

Chester Selectmen Reverse Police Funding Decision

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER – The Thursday night, Jan. 14 meeting of the Chester Board of Selectmen began with Chester Police Chief Aaron Berube spoke about the ending of the CARES Act funding.

Berube was asking the Selectmen for some reconsideration on a vote the board had made the week prior to end the CARES Act funding.

He started by recognizing that he realizes that funding through the CARES Act expired on Dec. 31, but wanted to give Selectmen an update.

Berube was asking for the CARES Act funding to be extended, fearing that his department would have

people who would rather work through any illness rather than taking time off. A

He added that his officers cannot work from home if they test positive for COVID-19 and they will have to use their own paid time off. He said, “We’re being punished for something we have zero control over.”

He finished by saying that most of his department has gotten the first round of the COVID vaccine and the second round will be done soon, so there would only be about six more weeks needed for CARES Act funding.

Selectman Steve D’Angelo asked if the chief knew how many of the first responders in town had received the first vaccine

and he responded that he thought it to be about 80 percent, but couldn’t confirm due to HIPAA regulations.

Berube said the Family Leave Act gave his officers 80 hours of compensation and was looking for the board to meet him somewhere in the middle of that. He, said, “At least we’re showing good faith in the officers and the fire department and the highway department, because they are essential employees too.”

The decision not to continue the CARES Act funding was done during the “non-public” portion of last week’s meeting and Berube wanted the Selectmen to get another perspective on their decision.

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Conservation Commission Hears Two New Subdivision Proposals

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY – The Derry Conservation Commission came together via a Zoom conference for their first meeting of the year on Jan. 11, to discuss the proposal of two subdivision plans.

The commission first talked about the amendment of a plan put forth by James Herrick representing Tree Line Properties, LLC in Derry, NH.

At the previous commission meeting on Dec. 14, 2020 Herrick proposed a plan for 92 Rockingham Road, which primarily in-

tended to change the property from residential to commercial.

The site under review was visited by the commission members where they noted a few small changes that were later resolved in the plan.

After reviewing the changes made in Herrick’s proposal, member Bob Spoerl motioned to sign the plan seconded by Treasurer Eileen Chabot.

Each member of the commission present at the meeting approved.

The commission then went on to discuss another plan for subdividing a site

on Daniel Road. Among those proposing the plan were Tim Peloquin from Promised Land Survey (PLS), and Jeff Merrit and Brenton Cole from Granite Engineering, LLC.

The proposal was for land that is fronting Forest Street, Daniel Road, and Datillo Road. The project intends to add a 900-square foot extension to Daniel Road, and subdivide the land into 12 new single-family residential lots.

Peloquin said the project meets all the zoning requirements and subdivi-

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OFFICIAL START The Pinkerton Academy JRROTC Color Guard helped to kick off the Winter Sports Season on Friday night at the Hackler Gymnasium as the Girls Basketball team had their first home game against Alvirne High School. See story on page 9. Photo by Chris Paul

Sandown Selectmen Act to Fill Coverage Void in Town Needs

JOHN SEIDENBERG
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN – Members of the Sandown Selectmen unanimously approved two measures at their Jan. 11 meeting to address staffing and winter plowing resources. On a 5-0 vote, the board supported incoming Fire Chief Michael Devine’s

proposed Warrant Article 15 for the town to appropriate \$38,459 for staffing per diem fire fighter or Emergency Medical Technician coverage with no benefits. The article’s estimated tax impact is .06 cents per thousand. Future appropriations will be included in the operating and budget tax. Devine told the selectmen the per diem staffing is

to have certified fire EMTs cover days that the chief is not at the fire station. This need comes from his being away for training classes during the day or for emergency storm coverage as determined by the board of fire engineers in case of emergencies or during holidays or vacations. “As of right now, if I go

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Hampstead Prepares for Town Deliberative Session

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First Session of Hampstead's Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session) will take place on Friday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m., at the Hampstead Middle School for the explanation, discussion, and debate of a number of Town Warrant Articles, and to transact all business other than by voting by official ballot.

Those articles are listed below.

ARTICLE 2: Are voters in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III-5:4 A, In Commercial Zone C2 by replacing the existing language with the following: "The minimum lot size shall be the appropriate square footage required under Article II-1 (Soil-based Lot Size) and Article II-2 (Wetlands Ordinance) for the soil and slope which constitute such lot, or 45,000 square feet, whichever is larger."

ARTICLE 3: Are voters in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Article I-2:3

Building Permits Required, Under General Provisions, "C. For any Building Permit issued which includes elements of roofing, siding, windows, and doors; these exterior elements must be completed within 12 months of issuance of said Building Permit."

ARTICLE 4: Are voters in favor of the following as proposed by petition to the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to rezone the land consisting of the area on the Northerly side of Route 111, bounded on the North-east by the existing C-2 Zone at Map 12, Lot 15, bounded on the Southwest by Village Green Road, bounded on the East by Route 111 and bounded on the Northwest by a line which is four hundred feet (400') distant from the Northerly line of Route 111, from Zone A (Residential) to Zone C-2 (Commercial).

Are voters in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to adopt Article I-2:10 Unregistered Motor Vehicles and Boats, Under General Provisions, "No lot in the Residential or Recreational Districts

may be used for the outside storage of more than two unregistered and/or uninspected motor vehicles. No more than one unregistered boat shall be permitted on a lot."

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,350,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of an addition and renovation of the Fire Station and equipping same and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than \$1,350,000 under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to 1) apply for, obtain and accept federal, state and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; 2) issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds, and notes; 3) determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and 4) take any other action or pass any other vote relative thereto. 3/5 ballot vote required.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted

separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$7,502,460. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,500,400 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the 3-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampstead Board of Selectmen and the New England Police Benevolent Association Local No. 37 of New Hampshire, effective April 1st, 2021, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Estimated Increase:
Fiscal Year 1 - \$27,576;
Fiscal Year 2 - \$29,099,
Fiscal Year 3 - \$27,961;
and Fiscal Year 4 (Three Months) - \$7,112.

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,576 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town, if Article #8 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call

one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #8 cost items only.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the existing Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to Rockingham Meals on Wheels for transportation services.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the Community Caregivers.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,070 for Haven.

ARTICLE 14: To make mandatory that every town board post all meeting agendas to the town website, and send them via the town email list, no later than two (2) business days prior to the board meeting - this article also seeks to disallow discussion of any items that do not appear on the agenda, and to disallow any items to be added to the agenda within two business days of the meeting. This article seeks to promote transparency, and to give all residents ample time to plan in the event that they want to attend a meeting based on the topics being discussed. This article is by Petition.

ARTICLE 15: To make mandatory that every town board publicly post meeting minutes (draft minutes are acceptable) to the town website no later than 5 business days after each

meeting (or within 72 hours for nonpublic meetings), and email notification once minutes are posted via the town email list. This article seeks to promote transparency, and to ensure that timely information is easy to find in one centralized location. This article is by Petition.

