

Derry School Board Readies \$91.7M Proposed Budget for Public Hearing

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DERRY - During the Dec. 14 Derry School Board meeting Jane Sinard, the Business Administrator for the District gave the School Board an update regarding the budget before they have their public meeting for the budget presentation on Jan.11.

She said that all of the changes from the previous budget meetings were reflected in it.

“We’ve completed all of our budget meetings,” said Sinard.

Sinard explained that

for general revenue the estimated number is \$5,065,318 which is down over a million dollars from this year’s budgeted amount of \$6,255,407.84.

With that said she said that they increased the unreserved balance amount that’s part of it because they received \$727,000 in a health trust rebate.

“That’s the second rebate we’ve received,” said Sinard.

She said that it was from a change in usage due to COVID saying that people weren’t at doctor appointments as much as

they were before.

“It greatly affected the usage for our health insurance,” said Sinard.

Sinard said that a portion of the rebate will go back to the employees and that the net amount was \$727,000.

In total Sinard said that next year’s proposed budget is a total of \$91,705,267.52, which is an increase over this year’s budget of \$816,687.74. The current budget is \$90,888,679. 78.

The default budget, if the budget isn’t approved, will be \$91,807,721.09.

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Hampstead School Board Gets Latest Word on Budget Amount

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board held a meeting on Dec. 14, where Hampstead School District CFO\Business Administrator Geoffrey Dowd explained that they have a revised budget number for the Board.

During the Nov. 23 Board meeting Dowd told the Board that the proposed budget for next year would be \$31,630,706.

That number has since changed.

“Since then I’ve had a couple of adjustments to the budget,” Dowd said.

He explained that the new proposed budget is \$31,671,796.

Reasons for the change that Dowd pointed to

included an increase for Pinkerton Academy tuition by up to 4.5 percent along with the addition of one student. That increase accounted for \$30,182.

He also noted that they had an increase of \$10,907 for the district’s copier toner.

Dowd explained that the proposed budget is still less than this year’s budget which is a total of \$32,346,283.

In total the proposed budget is down \$674,487 and percentage decrease of 2.09 percent.

“If you’re comfortable with that budget this is the number I would like to move forward with to the warrant,” said Dowd.

School Board Chair David Smith said that he was pleased with the way

the budget process went this year which included many conversations throughout.

“I think we did a great review together with everybody throughout these last three, four months,” he said.

The School Board voted in favor of moving the budget to the warrant article.

Dowd also presented to the School Board the default budget number, which would be the budget if the proposed budget by the District isn’t approved by the voters during Town Meeting. That number is \$31,972,403, which is down almost \$374,000 compared to this year’s budget.

Also during the meeting Superintendent Robert

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WINTER ARRIVES The state was blanketed with a covering of snow on Saturday and the arrival of some sustained cold temperatures should ensure a white Christmas this year. This image was taken on Sunday morning near Beaver Lake in Derry. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Sandown Selectmen Look at This Year’s Operating Budget

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Board of Selectmen held its regularly scheduled Selectmen meeting on Dec.13.

During the meeting Sandown Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell said that since they are

getting close to the end of the year she wanted to show the Selectmen how they are doing in terms of this year’s operating budget.

“It looks like we’re doing pretty good,” she said.

Blaisdell said at the meeting they had 17.6 percent remaining with a

month to go.

She noted that there were a couple of budgets that are already over including for the inspectors for the most part. Blaisdell said that they are difficult to project because they are based on the number of projects that are happening in

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Town Facilities Once Again Discussed by Selectmen

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CHESTER - During the Dec. 16 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to the scheduling of Town owned facilities.

During their Nov. 18 It was explained by Recreation Director Corinna Reishus that when they amended the COVID policies for the Town facilities in June, one of the requirements was that any facility would have to be cleaned after every use.

"We're still following the CDC guidelines," Reishus said.

Selectmen Steven Couture pointed out that because of the limited

staff the Town has it is limiting the number of events they are able to have in their facilities.

It's one of the reasons why he thinks the Board of Selectmen should change the policy.

"I see it as an unnecessary restriction on the Town facilities," Couture said.

It was decided during that meeting that they would continue to follow the CDC guidelines regarding the renting of the facilities and would discuss it again during their Dec. 16 meeting.

During the Dec. 16 meeting Reishus explained that the State and federal guidelines haven't changed.

"New Hampshire guidelines refers to CDC

guidelines," she said, which includes cleaning between the groups. "Nothing has changed with that."

Couture once again said that he wasn't happy with those regulations.

"That seems excessive," he said.

Reishus also noted that they recently had two exposures to COVID at the multi purpose room within a week.

She told the Selectmen that she didn't recommend changing their policies regarding the facility usage at this time.

"I don't recommend changing anything," she said.

She also noted that they haven't run into any problems yet where a group wanted to rent the

space but wasn't able to because of the cleaning requirements.

"There hasn't been an issue where I would need to change it," Reishus said.

She said that the only recreation program that they haven't brought back is pickup basketball because it's considered a "high risk" activity by the CDC because it's not organized.

Reishus said that they may be able to bring it back if they have a staff member able to man it and also have a sign-up list for it.

One of the suggestions brought up by Board of Selectmen Chair Chuck Myette was to charge the different groups a fee for cleaning or to have them

be required to hire someone to clean.

But Selectmen Vice Chair Jeremy Owens said that he thinks if people had to pay for that they would go to a private facility instead. It was decided by the Selectmen to keep the current policies in place for now.

