsmouth and will play on the road Friday, Dec. 17 at Dover High School.



Jackson Marshall had 18-points in the Astros game in Concord against the Crimson Tide.

File photo

PA Bowlers Second in Goffstown

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Astros Bowling team traveled to Yankee Lanes in Man-

chester on Saturday, Dec. 11, to a meet with the Goffstown High School Grizzlies and the Spaulding High School Red Raiders.

Pinkerton was seeded in the number two spot with a two standard game total of 1,566.

Goffstown had 1,696 points for the number one spot and Spaulding took the number three seed with a 1,551.

Pinkerton bowler Shawn Kelly rolled a 106 in his first game and a 99 in his second game.

Dylan Kossocoff rolled a 113 and a 142.

Mike Fiandaca had a 169 and a 141.

Colby Wong managed a 157 and a 182, while Lance Lemieux rolled a 199 and an exciting 246 game with seven straight strikes.

Paul Farley had a 75 and a 84, Camden Binette a 73 and 84, Jonathan Little an 80 and 99.

The Astros squad took two Bakers Match games against Spaulding, with a score of 130-126 and 177-161.

The Astros team took

one game out of three in the Bakers Matches against Goffstown.

Winning the first 180 to 174. The Grizzlies took game two 190 to 178 and the third also went to Goffstown in a close Baker of 157 to 150.

Pinkerton came in second at the meet with nine total points, three standard and six Baker.

Goffstown won with 12 total points.

Athlete of the Week

Week of Dec. 6



Elizabeth Lavoie
Sophomore, Girls Basketball

Lavoie contributed 17 points, four rebounds, four steals, and three assists in the Pinkerton Academy girl's basketball season opener win over Concord on Friday night.



Jackson Mackiernan
Senior, Wrestling

MacKiernan, a captain, had a statement win over New England 4th place finisher Austin Morris of Keene, and is now 4-0 on the season with a championship at the Blue Devil Classic.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

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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 will be cleared from your library card. Food for 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

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The Chester Library will be Closed for Christmas: Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 25. Closed for New Year's Eve Friday Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1.

Holiday Gingerbread Houses

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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 Moyes. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

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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.

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, family-friendly 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

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SANDOWN

Library Closure

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Essential Oils Family Make & Take

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 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 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.

Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each

week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or programming@sandownlibrary.us.

Messy Monday

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

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, 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.us

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