ARTICLE 16: To remove all board recommendations from the ballot. This article seeks to ensure that each voter is heard without being swayed or influenced by board recommendations. Ballots exist to obtain voter opinions, but they should never tell a resident how to vote - board recommendations bias the ballot, and ballots should be unbiased. This article is by Petition.

ARTICLE 17: To make mandatory that all town board meetings be accessible via Zoom (or a similar software that allows residents to not only remotely view the meeting live, but also interact and pose questions). While Hampstead Cable TV is a great resource, many residents do not have cable television - furthermore, the public cannot interact with televised meetings. This article seeks to assure that all residents have the ability to attend town board meetings, remotely or in person, in a way that is convenient for them. This article is by Petition.

After residents vote at the Deliberative Session, the second session of the Annual Meeting will take place. Ballot voting will be on Tuesday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hampstead Middle School.

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Heritage Commission Plan Socially Distant Interactive Scavenger Hunt

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - Members of the Sandown Heritage Commission are pushing forward on projects even as Covid-19 restrictions continue to limit in-person contact and affect the structure of fundraising activities.

One planned event though that can be tailored for social distancing is the town Scavenger hunt for children. At the commission's Jan. 4 meeting, Chair Pamela Gaudreau said the hunt is being designed as interactive and open to everyone.

With the school's participation, students could receive distance learning credit on a curriculum item

by finding information using mobile devices from clues presented by the Historical Society.

Anyone taking part in the hunt could search for items while on a hike in the woods or by finding historical stone sites and answering questions. Another form of recognition for those who complete the hunt could be a certificate as a heritage ranger, Gaudreau said.

Commission member Paul Wentzell noted free shareware software is available online for doing individualized scavenger hunts and could be customized to be done virtually.

Even if done at a distance, the town event can still highlight how the community is invested in

local history and in Sandown's origins, Gaudreau emphasized.

Because the Heritage Commission has no budget and must raise its own project funds such as through merchandising, members continue to look at the sale of historic mugs, T-shirts, quilts, or commemorative plates. One proposed event for the spring is having a yard sale as it can be done in a socially distanced manner.

The commission is working with the Historical Society on having the museum open to the public on the artifacts of Sandown history. Gaudreau suggested the appointment of a committee to assist in that effort and having separate work

sessions apart from regular meetings. Shayle McNelly of the Historical Society told the commission she is available to help at any step along the way.

In other areas at its meeting, the commission formally approved the publishing contract for a reprint of "The View from Meetinghouse Hill," for a new edition of the Sandown history book by Richard Holmes.

Ten copies of the book will be printed. The commission previously had approved up to \$700 for the project with the cost coming to \$646. Each page must be scanned to make a digital copy from the hard copy. After the 10 copies any additional ones will be \$14.95 per book.

Sandown's six-foot tall stone structure that serves as a town boundary was hit by a car and is now two to three-feet off the road, Gaudreau reported. It may have to wait until the spring to be put back at which time a rededication ceremony might be planned once it is reset.

The cost of the work is to be shared by Chester, Derry, and Sandown.

The commission remains interested in having ancient stone structure surveys conducted. Gaudreau said she is willing to clear brush off structures to prepare for a survey and would welcome others joining her then.

Scout Gabriel Gerhard has requested commission approval of his scouting

improvement project for the roof of the town's Hearse House.

Gaudreau also told fellow members she was contacted by Jim Perkins, president of the Plaistow Historical Society. He sought advice on the wording for the warrant article his group is preparing to establish a heritage commission. She also directed him to contacts at the New Hampshire Department of Historical Resources.

She is making final preparations to the commission's Annual Report recapping the past year and projects worked on. When completed it will be submitted to Town Manager Lynne Blaisdell.

The commission next meets on Feb. 4.

ZBA Approves Addition Variance at Beaver Lake Home

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) met on Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Derry Municipal Center for a meeting that was originally scheduled for Dec. 17, but was postponed due to the snowstorm from last month.

The main order of business was approving an application for the construction of a 25x35 foot attached garage and a second floor to an existing home.

Jeffery Moulton appeared before the ZBA on behalf of Kendrick and

Lisa Beckwith who own the home on Beaver Lake Ave. The main issue with the new additions to the home is that it does not meet the minimum requirements of Article VI, Section 165-46.C.4. The Beckwith's are requesting for a variance in Article VI so that they may build the new attachments to the home to their specifications.

"The variance will not be contrary to the public interests because the proposed garage addition and second story home addition are similar in size and setbacks to other homes in the neighborhood," read Moulton. "The values of surrounding properties are

not diminished because the lot coverage and setbacks are consistent with other lots in the neighborhood."

The application detailed why the Beckwith's feel that approving this variance will not have a negative effect on the surrounding area. They plan on following all other guidelines like storm water management and plan on reducing erosion which could be beneficial for the area. Construction of the attachments will only affect the property itself, not the other homes in the area.

The code enforcement officer Robert Mackey

said, "[The property] has access through a private road or private driveway that serves as a couple of other properties. It actually goes through the property, that I believe is still there, had the old clubhouse basically for a beach area that used to be a campground essentially that is up on top of a hill across Beaver Lake Ave and that was the recreation area."

The property on Beaver Lake Ave is accessed through a private road that goes through other properties which can prove to be

very challenging for the Beckwiths. They run the risk of diminishing the other properties that are also accessed through that private road. Mackey believes that the attachments to the property is buildable, but it would have to go through the proper channels at the state level.

Board member Craig Corbett pointed out that the private road is actually isolated so doing anything on it would not really affect the surrounding area. It would only affect the properties that are accessed

through that road.

The ZBA asked many questions about the property, ensuring that it would not disrupt or block off other properties in the area. Mackey pointed out that another property not too far from the Beckwith's home had a variance approved a couple years back so approving this variance is not impossible.

After much deliberation, the ZBA approved the Beckwith's application after seeing no real problem with what they are trying to do.

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Editorial

Get Involved And Play An Active Role

Deliberative sessions are specifically held to discuss, potentially change warrant articles.

Residents don't vote on whether or not to approve the warrant article at deliberative session; that happens at Election Day in March.

Residents discuss each article to fully understand the true purpose - intent of the article, and whether or not to leave them as is or change the dollar amount; perhaps even zero them out before sending the warrant article to ballot on Election Day.

At deliberative session, voters attending can amend a warrant article, as long as the language does not change the subject matter or intent of the warrant. However, residents are able to make changes to the dollar amount and modify the purpose of the warrant article or leave it as proposed.

The registered voters who attend the deliberative session for both School and Town hold the power to change the budget.

If attendance at the deliberative sessions is low and few people are there to promote or defend their views, the majority of those present will have their way. The deliberative session is the last time any adjustment to the warrant articles can be made before the March election. After that it's all in the hands of the voters. Amendments can be made if there are enough votes supporting the amendment at the deliberative sessions.

In order to participate, you must be a

registered voter in town and pay attention to the moderator who explains all the rules.

The warrant articles hit us in our wallets and how we live. Voters clearly carry a lot of power with this process. That is why it's so important to attend and stay for the whole deliberative session.