OBITUARY

Nina Kienia

Nina Kienia, 86, of Derry, NH, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 in the Derry Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Derry following a gradual physical decline. She was born on Dec. 9, 1935 in Derry, NH, the only daughter of Vladimir "Walter" of Georgia, Russia and Stanislaw "Sadie" (Naruszewicz) Kienia of Trotsk, Poland. Nina was the youngest of eight children and the only girl. She was raised on the family farm located on what is now known as Kienia Road in Hudson, NH, at a time when the lions roaring at Benson's Wild Animal Farm could be heard on their property, at night. She was a graduate of Alvirne High School and was involved with the 4H Club in town. Nina was employed in housekeeping for the Fairview Nursing Home in Hudson. Nina's good friends were sisters-in-laws Barbara Kienia and Marion Kienia, the latter of whom hosted countless Saturday nights where Nina enjoyed playing cards and being a whiz at scrabble with her extended family. In later years, Nina was a long-time resident of Beaver Lake Lodge in Derry where she was cherished, later moving to the rehab center where she received loving respectable care for many years. Nina was a survivor of Covid-19 in 2020 and tested negative of it the eve of her death. Nina was a very strong woman who had an extremely challenging life. She was loved.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Wendy Goddard and husband Richard of Derry, Betty Noel of Otis, MA, Kris Bumford of Henniker, NH, Gayle Kienia of ME, Michael Kienia of Radcliff, KY, Walter Bruce Kienia of Saco, ME, Douglas Kienia of Wells, ME, Kevin Kienia of Manchester NH, Edward Kienia of Gloucester, MA, and several others, as well as her grandnieces and grandnephew, Laurel Goddard, Erin Gregoire and Aric Goddard who knew and loved her. She was predeceased by her parents and all her brothers: Michael of Nashua, Viaczeslaw and George Walter, both of Hudson, Anthony of Henniker, Steven of Nashua, Peter of Londonderry, and Edward of Sanford, ME.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services was held on Tuesday Dec. 21, at Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to Live and Let Live Animal Rescue Farm in Chichester NH www.liveandletlivefarm.org/ or National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), www.nami.org.

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Town.

"I think in general we will be okay," said Blaisdell.

She said that for the 2022 operating budget Finance Director Gayle Hamel suggested that they have a small increase for both the electrical and plumbing inspectors budgets.

Blaisdell said that they are proposing to

increase the electrical inspector's budget by \$1,000 and the plumbing inspector's budget by \$4,564.

She said that it is based on what is being pulled for permits and what is still outstanding and hasn't been inspected yet.

Selectmen Tom Tombarello, who serves as the town's Electrical Inspector said that it's been a different year this year with everyone being

home and doing different projects.

Blaisdell said that the proposed budget for the plumbing inspector would be \$30,128 and a net expense of \$15,128. The electrical inspector proposed budget was a gross expense of \$16,401 and net expense of \$2,401.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved sending those budgets to the Budget Committee for further

review.

Also during the meeting It was explained by Blaisdell that the proposed budget as of now is \$4,935,000.

Blaisdell said that the default budget figure right now is \$4,764,000, which is around \$171,000 less than the proposed budget by the Board of Selectmen.

She said that it is about a \$130,000 increase from this year's default budget. Some of the things that accounted for the increase includes the copier lease, an increase for the waste management contract, a new cruiser among others.

The Board of Selectmen will have a public hearing regarding the budget during their Jan. 11 meeting.

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Conservation Commission Talk Goals for the New Year

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Conservation Commission held their yearly review and discussed goals for next year at their Thurs. Dec. 16 meeting.

"Something I hope to talk about is getting some compost, and if we have any citizens that are watching, if you are able to bring over large amounts of compost that we can dump into [the pollinator garden]. We have probably about 500 Square Feet of area that we are going to put aside for a pollinator garden," said Chairman Brian Butler. "Then we want to fill it all with compost and let it all settle into the ground so we can start planting next year."

One goal made by the Conservation Commission is to have a garden ready to go so they can plant flowers and crops that would grow throughout next year.

"Again, we are looking to work with the different town forests," continued Chairman Butler. "We did a walk last week and we are going to get some forestry work done. I am hoping that it happens this Winter, but it will be a goal for next year at the very least. That would be in the

Wells Village Road Town Forest."

The Commission is looking into having some forestry work done over the Winter to make the forest on Wells Village Road a better place for people to hike through and to also increase the value of the overall property.

"Depending upon all of Covid, I would like to see us do more events next year, but again it depends upon that," said Alternate Terry Knuut-tunen. Chairman Butler acknowledged that he would like to see more events as well and added that he would love seeing events that would make citizens of Sandown more aware of the different forests they have in the town.

"Something I was thinking of when just thinking of goals is I would like to do some education for people who live around the [Sandown] lakes," said Member Christy Ortins. "We would talk about what kind of fertilizers you should and should not be using. Maybe we could even do a pamphlet or some sort of outreach program."

Chairman Butler responded, "Someone else also mentioned something [about the lakes]. Maybe through

next year. I think, educational-wise, the residents suggested mosquito spraying and how it affects the bees and different ways of not doing as much [spraying]. Also, being aware of what you are doing with the different brands and aspects of all the spraying."

A big issue with the homes surrounding the lakes in Sandown appears

to be the use of bug spray. Knowing what types of bug spray to use and how to best utilize them is something that the Commission feels people should be more educated on. Certain sprays can decrease the bee population which could lead to disastrous results to the ecosystem of the Sandown lakes.

The Commission also

reviewed the grant Database website which keeps track of all the geographical information for each town in New Hampshire. They talked about submitting geographical information on Sandown to the database for the public to access. Chairman Butler encouraged all members,

including himself, to learn more about the database and its inner workings as they work through adding all the data to it.