Some towns have Town Meeting, held on the Saturday after Election Day. Another meeting you must attend. If an article is voted down on Election Day and includes a contingency article the vote of the majority can over turn what was voted down on Election Day. Again the power is in hands of the voters paying attention and attending.

In some towns, a deliberative session and town meetings may take an hour or so. Others last four or five hours, to get through all the warrant articles. In the grand scheme of things, it's not such a big time commitment to protect your wallet.

Please, make a plan to attend, and play a role in one of the most participatory forms of democracy alive today. We can wave the flag and claim to be patriotic all we want; if we really believe in democracy, the deliberative session - town meeting is the place to be.

If you want to play an even a more active role in what happens in your community then file to run for any of the town or school open positions. Any resident who is interested in being part of making the big decisions for the residents of their town should go for it!

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Building Fire on Gordon Road

According to a report from Derry Fire, on Jan. 15 the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received call at 6:27 a.m. from a resident of Gordon Road that a house across the street was on fire. The neighbor then alerted the occupants and began to attempt to extinguish the fire with a garden hose.

Derry Engine 1, Medic 1, Car 1, Ladder 4, Engine 3, Engine 2 and Windham Fire Engine 1 all responded from their stations. A Derry Police Officer arrived first and reported approximately 50% of the residence was involved.

Based on the Officers report and due to the location of the residence being outside the hydrant district, a Working Fire Assignment was requested bringing additional firefighters and mutual aid tankers.

First arriving companies arrived in eight minutes to find fire on the outside of the residence extending up an exterior wall. Crews went to work to extinguish



Photo courtesy of Frame of Mind Photography

the fire on the outside of the building. Next arriving companies performed a search of the building for life hazards and fire extension. The mutual aid Tankers were returned to service quickly once the fire had been knocked down.

The cause of the fire is not suspicious and is being investigated for cause and origin by the Derry Fire Prevention Bureau. The American Red Cross was contacted to provide assistance to the two adults living in the residence.

The neighbor is being

credited with early alerting and ensuring the occupants safe evacuation.

The Londonderry Fire Department provided EMS coverage on the scene. Stations were covered by the Manchester, Salem, Hudson and Pelham Fire Departments.

A staffing recall was requested to provide assistance in the Communications Center and station coverage. Derry Police Department assisted with traffic. There were no civilian or Fire Department injuries.

Building Fire, Franklin Street

According to a report from Derry Fire, on Jan. 13, at 1:07 p.m. the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received a call from the resident of 59 Franklin Street reporting a fire in her basement.

Derry Engine 1, Medic 1, Car 1, Ladder 4, Engine 3 and Engine 2 all responded from their Stations. First arriving companies arrived in less than four minutes to find a basement fire.

The Engine 1 and Medic 1 Crew forced entry into the basement, located and extinguished the basement fire. Additional crews searched the building, located and extinguished fire in the walls of the 1st and 2nd floors and ventilated the building.

The cause of the fire is not suspicious and is being



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investigated for cause and origin by the Derry Fire Prevention Bureau.

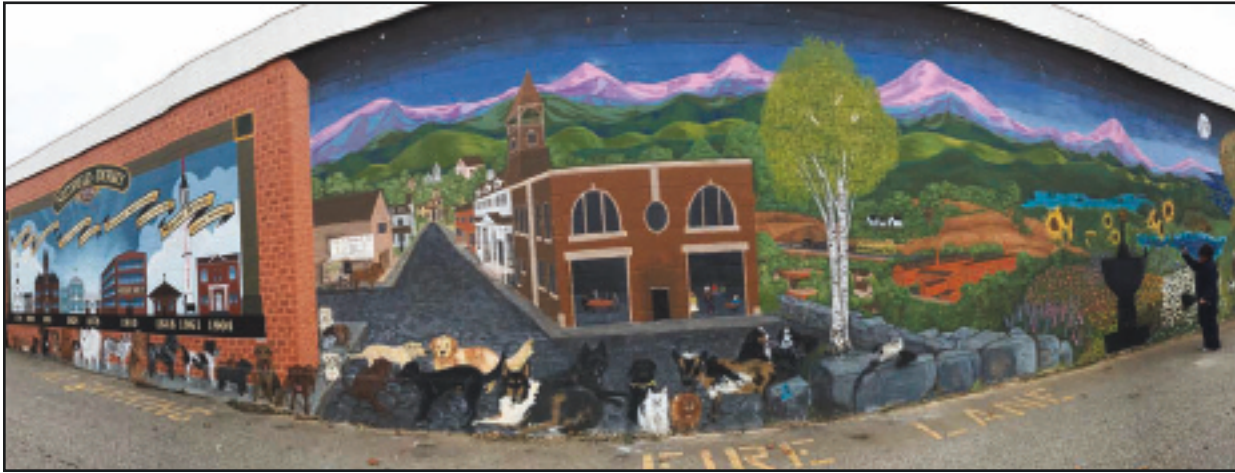
The American Red Cross was contacted to provide assistance to the four adults and two children that were displaced.

The Londonderry Fire Department provided EMS coverage on the scene.

Stations were covered by the Chester, Salem, Hudson and Hampstead Fire Departments. A staffing recall was requested to provide assistance in the Communications Center and station coverage.

Derry PD assisted with traffic and taking care of two dogs.

Group Thanks Those Involved in Downtown Mural



The mural in downtown Derry is finished and. Karen Munday Lincoln wanted to give residents a summary on the piece that was completed over the fall.

Planning for Phase II started in the summer of 2019, and was painted from Oct. 1 - Nov. 22, and just over \$7,000 was raised. White Street Paint gave critical advice and quality paint.

Helfrich Brothers Boiler Works donated the lift that was used for

over a month.

The amazing talent of Beata Gasior-Shay and her ability to shade added dimension to every tree, building and creature which gave the mural its life. She may not want to paint daisies for awhile though.

Munday Lincoln is the mastermind genius who dared to plan and plot a 300-square foot mural.

The combination of great artistic skills, vision, math, historical

research, contacting Abenaki Indians to be sure we represented accurately and respectfully, explaining our vision to countless people and kids and painted countless hours in sun and snow brought the mural to fruition.

The group that helped this project along urge residents to get involved with town and check out the Greater Derry Arts Council - Public Arts Committee www.facebook.com/DerryRailTrailAlliance, www.facebook.com/DestinationDerryNH.

There were 530 Spudcrows sold to help fund the mural, in addition to the generous contributions from people who wanted their pets, names, images and donations just to be involved and support..

The group is already planning Phase III and will be using the proceeds to purchase some paint spray guns for future use.

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Hampstead Planning Board Discusses Articles on Warrant

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HAMPSTEAD - At the Hampstead Planning Board meeting on Monday, Jan. 4. The first order of business was to amend Article 354A which is a zoning ordinance that gives regulations based on plots of land.

The board went through each article that will appear on the Town Warrant in order to determine what they think should be changed and what could remain the same before having them presented at the next public hearing.

One article that was deliberated was Article 4. It was recommended by the code enforcement officer to have outdoor storage that is equal to one unregistered motor vehicle parked in any lot in the residential and recreational areas of Hampstead instead of two.

Carl Cody, a resident of Hampstead, asked the Planning Board as to why they decided to have this provision. "At this point there has always been wording that said you can only have two unregis-

tered vehicles," said Chairman Stephen Wentworth. "[The code enforcement officer] is having a hard time because it falls under the 'Junkyard State Provision', so this gives a little more reason to go after people and enforce it."

Cody raised some concerns with the article that he felt should be amended based on what surrounding towns like Sandown and Londonderry are doing. One such concern was the mention of boats in Article 4. "It's too general. Why not hone it into exactly what we're trying to solve with issues with boats," he said. "If you go to Londonderry [they] put a limitation on it. They say, 'One boat, other than a rowboat, canoe, or other boat listed as 20 ft in length.'"

As Cody pointed out, Article 4 is not as specific or clear on certain parts like what constitutes an unregistered boat. The Planning Board ultimately decided that it was best not to specify until certain situations arise in which they have to. If they were to be more specific with their provisions, then the

article would be too long to understand.

The board then moved onto new business where they discussed the change in occupancy on 2 Starwood Drive. Claire Elm appeared before the Planning Board with a proposal for a used car dealership. The dealership would only sell used

cars. It will not have auto-body repair services.

Board member Paul Carideo would have liked the current owner of the property to be present to explain the current violations on the property like the boats that are taking up a portion of the lot. Carideo said, "They don't have an approval for the

boats. They [cleared and increased] pavement for the parking lot on the North-West side of the building which isn't on any site plan that we have or was ever approved by this office."

The issue with trying to approve this change in occupancy is that the owner has violated their approved layout for the property. The Planning

Board agreed with Carideo in that they cannot make a final decision without the owner present and explaining the changes that she made.

They decided that it was best to continue this discussion during the next meeting so that drawings of the property can be handed in and examined before making a final decision.

OBITUARY

Robert P. Morneau



Robert P. Morneau, 56, of Derry, NH, formerly of Salem, NH, passed Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 at his residence. He was born Oct. 21, 1964 in Salem, MA. He was the son of Roger Morneau and the late Gloria (Morin) Urbanski. Bob was raised and educated in Salem and attended Salem High School. He was a resident of Salem, NH for over 20 years and had recently relocated to Derry.

Bob was a commercial roofer for all of his working life and recently worked as a foreman with MGS Construction. He had an unbelievable green thumb and was a great cook, in which he took after his mother. He was an avid fisherman and loved to be on the water. He loved to play hockey, which he did well into his adult life. Bob loved sports of all kinds, but was a dedicated fan of the Boston Bruins.

Members of the family include his father Roger Morneau, his son Robert J. Morneau, daughters, Rachel A. Morneau, Sara N. Pacheco and son-in-law Jason, his two beloved grandchildren, Adam and Emma, a brother, Roger Morneau, sister-in-law Kristen and his niece, Kiely. He is also survived by his former wife, Dina Morneau.

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, after cremation, the family will hold services at a later date. Donations may be made in his name to: Farnum North-Webster Place, 27 Holy Cross Rd., Franklin, NH 03235.

OBITUARY

Jacy Coyote Connell



Jacy Coyote Connell, 26, of Derry, NH passed away at his residence on Saturday Jan. 9, 2021. He was born on July 14, 1994 in Manchester, NH and was the son of Stephen and Pam Lacombe-Connell. Jacy was raised and educated in Derry and was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy where he participated in the Jr. ROTC.

Jacy was a proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps., where he served Active Duty from 2013-2018. He served as Crew chief, HMH-461, Iron Horse Squadron, New River, NC on the CH53E Super Stallion Helicopter. Decorations include: Navy Meritorious Unit Command, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Medal, Expert Rifle Qual. Badge (2), Sharpshooter Qual. Badge.

After his service, Jacy was employed as a RF Technician with Mercury Systems of Hudson, NH. Jacy was a kind and loving son, who enjoyed riding his many dirt bikes, four seasons hiking in the White Mountains, caring for his family's kennel of sled dogs, and spending time with his loving family. He loved this Country and his home state of New Hampshire and inspired many to love them as well.

Members of the family include his parents, Stephen and Pam Connell of Derry and his paternal grandparents, Diana Connell and Hiram Connell, Jacy was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Richard and Eva Lacombe.

A memorial reception will be held at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, NH, on Jan. 28, from 5 - 8 p.m. Visitation will conclude with Military Honors. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the reception will be a walk-through visitation to limit exposure to all attendees. All are required to wear masks. Memorial donations may be made to: Veterans Count NH C/O Easterseals, 555 Auburn St., Manchester, NH 03103 or online at: <https://vetscount.org/nh/support-us/make-a-donation/>

His burial will be in the spring at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH.

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on vacation, there's no guarantee anybody will be at the station during the week," Devine said.

The current reliance is solely on volunteers to cover calls during the day. However, at the same time department members are getting older and fewer new volunteers are coming in.

Selectman Tom Tombarello said taking this new step is probably the first move to having a full-time person in place with the chief.

Devine noted this position would not be for five-day a week coverage whether on weekends or during the week. The scheduling will be during the day such as when the chief is taking a building or fire inspection class,

obtaining needed certifications, on vacation, or sick leave.

Sandown is the last town in the area to have a per diem model. Problems tend to occur on weekends and during the week with EMS calls, said Selectman Jonathan Goldman. Staffing issues arise with routine calls in the early part of weekend days when department members often are with their families or away.

The measure approved would allow scheduled coverage up to 40 hours a week.

A shortage of public safety personnel is common in towns with the uncertainty of when a surge of calls could come. Sandown has wrestled with determining an appropriate staffing level, Goldman said. At the same time, the Fire Department has long resisted augmenting the current staffing to

have a second person when the chief is away due to the cost, he added.

Having a full-time person is between \$80,000 - \$100,000.

Whoever is in this second position will have other tasks at the station while on duty if no fire calls come in, including truck and equipment checks. It will also allow at other times for extra one-on-one training with the chief on the fundamentals of the job.

Selectman Robert Nickerson called it remarkable the department had gone this long without adding someone in relying on volunteers.

In addition, the board passed Special Warrant Article 16 for the town to raise an undisclosed amount from the unassigned fund balance to add to the plowing expendable trust fund.

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He added that the town is using The FROST (First Responder Optional Screening Test) Program which enables routine COVID-19 screening for first responders, and his officers will not participate knowing that they will have to take their own time off if the test positive.

Selectmen Joe Hagan suggested that the board should compensate the officers for the full 80-

hours.

Member Chuck Myette said that the Selectmen will do the right thing and commit to whatever it takes to compensate the employees. He said he didn't want people coming to work when they are sick and infecting others just because they are not being compensated. "We should support our people," he said.

Selectman Steph Landau suggested that, "maybe the board had jumped the gun a bit," and

thought they could take another look at their decision until more of their employees were vaccinated.

The board voted to change their decision from the week prior to allow 80-hours of compensation to employees if they test positive and need to quarantine.