The Conservation Commission will meet again on Thursday, Dec. 30 in the Sandown Town Hall at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Joseph L. Carter



Joseph L. Carter, 81, of Derry, NH died peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 surrounded by his loving family following a hard fought battle with cancer. He was born on April 26, 1940 in Lawrence, MA, a son of James R. "Nick" Carter and Ellen T. (Lynch) Carter. A Derry resident since 1986, Joseph formerly resided in Lawrence where he had been raised and educated. He was employed by the Lawrence House of Corrections where he served 20 plus years holding many positions including Deputy Sheriff. He also worked at the Lawrence Housing Authority for 22 years, as well as his passion for sports where he served as a basketball referee for 45 years.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nancy (Arnold) Carter of Derry, his children, Ellen M. Carter of Bow, NH, David Carter of Derry, Stacy Carter-Wright of Derry, Joseph L. Carter, Jr. of Manchester, NH, 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and his sister, Ann Murphy of Lawrence, MA, as well as nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, William Carter and by his siblings, John "Jackie" Carter, James "Jimmy" Carter and Joan Carter.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A funeral service was held at the conclusion of calling hours.

OBITUARY

Joseph James Griffin, Sr.



Joseph James Griffin, Sr., 60, of Derry, NH passed away Saturday Dec. 11, 2021 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, MA., after a brief illness. Joseph was born Nov. 9, 1961 in Chelsea, MA and was a son of the late Anthony and Edith (Allen) Griffin. He was raised and educated in Chelsea and was a graduate of Chelsea High School. He has been a resident of Derry for the past 25 years.

Joe was employed as a truck driver and worked for Shaw's Supermarket Distribution in Methuen, MA., for 3 years. Joe enjoyed cooking and fishing. He was a loyal and dedicated person who never missed a day of work. He will forever be remembered as a loving father and grandfather and a guy who could fix any car you brought to him.

Members of the family include his son, Joseph James Griffin, Jr., his daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Griffin-Russell and her husband Orion, two grandchildren, Aaliyah and Anthony Oltean-Griffin, his significant other, Carol Tudisch, three brothers, Wayne and his wife Gwendolyn Griffin, Roger Griffin, and Paul Griffin. His three sisters, Carol and her husband Arthur Pantano, Donna Jones, and Sherri Griffin-Chipman, as well as his ex-wife and friend, Kimberly Griffin-Cote.

After cremation, a memorial reception were held Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Mask usage is at the discretion of each individual attendee. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneral-home.com.



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Editorial

New Resolutions

As we pass through the darkest days of winter and head into the New Year, we traditionally take time to reflect on the year just ending. We resolve to do things differently in the days ahead, and there's plenty of room to do things differently.

We've gone through an acrimonious, but decisive election on both the national and state levels, and just before Christmas we've come face to face with the horror that lurks in the minds of men. We've seen whole segments of the country and the world devastated by all varieties of unusual storms destroying towns, riots in the streets, and fatal shootings across this country. It all seems very dark, but we as humans must keep trying to find the light.

So while there's nothing wrong with the usual resolutions of; exercise more, eat healthier, take more time for yourself, or pay more attention to loved ones. We suggest a little effort in a different direction as well, which in the long run may yield more lasting results.

After the overflow of negative advertising in the election, we could use a strong shift of attitude. What about a resolve to compromise instead of having a "my way or the highway" mentality. What about looking at all sides of an issue,

rather than only the one that benefits one group? It's not easy to be opened minded, but it's worth the effort. In politics, we don't elect "special interest" representatives. Our officials are supposed to represent all of us.

How about starting to talk about things that are too often left unsaid, for example; anything to do with drugs.

And perhaps most importantly, how about listening to and working with people from all schools of thought to find ways to solve the problems we face, not just doing the same thing. Doing things for the greater good of the town and the residents in it. That means a willingness to be open to other views. We could very well learn something.

The start of a new year brings with it a chance to begin again. While it's human nature to focus on the horror, there's plenty of good that surrounds us. Taking that as our base, we can work together toward a bright future. May I suggest getting involved, volunteering for boards, non-profits, etc. The things that can make a true difference.

Good luck with your resolutions, and from all of us at Nutfield Publishing to all of you, our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year

Dream Foundation Donates to Six Local Non-Profits



Representatives from six charitable organizations were presented check from the newly established Dream Foundation last week at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry.
Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The newly formed "Dream Foundation" held an event on Wednesday, Dec. 15, Marion Gerrish Community Center to present five local non-profits with some significant contributions.

The Dream Foundation is newly established arm of the Derry Wolverines Football Organization and President of the foundation, Rhonda Lane, explained that this is a way the group can reach out and give back to the community.

During the event, checks were presented to six organizations ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Those groups were: The Marion Gerrish Community Center; Boxes of Love; Community Caregivers of Greater Derry; The Sonshine Soup Kitchen; Derry Community Fund; and Families in Transition.

Vice President of the Dream Foundation, Peter Mazzola, spoke briefly before the check presentations.

He started by saying that he had previously served six years as the Commissioner of the Wolverines and during that time the idea of establishing the Dream Foundation began, but the organization had some trouble getting started. The Pandemic added to the problems getting started and this is the first big event that they've been able to do.

Foundation board member Fred Hamel also spoke about his group. Hamel has been a head coach in the Wolverines organization from day one and explained where the money was raised.

Much of the money raised is through Bingo, they receive a portion of the profits taken at the Community Bingo Center in Hooksett. The amount

they receive is far greater than the amount they need to support the football organization, so they established this branch of the organization to help the community.

Rhonda Lane finished by saying that moving forward, the group will be presenting quarterly grants and the open enrollment for money will be held Jan. 1 to Feb. 15 and applications can be found on the Dream Foundation website at dwdreamfoundation.com. Those applying must be an organization whose primary business is conducted in Rockingham County and should be a charitable organization registered and in good standing with the New Hampshire Department of Justice Charitable Trust Division.

After those brief words, six checks were presented to the groups invited.