Following the discussion, the board voted to make the town's Park Ranger, John Wright, to become the town's Animal Control Officer.

Approximately half of the funds the Highway Department still has remain in both the plowing and salt categories from the past year.

Vice Chairman Eric Olsen recommended taking \$50,000 out of both line items to put into the trust fund to offset future plowing obligations. Chairman Darren Hudgins said this is a backup in case of overspending one year for plowing if a rough winter comes.

The current highway budget has \$185,000, Town Administrator Lynn Blaisdell told the meeting. The plowing line item is at \$66,000 and other line

items within the budget are overspent. As an example, the sanitation account is overspent by \$46,000.

Consequently, the \$185,000 leftover highway fund could go into other expenses, she said. The town has roughly \$70,000 overspent with \$188,000 in the black on the other side.

Currently \$259,000 is in the black and does not include block grants, Blaisdell added. Rather than taking funds from the unassigned fund balance, the selectmen could take the amount from taxation or do a combination of both sources.

In another action, the entire board decided not to

approve two petition warrant articles for placement on the ballot to go before voters. The measures were to amend a zoning ordinance to increase the open space development perimeter buffering requirement by 25 feet to 75 feet, and to increase to 40% from 33.3% the minimum gross open space development tract area for recreational, forestry, and agricultural purposes and/or for conservation.

The articles were submitted more than a month past the deadline for doing so and members felt approving their inclusion could set a bad precedent.

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sion regulations and that they have already undergone their first round of review with the Technical Review Committee.

While the project will require no impact on any of the driveway lots, Peloquin said it will affect the beginning of Daniel Road, where it accesses the main part of the property. Peloquin also said Daniel Road seemed to be the most viable option for the least amount of impact possible.

The Commission had several questions including a point brought up by member Will Lowenthal

regarding how the utilities will be affected especially considering there is a nearby wetland.

Cole said there is no concern for the utilities and electric lines. He explained that there is a 24-inch connectivity pipe with a waterline that lies 18-inches above that. Since the roads in the area are kept at a bit of a higher elevation, the utilities are on top of the drainage pipe and will not be affected.

Although this project will have some impact, it will not require permission for mitigation in order to comply with the state's guidelines. The state allows up to 10,000 square ft., of mitigation before needing

permission, but this plan will only take away 4,000 square feet of wetland.

The discussion for this plan came to a closing as Peloquin suggested there would be more phases to this project in the foreseeable future, but for now these are the only requests.

The commission agreed that their next move towards signing off on this proposal will be to walk the property and map out the plans that Peloquin, Cole, and Merrit hope to establish.

Each of the commission members in attendance agreed to schedule the site walk on Daniel Road for Saturday, Jan. 16 at 8:30 a.m.

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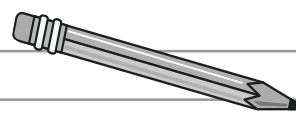


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Ovation Theater Company Prepares Online for New Production

Ovation Theatre Company has been quiet for the last several months, but that is no longer the case. With virtual auditions held in December and Zoom rehearsals almost every day since.

Ovation is preparing to present two productions at the end of this month, directed by Tim Gore of Londonderry and Garrett Olsen of Manchester. They are “10 Ways to Survive Life in a Quarantine” and “The Audition.”

Gore has previously directed for Ovation and Kids Coop Theatre. He is home for an extended break from his studies at Williams College, where he stage managed a series of radio plays. That experience, plus the availability of plays written specifically for virtual productions, inspired him to recruit and

cast two shows - for two different age groups of actors.

Olsen is home from his studies at UMass Amherst and has previously directed at The Founders Academy in Manchester, where he also studied virtual productions.

Gore is directing “10 Ways to Survive Life in a Quarantine” and Gore and Olsen are co-directing “The Audition.” Both scripts come from the creative talents of playwright Don Zolidis.

“10 Ways to Survive Life in a Quarantine” catalogs the adventures of students challenged to keep themselves occupied while quarantined. It's full of handy solutions, from putting on a musical with your dog, to becoming an announcer for a made-up sport, to falling in love



with an inanimate object. “Handy” solutions obviously may also be strange ones. From origami to squirrel observation, this new play is sure to bring a

laugh to anyone who finds themselves unexpectedly indoors.

The cast features Aina Anthony, Connor Burns, Meg Carroll, Sam Craigie, Grace McElroy, Malia Smith and Dylan Torre-Moody from Londonderry, Mabel Backman from Hampstead and Julia Black, Charlotte Blaustein, Catie Gorecki, Avery Kinney and Rileigh Roux from Andover, Mass.

The Audition chronicles a new theater teacher bringing a production of A Chorus Line to her high school. Though the hopefuls range from shy to outrageous, and from diva-like to determined, everyone has a

chance to step into the spotlight. Join this talented cast for a hilarious and heart-breaking look at the madness of auditioning and the actors who brave the process for that perfect part.

The cast features Avenley Allen, Betsy Brown, Michaela Horan, Hanna Carroll and Genevieve Martin of Londonderry, Tony Gallo of Derry, Avery Barcellos, Madison Campbell, Madison Finocchiaro and Abigail Parnell of Hampstead, Ryan Kaplan of Windham, Cecilia Lomanno of Hooksett, Cailean Anderson of Hudson, Julia Dowd of Amherst and Evelyn Dugan of Concord.

Both shows will be presented live via Zoom Friday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 30.

Show times for “10 Ways to Survive Life in a Quarantine” are Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. Show times for “The Audition” are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for each show and can be purchased at OvationTC.com.

Ovation Theatre Company is looking forward to much more throughout 2021, including summer and fall productions and a dynamic summer camp. Look for announcements of future events at OvationTC.com.



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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Girls Basketball Has Strong Start at Home

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

After a rather lengthy break from sports due to the issues associated with

the Coronavirus, the Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball team began its COVID era winter season on Friday night, Jan. 15, at home against the Alvirne

High School and beat that team 51-40.

Pinkerton Academy Head Coach Lani Buskey and her Lady Astros finished last year's season with a very solid 12-6 record, but wound up losing at home to their rivals Londonderry High School at home in the first round of the playoffs.

Those playoffs were eventually called off due to the pandemic, and this year, the virus is presenting a whole new approach to the game. This year new game guidelines need to be followed during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Fans are limited just two family members per player this season and only home the team can have fans. The schedule of games is significantly shorter also. The Astros will only seven teams in 13 games of the regular season.

In the season opener against the Lady Broncos, the PA girls led in scoring in each of the four quarters, but had a slight downtick in offense the third.

After the first period of play, Pinkerton led with an 11-9 score. The half finished with a 29-20 PA lead.

In the third the Lady Astros were only able to get six points, but turned it around in the fourth with 16.

In the fourth quarter, the Pinkerton defense really toughened up and only allowed Alvirne to score 8 points.

Pinkerton junior guard, Avah Ingalls, was the top scorer with 18 points, six of those were from three-pointers. Senior Abby Marasco finished with 10 points and junior, Kristina Packowski, had eight in the game.

Junior Hailey Frost added four points in the win and Alli Ingalls added one.

The Lady Astros will have a pair of games this week against the Salem Blue Devils. They will play the first game at home on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and the second will be on the road Friday night, Jan. 22.



Pinkerton Academy junior guard, Avah Ingalls, had 18 points in the teams home opener against Alvirne.



Lady Astros junior forward, Kristina Packowski, managed 8 points in the teams home opener against Alvirne High School. Photos by Chris Paul

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Pinkerton Boys Basketball Gets New Start with New Coach



Jackson Marshall was one of the high scorers in the PA season opener. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball team began its COVID era winter season on Friday night, Jan. 15, on the road against the Alvirne High School and quickly got their first win under their belt with new leadership.

Last year's Head Coach Pete Rosinski, retired from that role after 18 years in that role and the team finished with a dismal 1-17 record.

This year, David Chase will begin his career as the new head coach of the

Astros boys' basketball squad. Chase is the former head coach of basketball in Concord, Hopkinton High Schools, and also serves as the head baseball and golf coach.

Chase brings 34-years of veteran high school coaching with him and has been selected as Coach of the Year 11 times and has won eight New Hampshire state championships in baseball, golf, and girls' basketball. Chase was also the Pinkerton JV basketball coach this past year.

This year's season will present a whole new approach to the game, as

well as new game guidelines that need to be followed during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Fans are limited just two family members per player this season and only home the team can have fans. The schedule of games is significantly shorter also. The Astros will only seven teams in 13 games of the regular season.

In the season opener at Alvirne the Astros led the entire way, outscoring the Broncos 16-12 in the first, 15-16 in the second, 16-10 in the third and finishing with a 15-14 tally.

Pinkerton went 23-28

from the foul like with Justin Dunn and Jackson Marshall each scoring 12-points, Anthony Chinn finished with 11-points and Drew Brander had 10 points with five rebounds and three steals.

Alvirne made it interesting by cutting the Astros lead to just two points with under two minutes to play, but the PA boys held on going, 12 of 13 from the line in the fourth quarter.

The PA boys will try to continue its winning when they travel to Salem High School on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and then play them at home on Friday night at home.

Department of Education Announces Online High School Equivalency Exam

The New Hampshire Department of Education announced today that residents interested in taking the high school equivalency exam are now able to

register, pay and schedule their test online. This process previously involved a manual process. The HiSET eRegistration system will provide flexi-

bility for test takers, including online payment and access to multiple testing sessions in different testing centers.

The HiSET, published

by Educational Testing Service (ETS), is a nationally recognized high school equivalency exam that has been used in New Hampshire since 2014. Successful completion of the exam leads to a High School Equivalency Certificate issued by the Department of Education and opens opportunities for graduates to enter into postsecondary education or training, enter into or advanced in their careers or

join the military.

Testing admission is open to New Hampshire residents only who are 18 years or older without a high school diploma. A waiver is available for students under 18 who meet certain requirements and requires approval from the Bureau of Adult Education. Those students must take the exam at an approved Test Center.

The HiSET Exam can be taken at an approved

Test Center on paper or on the computer and At-Home Testing will be available as of January 18th for test candidates who are at least 18 years old.

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Department of Education Announces Free Student Tutoring

The New Hampshire Department of Education announced a first in the nation program partnership with Sal Khan and Schoolhouse.world that will provide free tutoring to New Hampshire high school students. Schoolhouse.world is a platform that connects people around the world to have free, small-group tutoring sessions. It currently offers tutoring in high school math and SAT prep, with the aim of expanding across more ages and topics.

In the midst of COVID-19, the opportunity to access personalized help and dig deep into problems has been the central struggle faced by teachers, parents and students during remote and hybrid learning at-home. It is this sense of urgency that prompted Sal Khan, founder of the Khan Academy, to find a solution by partnering with his college friend, Shishir Mehrotra, cofounder and CEO of Coda. Together, with a handful of volunteers, they created schoolhouse.world.

"We are thrilled that New Hampshire could become the inaugural launch state for this incredibly important platform," said Frank Edelblut, NH commissioner of education. "Sal Khan is a legend in education, known mostly for the Khan Academy, which supports over 100 million students around the world. Now New Hampshire students will have access to this live support and the ability to mentor other students. It is a timely solution that addresses so many needs."

"Partnering with New Hampshire was an easy decision," said Sal Khan. "From the first conversation, they saw the value that Schoolhouse.world could bring to the students of the state. The commissioner stayed focused on the project and his department was able to move quickly to help us inform

New Hampshire families that we're ready to provide this needed assistance at such a critical time.

Over the holiday break, the department placed social media ads to let fam-

ilies know that the service was coming and over 300 signed up to receive information about the launch.

Schoolhouse.world first opened its virtual doors to tutors and students from the

public in early 2020 through a prototype site built in Coda. People from all over the world volunteered to tutor sessions, including high school students, teachers, professionals and PhDs. Since

then, the Schoolhouse.world team has run over 1,100 tutoring sessions with students from more than 40 countries, while working to develop scalable systems to monitor sessions and train new tutors.

Students interested in receiving tutoring support and both students and adults wanting to volunteer to support others can go to the website for additional information.

OBITUARY

Robert L. Nugent



Robert L. Nugent, 79, retired teacher & former owner & operator of Sunset Park Campground in Hampstead, NH, passed away on Jan. 10, 2021 as a result of complications with COVID-19. Born June 27, 1941 in Manchester to Elmer & Dorothy Nugent, he grew up in Groveton where he graduated from Groveton High School in 1959. He remained a "north country" man at heart & treasured the connections with his good friends there always.

After high school, Bob attended the University of NH & then served briefly in the U.S. Marine Corps, honorably discharged from the 54th Rifle Company in Newcastle, NH in 1961. He then chose to pursue a career in science education at Plymouth State College, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree.

Bob taught science at Groveton High School for 3 years before moving south & becoming a Physics teacher at Pinkerton Academy, where he taught from 1968 - 1997. While there, he spent some time as Science Department Head, was a member of the NH Science Teachers Association, served as a judge for many science fairs across the state, & volunteered for many other activities, such as track & field & cross country events.

With a passion for learning, he continued to attend classes at various colleges & universities throughout his life, including Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he earned his Master of Natural Sciences degree, College of the Holy Cross, Valparaiso University, & Northern Essex Community College.

In 1975, Bob joined his friend & fellow science teacher Brewster Bartlett in a summer job as a park ranger at Sunset Park Campground. This choice ignited a second career path, & he found a way to purchase the campground the following year. While still steadfastly committed to teaching, he dedicated all of his remaining time & effort to making the park the best that it could be. He truly loved talking with all of the campers & helping to provide a place for families to make memories while learning about & appreciating the outdoors. Hundreds of people became part of his "camp family" & he loved them all, especially all of the little ones who happily greeted him on his countless trips around the park. He helped to promote the camping industry in the state, serving on the Board of Directors of the NH Campground Owners' Association & volunteering at annual NH Camping Shows.