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Patriot's Pen, Teacher of the Year Awards



Commander of VFW post 1617 Isaac Miller and VFW post Auxiliary Scholastic Program chair honored students with a monetary award to show appreciation for their participation in the Patriot's Pen patriotic essay competition. Pictured is first-place contestant Reagan Covino who received \$200, Brynn McKenna who received \$100 for second-place and Jeniah Colon received \$50 for third-place. Special thanks to School Board Chairman Erika Cohen and School Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Connors- Krikorian for allowing us to present before the school board. Reagan's essay will advance to District Competition and could be awarded up to \$350, then to Department of New Hampshire competition with awards up to \$1,000 and with a grand prize of \$5,000 at the National level. Also acknowledged for Teacher of the Year was Erika Desena, a second grade teacher at Derry Village Elementary school. She received a \$100 award and has been advanced to State competition.

Courtesy photo

Derry School Budget

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highlights that Sinard pointed to during her presentation included adding one classroom teacher for a total of \$90,094.80.

Another item in the budget that she highlighted was in regards to transportation which has an increase of \$23,641, which is based on the negotiated contract rate.

A positive for the proposed budget that Sinard pointed to during the meeting was a decrease of \$35,617.86 for bond debt.

Sinard also noted that they included a 2.1 maximum increase for health insurance in the proposed budget.

Sinard said that as of now the tax impact increase for this year's budget and next year's

proposed budget is \$.74 per \$1,000 of property value.

She said that could change depending on how much they ultimately get from revenues.

"When we go to tax rate settings we review all our revenues," Sinard said.

It was announced during the meeting that the budget public hearing is scheduled to take place on Jan. 11.

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Pinkerton Receives \$52,500 Grant to Support Historic Projects

The Board of Directors of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) recently announced the awarding of over \$4.7 million in matching grants for forty projects supporting both historic preservation and land conservation. Projects are well distributed among the state's ten counties, including Pinkerton Academy in Derry.

Governor Chris Sununu has this message for the grant recipients: "Congratulations to all of this year's LCHIP grant award recipients," said Sununu. "These grants help preserve and define the character of our local communities. It's what New Hampshire is all about."

Pinkerton Academy, the largest independent high school in the United States, has received a \$52,500 grant award to support the rehabilitation/restoration of the campus' first erected building on campus, the Old Academy Building.

"We are sincerely appreciative of LCHIP's interest and support in rehabilitating our school's oldest and most historically significant building," said Dr. Timothy Powers, the school's Headmaster.



The Old Academy Building at Pinkerton Academy will be getting some Urgents needs attended to thanks to at \$52,500 grant. *Courtesy photo*

"The LCHIP award will enable Pinkerton Academy to remedy some of the urgent needs of the 200+-year-old structure, so that it may serve as a remembrance of the school's rich history for years to come."

The Old Academy Building is located on the Pinkerton Academy campus, in Derry. It is a wood-framed, hipped-roof, two-story, five-bay, Federal-style building. It was built

by the Trustees of Pinkerton Academy in 1815. This building served as a place of learning, and community focus for more than a decade, since before the Town of Derry was incorporated in 1827. The Old Academy Building has helped shape the educational development of New Hampshire students for more than 200 years.

LCHIP funds will support projects in all ten of

the state's counties. The natural resource projects awarded funding in this grant round include land to help meet the increased interest in outdoor recreation activities, farmland to supply local food for local people, land with scenic and environmental values and working forests to sustainably transform a highly visible part of the landscape into products needed by the people of the state. The historic resource grants include projects as straightforward as new roofing to as complex as near-total rehabilitation of elaborate buildings. Coincidentally, the oldest and newest buildings receiving grants are both town halls: Salem (1738), now historical society headquarters and Wilmot (1906) suffering from flood-induced water damage.

LCHIP grant recipients are required to raise a minimum of one dollar for each dollar provided by LCHIP. This year's awards of \$4.7 million will be matched by \$19 million that the project proponents will raise from other public and private sources, infusing a total of twenty-three million dollars into the state's economy in direct project activity.

Pinkerton Academy, incorporated in 1814 and located in Derry, New Hampshire, serves as the high school of record for the neighboring towns of Auburn, Candia, Chester, Derry, Hampstead, and Hooksett.

Since its founding "for the purposes of promoting piety and virtue and for the Education of Youth" notable faculty and alumni include poet and Pinkerton

teacher Robert Frost (1906 – 11); Alan Shepard (1940), the first American in space; Brian Thacker (1963) who earned the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Vietnam War; and Tricia Dunn (1992) who won a gold medal for ice hockey at the 1998 Winter Olympics.

Approximately 3,300 students attend the Academy, in addition to the school's 530 employees.

OBITUARY

Jeanne L (McAvoy) Taylor



Jeanne L (McAvoy) Taylor, 74 of Derry, NH died Monday, Dec. 13 2021 at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Nov. 10, 1947 in Lawrence, MA a daughter of the late Edward L. J. and Helen (Lane) McAvoy. She was a longtime resident of Derry, NH.

She retired from Honeywell in 1988 to care for her grandchildren. She enjoyed playing BINGO and watching the Hallmark Channel as well as spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jeanne was predeceased by her husband of 46 years, John "Jack" Taylor in 2012, her brother, Dennis McAvoy and her son-in-law Raymond Jandreau. She is survived by her 5 children Rebecca Quinlan, Deborah Jandreau, Christine (Danny) Levesque, Cynthia Brunette and Keith (Kimberly) Taylor, all of Derry, NH. 14 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, as well as 3 more on the way. Sisters; Louise DiMario, Nancy (Dennis) Olisky Sr., Karen (Robert) Deshaies, Susan (Lawrence) Fitzgerald, Cheryl (Riney) Lochmann, brother Wayne (Nancy) McAvoy, sister-in-law Helga McAvoy, brother-in-law Geoffrey (Elaine) Taylor as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8, from 9 - 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m., in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Assoc. of Manchester & Southern NH 1070 Holt Ave., Suite 1400 Manchester, NH 03109.

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Keep Fireplaces Clean, But Don't Throw Away The Ash

The forecast is calling for a few frigid days and some bitter cold nights in the upcoming weeks. Families all over New Hampshire will be bundling up outdoors and cranking the heat indoors to keep warm.