He was devoted to promoting energy conservation & educating others about the environment & its preservation. He especially loved working to protect the lake he so enjoyed kayaking & spotting loons on, & was a dedicated member of the Sunset Lake Association as well as an avid supporter of NH Lakes & UNH's Lakes Lay Monitoring Program.

Living in Hampstead for over 40 years, Bob participated in community clubs & committees along the way, perhaps most important to him being his membership on the Recycling & Waste Disposal Committee, as he was an unrelenting supporter of recycling programs at every level. He loved Hampstead & the people in it, & looked forward to interactions with everyone at the summer concerts, the library, & at the post office each day. He would find someone he was familiar with everywhere he went, whether it be a former student or coworker, a camper, or someone he knew from time at the gym, & it always made him happy to find things in common with the new people he met.

Bob gave nearly all of his time to others, but he also enjoyed taking some time to travel & learn about the people & history of other cultures. His journeys included trips to Canada, Mexico, China, India, Romania, Russia, New Zealand, Sweden, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, & other locations that he always brought back interesting stories of.

He was a devoted and loving father to his daughters & cherished his visits with his granddaughters as well as with generations of Nugent family members at biennial family reunions held around the country.

Bob is survived by daughter Kim Studebaker, her husband Bill, and granddaughter Amelia of Newport, TN; daughter Karen Woody of Talbott, TN; daughter Kendra Neville of Hampstead, NH; granddaughter Megan Greene, her husband Aaron, and their daughter Emrie of Knoxville, TN; granddaughter Ivy Studebaker of Orlando, FL; brother Richard Nugent and wife Christel of Fairfax, VA; sister-in-law Susan Nugent of Gainesville, FL; and many nieces and nephews and close friends, including caring companion Elise Semmler of Wilmington, MA. He was predeceased by his brother Harold Nugent of Gainesville, FL.

There will be no services held at this time. The family is planning a celebration of Bob's life to be held outside later in the year. For those that would like to do something in Bob's memory, donations might be made to the Sunset Lake Association or another organization supporting the protection of our environment. However, it would honor him greatly for each of us to simply pledge a bit of time to help protect nature or to find some peace in enjoying it in some way.

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DERRY

A Libertarian Walks Into a Bear

On Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m., Author Matthew Hongoltz-Hetling will be giving a talk about his book, *A Libertarian Walks Into a Bear* at the Derry Public Library. He will discuss how Libertarians came together to make the town of Grafton, NH a place where state and federal laws were mere suggestions. And then the bear attacks started. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Manga/Anime Take and Make

Every other Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., Online. This program by the Derry Public Library will run from now to the end of February. Kids aged 10-18 can register for each session they're interested in, pick up their "take and make" kits at the library, and then join the group online to socialize and make a fun manga/anime themed craft. This month's projects are a Manga Keepsake Box, DIY Kitsune Mask, and DIY Manga Jeans. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Tiny Tots

Register for the Taylor Library's Tiny Tot Story Hour program which will be shown virtually. This program is for ages 6 months-2 years old. Books will be read, rhymes, music and puppets will be used during this program. Call the library to register and come in to pick up your Tiny Tot bag of program materials. This program will start on Monday Jan. 11 to March 29. This program will be at 10 a.m., each Monday morning. Call the library for more details at 432-7186.

Genealogy Series

Every other Tuesday night at 6 p.m., at the Derry Public Library Resident genealogy expert Erin hosts a session every other week that focuses on a different aspect of genealogy research, sharing her knowledge and experience, highlighting common pitfalls, or sharing interesting stories of local historic individuals. This month she will be hosting programs on The Remarkable Life of William Hobdy, and Oral History. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Story Hour with a Craft

On Fridays at 10 a.m., the Taylor Library will host Story hour with a craft for ages 2 and up on Facebook Live. Call the Library to register and then come and pick up your bag of craft supplies which will go with each week. Story hour will start on Jan. 15 and will end on April 2. Call the library to register or to get more information.

Taylor Library Pick up

The Taylor Library is open for curbside pickup only. Call the library for curbside pickup. Interlibrary loan with the state is also available. For further information, call the library 432-7186

Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

CHESTER

Mandalorian Escape Room

On Mondays in January

at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., & 6 p.m., at the Chester Library there will be The Mandalorian Escape Room. Can you solve the puzzles? Mando and Baby Yoda need your help. Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Virtual Trivia Night!

On Thursday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m., the Chester Library will host a Trivia Night! (virtual) Link: <https://bit.ly/3oARsPZ>. Test your knowledge in a wide variety of topics. Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Storytime

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

Among Us Party

On Thursday, Jan. 21, at 4 p.m., an Among Us, Party (All Ages) Teen Room will be hosted by the Chester Library. Prepare your ship for departure, but beware. One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us app on your device before the event. Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Wason Pond Winter Scavenger Hunt

Join the hunt by finding answers to these riddles - riddles can be found at the Wason Pond Playground Scarecrow (Snowman) or you can print them online at the Recreation Department & Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission pages at www.chesternh.org. This family fun activity can be done during Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area park hours (dawn to dusk).

HAMPSTEAD

Craft Kit for Kids

The next Hampstead Public Library Crafts @ Home for kids is available on Jan. 27. A 3D Paper Winter Ornament craft kit is available while supplies last. Make and hang the ornament on a tree, a plant, in a window, or anywhere in your house to bring you fun winter cheer. Call the Library when you come for

Curbside Pickup, and let the librarian know how many kits you need. Only one per child, please.

Meditation Classes

Weekly online Meditation Class from the Hampstead Public Library has been extended through the end of March. Make time for self-care with this 30-minute class on Zoom, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. According to the Mayo Clinic, meditation can reduce negative emotions, build skills to manage stress, improve rest and relaxation, and increase patience and tolerance. The classes are taught by library assistant and certified meditation instructor, Sue Crump. You do not have to be a Hampstead resident to attend. Register via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org.

Nonfiction Book Club

The Hampstead Public Library Nonfiction Book Club is reading *Never Caught, The Washington's Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave Ona Judge* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar. Discussion of the book takes place via Zoom on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. Call the Library, 603-329-6411, to reserve a book for Curbside Pickup. *Never Caught* examines the life of an eighteenth-century fugitive woman in intricate detail, and it provides a new look at George Washington's relationship to slavery. For more details, view this Feb. 2 entry on the Events Calendar of the Library website.

Ancestry

Now through March 2021, Hampstead Public Library cardholders can use Ancestry.com for free in-home research. This tool is great for genealogy buffs, or those investigating their family tree. Go to the Library's catalog; click "My Account" in the upper right corner of HampsteadLibrary.org. Find "Ancestry Library Edition" in the Links box on the right of the catalog homepage. Once in Ancestry.com, search billions of records and discover your family's story. If you need assistance, please call the Library 603-329-6411 or

email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org.

Storytime 2021

The Hampstead Library's Online Storytime for toddlers has moved to Mondays at 10 a.m. Families can join Miss Jenn on Facebook Live where she'll share stories and a song or two. Each video is also available on the Library's Facebook page for one week after the live event. There are several sessions planned for the first two months of the year including January 25, and February 1, 8, and 22.

Teen Takeaway

The Hampstead Library's January Teen Takeaway for Middle School and High School students is *Bullet Journals*. If you are a student who wants to be more organized and have a creative way to record your ideas and memories, *Bullet Journaling* could be for you! Register in advance via the Events Calendar on the Library website. Then, come get your journal starting on Jan. 20 via Curbside Pickup. You can use it right away, or join the Zoom meeting on Jan. 27 to get ideas about how to make your journal uniquely yours. More information is on HampsteadLibrary.org.

Consumers For Library Cardholders

Hampstead Public Library cardholders can now get free and easy access to Consumer Reports online. This fully interactive website, companion to the Consumer Reports magazine, includes articles, product reviews and buying guides. Now instead of a paid Consumer Reports membership, all you need is your library card! This is a fantastic resource to use before you make a significant purchase. From electric bikes to electric toothbrushes, from air fryers to water filters, you'll find ratings and recommendations here. Visit hampsteadlibrary.org/digital-magazines-newspapers to learn more.

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art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. It's a great resource for holiday décor and gifts. Access it via the Library website LEARN tab. Call 603-329-6411 or email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org if you need assistance.

SANDOWN

Zoom Room Story Time

The Sandown Library will hold themed stories designed to encourage the

development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others, on Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. All registrants will be emailed a link to join the Zoom Video Room. This is a unique link and should not be shared. The program will be locked at 10:05 a.m., so please do not be late, or you will not be allowed into the program.

Winter Bingo

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 4 - 5 p.m., the Sandown

Library will hold a Winter BINGO (for ages 5+) via Zoom. Materials will be provided. Bingo cards will be ready for pick up on Monday, Jan. 25 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registered participants will receive an email with the Zoom meeting information.

Voter Registration Notice

The Sandown, NH Supervisors of The Checklist will be meeting at the Sandown Tax Collectors Office, 320 Main St., Sandown, NH, for additions and corrections of the voter checklist on: Saturday, Jan.

23, at 11 - 11:30 am. The Jan. 23rd session will be your last opportunity to register before the Sandown Deliberative Session on Jan. 30, 2021 and the Timberlane Deliberative Session on Feb. 4, 2021. New voters may also register at the Sandown Town Tax Collectors Office, during regular business hours before the above Registration dates. Please remember, you will need proper identification to register. If you have questions contact Rosemarie Bruno Supervisor of the Checklist 603-887-3939 or RBruno1219@msn.com.

Yankee Ingenuity

The Sandown Library will host a virtual program on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 1 - 2 p.m., Yankee Ingenuity: Stories of Headstrong and Resourceful People by New England Storyteller, Jo Radner. Jo will share a selection of historical tales, "humorous and thought-provoking" about New Englanders who have used their wits in extraordinary ways to solve problems and create inventions. The stories are engaging and entertaining but may also raise some pro-

found questions about our admiration of ingenuity and the ethics of pursuing discoveries without taking their potential outcomes into account. Funding for this program is provided for through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants.

Messy Mondays at Home

Looking for something to do with your child? Join the Sandown Library on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.,

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Virtual 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.

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.

Virtual PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne live on Facebook at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night for Virtual PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you.

Crafting Crew

Registration Opens for ages 2-6. January crafts to make at home hosted by the Sandown Library! 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. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>.

Monday Morning Mystery Book Club

Are you a mystery reader? Looking for some new authors or a chance to read a favorite one? Join us at the Sandown Library on the 1st Monday of the month to discuss the monthly book choice from 10:30 a.m. - noon. This month's book: *Iced Under* by Barbara Ross. Books are available to pick up at the library. Please register so we have enough copies of the books available. Contact Susan Kehoe at 887-3428 or skehoe@sandownlibrary.us.

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.

Family Fun In The Kitchen

Via Zoom from 4 - 5 p.m. Fall is here which means lots of apples. The Sandown Library will be making apple crisp. Participants are required to register and will receive an email with the login information to this Zoom event. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or youthservices@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

REGIONAL

Bible Study

Consider Bible Study- this is a great way to build

community and camaraderie and an excellent way to learn more about Scripture and interpret God's word. The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets from 9 - 10:30 a.m., on Zoom, with Morning Prayer at 9 a.m., and Bible Study starting at 9:30 a.m. You can come for both parts or just for Bible Study, whichever works best for you. The topic in the Tuesday Bible Study is 1st Maccabees and the Apocrypha. Here you can learn the powerful story of the Jewish people's struggles against the Greek Empire. In Christianity, this story takes on special significance as it forms the immediate historical background to Jesus' ministry. The Thursday Bible Study meets from 7 - 8:30 p.m., on Zoom. Evening Prayer is at 7 p.m., and Bible study starts at 7:30 p.m. You can come for both parts or just for Bible Study, whichever works best for you. After studying Jonah and the whale last month, we'll be going through a thematic Bible Study looking at stories involving animals in the Bible. Talking Donkeys, Noah's Ark, nurturing ravens, lucky fish, cryptozoology, lions, jackals and more. If you would like to join a Bible Study, you can send an e-mail to: vicarstchristophers@gmail.com for Zoom info.

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Vaping and Your Health

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Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online Story & Craft Session for Parents and their children up to age 6 with the Upper Room. Free Live on Zoom. Join us on Zoom for live interactive songs and children's stories followed by a craft lesson, that is easy and fun to do with your child at home. Zoom link to join: bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom. craft supplies at bit.ly/connectstorytime or email skoza@URteacher.org.

Free Parenting Workshops

View these free parenting workshops at your own pace hosted by the Upper Room at www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand. Dealing with Challenging Behaviors in Children - The Importance of Routines and Consistency for your Child.

TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children. Zoom meeting link: bit.ly/tipstotics

Career Skills

Need career skills? Work-Ready NH will hold Virtual Class on Monday - Friday, from noon - 2:30 p.m. for 10 hours independent work. To register, call 603-230-3435 Learn Session: Dec. 18.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizab@urteachers.org.

COVID-19 Response Help Needed

The South Central NH Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is recruiting medical

and non-medical volunteers to help with the COVID-19 Response in the region. Are you a practicing or retired medical professional or a concerned local citizen (with or without medical expertise), and interested in assisting your community during an emergency? The MRC provides communities with medical and nonmedical volunteers trained to assist in the event of public health emergencies. Volunteers may be called to assist during emergencies, such as the COVID-19 response. Activities may include but not limited to greeting, registration, and vaccine administration. Free training will be available within your scope of practice. For more information, please reach out to Kate MacDonald at katemacdonald@catsnh.org or 603-505-7216.

Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizab@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

Raising a teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers

raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No pre-registration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org

Raising Another's Child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

Grandparent and Caregiver Support

Are you a grandparent or caregiver raising another person's child? Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at the YMCA Londonderry Facilitated by The Upper Room, the YMCA- Londonderry and the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy www.urteachers.org/remote-learning-and-support#Youth (SoRock) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizab@urteachers.org.



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