These days, most people have an electric or otherwise more "modern" method of heating the home. But on the more biting cold New England winter nights, nothing quite compares the coziness of fireplace or wood stove and soaking in the radiant heat from head to toe.

And the benefits of these heating devices do not stop at just their primary purpose.

While it may be a pain to sweep up and gather, the Farmer's Almanac offers a few great ways to repurpose fireplace or wood stove ashes well into winter and beyond.

During winter, wood ashes can be used to help melt driveway ice and provide traction during winter. The Almanac does state that while they don't work quite as well as their salt counterpart, they are a free and gentle alternative and won't cause damage to animal paws or paved surfaces.

During non-snow months, wood ash can be saved to help remove oil stains on paved driveways. Oil puddles can literally be swept away after letting wood ash sit to absorb the stain for several hours.

The Almanac states

that wood ash is a readily available source of potassium, calcium, and magnesium, which are all essential nutrients for plant health. Wood ash can be added to plant soil to increase the pH of garden soil to boost the health of certain crops.

However, depending on the condition of soil, it might be best to forgo this gardening tip, as wood ash is alkalizing. The Almanac recommends gardeners test the pH level of their soil to determine whether or not it would be beneficial for their gardens to add wood ash.

Wood ash also makes for a great pest repellent, says the Almanac. Sprinkle it around plants that are susceptible to slug infestation and around ant hills to keep the pests away from yards and garden plants.

Wood ash can also be spread around lilac bushes to benefit their growth and bloom come springtime, according to the Almanac. Due to its alkaline nature, wood ash "sweetens" the soil, which makes for the ideal environment for the state flower. Wood ashes can be sprinkled around lilac bushes regularly during the winter and early spring to help with flower production.

As beneficial as the old-fashioned fireplace and wood stove are, the New Hampshire Division of Fire Safety urges users to keep some very key safety measures in mind through the remainder of these icy

days and nights.

The NH Division of Fire Safety states that some common issues pertaining to these heating appliances, which can lead to some worst-case scenarios, include minding clearance to combustibles, maintenance, and proper installation.

The Division of Fire Safety reminds folks to make sure that combustible materials are not stored in too close a proximity to heating appliances. Even when taking great care to contain a fire, there is always a risk of materials catching fire which could spread to the rest of the house. Whether or not these appliances are in use, any of these materials should be kept at a respectable distance from wood stoves, fireplaces, etc.

Wood and pellet burning systems should be properly cleaned and maintained to ensure safety during use. Dirty appliances run the risk of combusting and billowing smoke into the home, or starting a house fire.

The Division of Fire Safety recommends families with wood burning appliances enlist the help of a certified chimney sweep or other professional to inspect devices annually to ensure that they are up to safety standards.

Finally, for those looking to either update their current device or to install a new one, it is crucial that these devices be properly

installed. Failure to adhere to installation guidelines could result in house fires, property damage, and casualties.

It is best to have these devices professionally installed, or at least professionally inspected before use to ensure they can be used as safely as possible.

Knowing what a valuable resource it can be, and the utmost importance of its regular removal for fireplace safety, storing wood ash (if spatially feasible) is a worthwhile endeavor for every New Hampshire household year after year.

For more information on wood ash use, search

"wood ash" at almanac.com. For more information and resources on heating appliance safety, as well as guidelines for proper installation and storage, visit the Division of Fire Safety link on the NH Department of Safety website at nh.gov/safety, or call (603) 223-4289.

Hampstead

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Thompson gave the School Board an update on the Hampstead Middle School Principal search.

The current principal Maria Di Nola announced that she would be retiring at the end of the school year.

"We now need to identify the process of identifying the next leader of the Hampstead Middle School," Thompson said.

He said that he has been working with the sen-

ior leadership for the district to come up with a process and a timeline.

He said that they would be posting the position before Christmas Break in hopes of attracting as many qualified candidates as possible.

Thompson also said that after the New Year they would be sending out an email to parents and staff to see if any are interested on the search committee.

He said that it will consist of Director of the 21st Century Learning

Nicole Tomaselli along with four Hampstead Middle School staff members, one school board member, one Hampstead parent and Hampstead Central School Principal Terrilyn Cheney.

He said that the process will consist of narrowing the field of applicants until they have a nomination for who should be the next principal by the February School Board meeting.

The School Board will then take a vote on that nomination.

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Sandown Garden Club Donates Books



The Sandown Garden Club recently donated a variety of books to the Sandown Public Library. Members of the library staff made selections that they felt would stimulate an interest in gardening, horticulture, food preparation and the environment for both adults and children. These books, along with previous annual donations and the free public programs sponsored by the Sandown Garden Club throughout the year are the club's ongoing way of giving back to the community. Pictured from left are: Alison Hartung, Co-President, Library Director Adam Shlager and Audrey Vargish, Co-President. Standing are Halinka Vail, Vice President, Jain Cain, Membership Chair, and Fran Rosenau, Secretary/Treasurer.

Courtesy photo

Derry Garden Club Donates Books



The Derry Public Library was recently gifted new books from the Derry Garden Club. Pictured above are Garden Club members Susan Davis, Wanda Desaulniers, Sylvia Roberts, and Alison Kennery presenting the new books associated with gardening and nature to the Derry Public Library Director Eric Stern. The Garden Club often partners with the Library to present programs for the public to attend.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astros Boys' Hockey Squad Starts on Both Sides of Shutouts

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Hockey Team had a 1-0 win on the road to start the season last week, but then dropped their home opener by the same score three days later.

In the first game of the season, Pinkerton outlasted Bishop Brady with lone goal during a sudden death overtime period.

The only goal scored in

the game was by junior forward Jack McNair, with just 3:50 left in overtime.

The boys from Bishop Brady played a tough defensive game despite being short on players. They had 12 players on the bench with one and goalie and gave the Astros fits in the middle of the ice, making scoring opportunities difficult.

Pinkerton had a total of 38 shots in the game.

Astros junior goalie Damien Carter recorded his

first official varsity win and shutout with 16 shots taken against him.

In the second game of the season, the lone goal was scored by the Astros opponent, one-minute into the second period.

Pinkerton played the boys Bow High School on Saturday afternoon and after a slow start by both sides and four penalties by the Astros, PA lost 1-0.

Carter had another very solid game in net, with 28

saves, one coming on a breakaway just as the first period ended.

Also in the first, senior forward Tylor Pappalardo nearly scored through traffic on left side.

Pinkerton had 21 shots on net in the game.

Head coach Sam Littlefield commented after the game, "We continue to struggle with scoring and that is a direct correlation to the limited number of shots we put on net today. Penalties will also continue to be an issue if we can't get those under control."

The Astros were scheduled to play their third game of the season on Wednesday against Bedford High and follow that with a game against Londonderry (2-0) over the holiday break, on Monday, Dec. 27.



Astros junior forward Jack McNair scored the only goal of the season so far. Photo by Chris Paul

Girls Hockey Lose in Opener

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Ice Hockey team opened their 2021-22 winter season on Wednesday, Dec. 15 with a home game against the always tough crew from St. Thomas.

In that contest, the Lady Astros fell by a score of 5-2 and will need to wait nearly two weeks to play their sec-

ond game of the season.

The PA girls were scheduled to play Bishop Brady-Trinity on Wednesday, Dec. 22, but that game was postponed.

Veteran Pinkerton player Jordyn Wasiejko scored her first goal of the season in the first period of the game against St. Thomas with an assist from freshman Emily Gosselin.

The St. Thomas scored

the next four goals in 68 seconds.

Pinkerton got their second goal, in the middle period, by Emily Gosselin who was assisted by Riley Dunn and Jordyn Gravel-Maher.

St Thomas had the final goal of the game in the third.

The Lady Astros next opponent will be Manchester Central-Memorial in a game scheduled to take place on Dec. 28 at 11 a.m.

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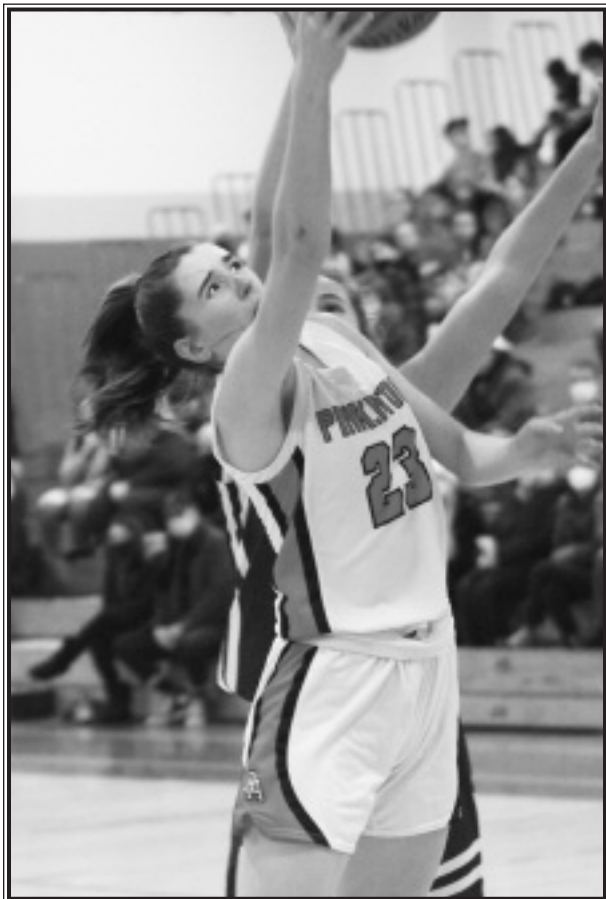
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Astros Girls Hoops Squad Starts Season with Four Wins



Pinkerton Sophomore guard Elizabeth Lavoie extends for a layup in the home game against Dover on Friday night.

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball squad is off to a rather impressive start to the 2021-22 season, winning all four of their opening games by wide margins.

After starting with a 66-38 opening night victory against Concord on Friday, Dec. 10, the Lady Astros went on to beat teams from Portsmouth, Merrimack and Dover High Schools.

In the team's game against Portsmouth High School, Pinkerton traveled to the coast on Tuesday, Dec. 14, and beat the Lady Clippers 60-39, despite a somewhat slow start in the first half.

The Astros trailed in the first period 8-5, but picked it up in the second to finish the half behind by two at 21-19.

In the third quarter, PA had things clicking on both

sides of the court and took a 38-27 lead heading into the final period.

In that quarter, the Lady Astros outscored the Clippers 22-12 for the 60-39 win.

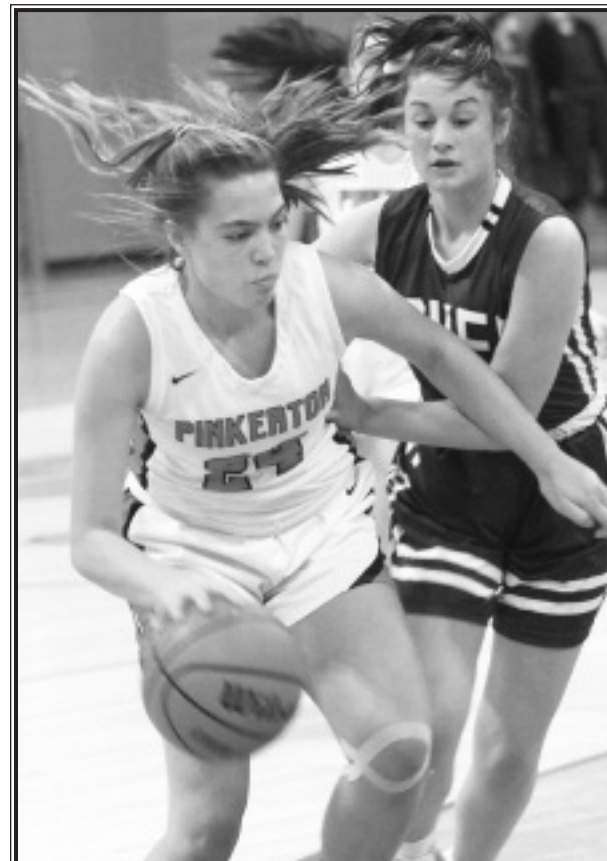
Elizabeth Lavoie scored 15-points; Ava Ingalls had 14-points; Kristina Packowski finished with 12; Sydney Gerossie had seven and Emily Leonard and Alex White each had five-points.

In the 73-35 drubbing of the Merrimack High School Lady Tomahawks that took place in Derry on Wednesday, Dec. the Lady Astros led in each of the four quarters for the 38-point win.

Freshman guard Sydney Gerossie had a huge 18-point game, including two three-pointers, while Lavoie and Ingalls each had 16-points to lead the team. Packowski scored six; and White had five-points in the team's third win.

The final game of the week was the closest of the season, but still managed a 20-point victory. On Friday night the girls faced Dover High School at home and wound up with a 45-25 win and their fourth straight win.

Gerossie had another



Lady Astros senior forward and captain Kristina Packowski has had countless rebounds, steals and baskets already this season.

big game to lead the team in scoring with 17-points, nine of them coming from outside the arc.

Lavoie 14-points and Ingalls had eight-points.

Both teams had trouble finding the basket in the

first two periods, but the Lady Astros controlled much of the game and were aggressive on the boards.

The first quarter ended 8-2 and the half wound down with a 16-6 PA lead.

The offense sprang back to life a bit for both sides in the third with PA scoring 17 and Dover managing to put 12-points up. The Lady Astros finished with 12-points and Dover was held to just seven in the final period.

The Pinkerton Squad was scheduled for a game on the seacoast against Winnacunnet on Wednesday, Dec. 22 and they will end 2021 on Dec. 29 with a home game against Alvirne.

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Pinkerton Boys Basketball Team Off to Stellar Start

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball team is off to a red-hot start to begin the winter season, winning all four of their first four games.

After starting the season with a 64-32 victory on the road over Concord High School, the Astros squad followed that up with three straight wins over Portsmouth, Dover

and Timberlane.

In the Tuesday, Dec. 14, win over the Clippers, the PA team had their lowest scoring total of the year so far, but still came away with a 54-47 win.

Two PA players scored most of the points in the contest. Anthony Chinn led the team in scoring with 23-points and had 11 rebounds.

Jackson Marshall finished with 20-points 13 rebounds.

Aiden Kane con-

tributed six-points and three rebounds.

In the Friday night game in Dover on Dec. 17, the Astros had another convincing win with a 67-48 victory over the Green Wave of Dover High School.

Pinkerton dominated both sides of the floor in this contest, leading 17-7 after the first quarter, but let Dover back in the game in the second, to lead 33-26 at half time.

The Astros blew out the Green Wave in the third with a 20-4 scoring run and wound up with the 19-point win.

Anthony Chinn had 18-points and Marshall added finished with 17-points. Sean Jenkins added a career high 10-points in the game while Kane ended up scoring seven-points.

The Astros team began the week with another overwhelming win, hosting the Timberlane Owls and winning 74-34.

The PA squad dominated three of the four quarters, 15-8 in the first 18-7 in the second and a staggering 21-2 in the fourth. Timberlane showed signs of life in the third, scoring 17-points to PA's 20.

Anthony Chinn edged out Marshall as the top scorer again with 27-points and 11 rebounds, while Marshall had 26-points and 10 rebounds.

Ethan Johnson had nine-points and five

rebounds and Jordyn Suarez finished with four-points.

Pinkerton will play the final game of 2021 on

Wednesday night, Dec. 22, at home against the Winnacunnet Warriors who have lost just one game to start the season.

Astros Bowling Team Faces Two Squads in Keene Trip

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Bowling team took the long trip to Yankee Lanes in Keene on a snowy Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, to face teams from Keene and Hillsboro-Deering.

In that event, the Astros team seeded in the second spot with a standard two-game total of 1,681. The Keene Blackbirds got the top seed with a combined score of 1,947 and Sanborn

seeded third with a 1,299 total. The forth seed went to Hillsboro-Deering with a 931.

Pinkerton's Paul Farley had standard games of 124 and 80, Shawn Kelly rolled an 85 and a 113, Jonathan Little a 160 and 109, Mike Fiandaca shot a 123 and a 180, Lance Lemieux scored a 212 and a 186. Co-captain Colby Wong scored a very high 244 and marked in every frame with seven strikes. He followed that with another big game of 230 for a 474

series total.

The Astros lost game one, of Round One 164-136 against Sanborn, but came back with a 152-138 win and a 192-170 win for the victory.

In Round Two, Pinkerton lost the first game against their host Keene 191-162, but took game two with a 171-156. Keene took the match in the third with a 193-159 win.

The Astros team wound up in second place with nine-points.

Athlete of the Week

Week of Dec. 13



Erin Stariknok
Freshman, Girls Swim

Erin Stariknock had two first place finishes in individual events and qualified her for states in both events. Her times were 27.36 in the 50-meter freestyle and 5:44.29 in the 500-meter freestyle.



Alexander Tovtyn
Junior, Boys Swim

Alexander Tovtyn was part of two relays with first place finishes and also qualified in two individual events. He took first in the 50-meter freestyle and second in the 100-meter breaststroke. The times were 24.87 and 1:12.02 respectively.

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Astros Grapplers Double Up Score with Win Over Crusaders

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team headed to Manchester on Thursday, Dec 16, and had a victorious road trip with a 54-27 Dual Meet win over the Manchester Memorial High

School Crusaders.

The 27-point win came from a number of weight classes and was the team's second dual win of the season.

Starting at 160-pounds, Astros wrestler Ryan Gordon had a six-point win due to forfeit.

Jack Mackiernan had a pin at 0:46 in the 170 lbs match to add six more points.

After a 4-3 loss in the 182 lb. weight, the PA 195-pounder, Herve Durocher had a pin at 1:22 to bring the score to 18-3.

Aiden Doyle had a for-

feit win at 106 lbs. after Memorial had two wins bringing the score to 24-15.

The Crusader team got as close as three-points at the meet with a pin at 113 lbs., bringing the score to 24-21, but the Astros won all but one of the final six matches for the team win.

Cameron McMahon and Anthony Borbone both won by forfeit in the 120- and 126-pound weights.

Mike Follo had a pin at 132 lbs and Nathan Lindquist pinned his competitor at 138 lbs. to give PA a 48-21 lead.

The final PA win of the evening came from Nelphison DeAlmeida who had a 43-second pin at 152 lbs.

The PA squad was also scheduled to compete at the Nor-easter Invitational at Hollis Brookline High School over the weekend, but that event was postponed.



Nelphison DeAlmeida pinned his opponent at 152 lbs. in Manchester last week to hel his PA team win that Dual Meet.

Photo by Chris Paul



Flyin' High

The Pinkerton Academy varsity Winter Spirit squad was on hand at the Friday night girls' basketball game where they showed fans some of the high flying moves during a time out. Many of the team members are part of this year's Division I Fall Champions.

Photo by Chris Paul



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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

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

Derry Garden Club

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CHESTER

Holiday Hours

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.

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

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HAMPSTEAD

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St., Hampstead, invites you to an outdoor Christmas Eve service this year at 4 p.m., on Dec. 24 in front of the church. Join

us in the circular driveway that will be brightened by luminaries and our candles. Starting at 3:30 p.m., we will offer a half-hour of singing Christmas carols. If you are not able to join us in person, we will be streaming the service through Facebook Live. For the link to attend and for more information, please visit hampsteaducc.org. We hope you will join us for this special service.

Nonfiction Club

The Hampstead Public Library's Nonfiction Book Club is reading Strength in What Remains by Tracy Kidder, and discusses it on Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. Kidder tells the extraordinary true story of a young man who arrives in America from Burundi.

Book Club

The Hampstead Public Library's Third Thursday Book Club is reading Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate and discusses it on Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow. This riveting novel inspired by historical events pivots between five children in 1936 Memphis, Tennessee, and the

tale of a woman in present day South Carolina who discovers her family's long-hidden history.

Library Closure

The Hampstead Library will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 25, as well as Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1 for the holidays. All other days those two weeks, normal hours are in effect. Stock up on all the books, movies, museum passes, and tools & toys you need to get you through the holiday season.

Bricks For Library

Individuals, clubs and businesses can purchase a brick for the Hampstead Public Library's Pavilion Project fundraiser. The bricks will be part of a walkway from parking lot to pavilion. Each brick can be personalized. Bricks can be purchased by filling out a form at the Library or visit www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/hampstead. If you are giving a brick as a gift, the Library has special cards and a limited supply of decoratively wrapped bricks which you can present to the recipient. Purchase of a bag,

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Thrift Shop Holiday

The Elaine David Thrift Shop is closed for the holiday week, Dec. 25 - Jan. 1. They reopen on Tuesday Jan. 4, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Shop stocks gently used clothing and accessories for women, men, and children. Plus, they have jewelry and a few household items. Regular hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Donation of new or gently used items is gratefully accepted and should be brought inside when the Library is open.

Bridge Club

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

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.

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.isl-andpondbc.com or call us at 603-329-5959, for more info about our church and our other activities.

SANDOWN

Library Closure

The Sandown Library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 25, for Christmas and Saturday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

New Year's Craft

Join The Sandown Library for a New Year's craft on Monday, Dec. 27, from 4 - 5 p.m. Registration is required for this event. In an abundance of caution, the library is requiring adults attending with their children to wear masks. The Library can provide masks for those adults who do not have them.

Winter Solstice Sun Catchers - Toddlers

Celebrate the winter solstice at the Sandown Library on Monday, Dec. 27, from 4 - 5 p.m. Using tissue paper on contact paper, make a sun shiny sun catcher for your window. This event is for toddlers. In an abundance of caution, the library is requiring adults attending with their children to wear masks. The Library can provide masks for those adults who do not have them.

Winter Solstice Window Suns

Using special waxed kit paper, come learn how to fold it into various shapes to create a sun for your window at the Sandown Library on Wednesday, Dec 29, from 10 - 11 a.m. In an abundance of caution, the library is requiring adults attending with their children to wear masks. The Library can provide masks for those adults who do not have them.

Grinch Party

Join the Sandown Library for a craft and an interactive screening of The Grinch

(2018) on Wednesday, Dec. 29, from 4 - 6 p.m. You can take part in the action with props and sound effects or just sit back and enjoy the movie. Snacks will be provided. Please bring a drink. Registration is required for this event. In an abundance of caution, the library is requiring adults attending with their children to wear masks. The Library can provide masks for those adults who do not have them.

Winter Solstice Wind Chimes

Using beads and a stick, (please bring your own stick) create a musical chime in sun colors at the Sandown Library on Thursday, Dec. 30, from 10 - 11 a.m. In an abundance of caution, the library is requiring adults attending with their children to wear masks. The Library can provide masks for those adults who do not have them.

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.

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

Messy Monday

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

BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

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

Toddler Tuesdays

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

Legos and More

Come and build over

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

Story Hour

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

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