

Selectmen Sign Off on Jack Road Changes in Chester

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CHESTER – After being referred to the Chester Board of Selectmen by the planning board, the selectmen heard a request to make a part of Jack Road a way for people to access the Field to Fork Farm parking lot. Jack Road is considered a Class 6 road.

The owners of the farm, Patrick and Daniela Connelly, explained that the main reason why they were seeking the proposal was to allow visitors to have a way to get to the

parking lot for their different Ag-related events.

Due to the nature of the type of road the selectmen had a stipulation in order for the request to be approved.

The stipulation they had was that the owners placed a sign at both ends of the road stating that it is a Class 6 Road and to enter at your own risk.

The planning board required that the farm owners receive written permission from the selectmen in order to move forward which was granted during the meeting.

Another highlight from the selectmen meeting revolved around the change to the annual Chester Town Meeting and Chester election.

While it was decided to change the dates at a previous meeting it had to be officially voted on and finalized by the Chester Board of Selectmen, in order for Chester Town Administrator Debra Doda to make the official changes on the calendar.

“I would like you to all firmly agree that we’re going to push our public

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Sandown Fire Department Will Aid State Vaccination Efforts

JOHN SEIDENBERG
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN – Members of the Sandown Fire Department now have the opportunity to augment the current staffing levels at state covid vaccination sites.

The NH National Guard and Air National Guard have been managing all the sites. Ten teams are responsible for 13 sites throughout the state. They had been working 8 hours a day, 5 days a week.

But in an effort to vaccinate as many people as possible the state increased that number to 12 hours, 7 days a week. NH has a population of 1.3 million.

In a proposal brought before the Board of Selectmen, Jonathan Goldman, a board member and Emergency Medical Services

captain for the Sandown Fire Department, sought approval for eligible town first responders to work at vaccination clinics as part of a statewide mobilization.

However, in making the request he stepped away from his position as a selectman and did so as a department member and recused himself from voting on it. Goldman told his board colleagues he had discussed this effort with Fire Chief Michael Devine and it is expected to continue until mid or late summer.

The state has agreed to ultimately reimburse all payroll expenses for participants in the vaccination efforts up to \$65 an hour, Goldman said.

He asked the selectmen to approve setting a detail rate for the Fire Department and EMS to have it match that of the Police Department. In addition, he sought authorization for the selectmen chairman to sign a contract for the town with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services highlighting these provisions.

Both motions passed by 4-0 votes.

Individuals in Sandown will be paid through the regular payroll cycle through the Fire Department detail line. Once a month the full expenses – dollar amount plus taxes – will be sent to DHHS which will then issue payment checks.

Once a check comes in it will go back into the budget to place the expense under the Fire Department budget for details, Goldman said.

The detail rate is \$43 an hour which is what the employee receives. On the

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Back in Action The winter sports programs at Pinkerton Academy resumed last week after a two-week postponement due to COVID-19 concerns. A number of games against rival Londonderry took place and in basketball, both varsity team won two game. Pictured, Astro freshman Jackson Marshall fights for the ball against Justin Hoggard. Photo by Chris Paul

Downtown Parking Discussed at Derry Planning Board Meeting

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DERRY - With Derry’s unique location and its convenience to I-93 people often reside in Derry but work elsewhere, meaning that vehicles are often essential for residents.

That’s why the most spirited discussion during the Derry Planning Board meeting

last week revolved around changes to parking regulations in downtown Derry.

The main reason why the workshop took place is because in the town council goals, they wish to look at the downtown area for redevelopment opportunities and increasing the housing density.

Derry Planning Director George Sioras began the workshop by explaining that staff looked at multi unit housing in other communities where they have gone through downtown revitalization projects. From there staff came up with some possible changes to what the current regulations are to best fit the needs of Derry.

“These changes were

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Hampstead Board of Selectmen Approves Equipment Upgrades for PD

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - It was a short but productive meeting for the Hampstead Board of Selectmen last week.

One of the biggest highlights during the meeting was a presentation in regards to an improvement made at the beach.

Travis Henry, a Eagle Scout candidate from Hampstead explained during the meeting that he was originally going to be making a kiosk. The idea of the kiosk was to be a way to help promote different events and activities for the Sunset Lake Association.

During the meeting

Henry explained that after presenting his proposal to the Board of Selectmen it was decided to instead create a sign board that would go on a pre existing building with the original goal of being able to help promote events for the association along with the town.

When Henry first got to work on the project about a year ago he noticed that the building wasn't in good shape and decided to do something about it in addition to his project.

"When I went there I noticed the condition of the pre existing building was not so great, so I decided to rake the leaves in the entire area. We ended up filling

nine 30 gallon bags of leaves," Henry said.

In addition to getting the landscaping in the area of the building up to standard, he also decided to help with the actual condition of the building. Henry explained that he was able to get the dirt and old paint off the building and was also able to put a fresh coat of paint on the building to freshen it up. He was also able to replace the vent covers that were dented and destroyed.

One of the biggest hurdles that Henry had to deal with was organizing the project during the pandemic. Since he started the project in February right

before the pandemic it was a difficult task of getting everyone together to make the project work.

In the end Henry was able to complete his project on Jan.17 after putting in 162 documented hours and many more undocumented hours he said.

"It's been a long journey," Henry said during the meeting.

Another highlight during the meeting came during the department head reports.

Hampstead Police Chief Joseph Beaudoin Jr. made a request to the board to allow him to transfer \$46,164.19 worth of funds from the police special

duty fund to be used for equipment upgrades. Beaudoin explained that they have about \$100,000 currently in the fund, which comes from officers working details at places like Hampstead Hospital.

Beaudoin said that the funds will be used for a new mobile data system for the cruisers, to help fix the security system at the station, including updating the door locks, and also for the purchase of a new motorola radio for one of the cruisers. The request was approved by the board.

Selectmen Chair Sean Murphy announced during the meeting that three different committees are

looking to fill seats.

The Trustees of the Trust Funds are looking for alternative members which meet as needed. The Budget Committee is looking for members, which meets monthly during the budget season, and the Communications Committee is looking for a member which meets monthly.

It was announced during the selectmen meeting that Waste Oil, car batteries, and thermostats will be collected at the Hampstead Town Garage on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The next Hampstead Selectmen Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

Planning Board Reviews Zoning Ordinance Amendments

KAITLIN BEDELL
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Planning Board came together to discuss several amendments to their town zoning ordinance at their recent meeting on Feb. 10.

The board discussed several articles that had to do with changing the wording on definitions for various topics.

First the board discussed the amendment to Article 2 which deals with adding some clarification to definitions regarding an internal lot and an age friendly sub-division.

The amendment had been talked about during a previous meeting and none of the board members had any questions or concerns regarding the issue.

Board members discussed the proposed amendments to articles dealing with Bed and Breakfasts being a special exception to the zoning requirements which had been talked about at a previous meeting did not require much discussion.

The board continued to talk about Article 9.4.10 which focused on code requirements. This prompted more clarification from the board members but none

of them had any major concern regarding the contents of the wording.

The remainder of the meeting focused on the purpose statement of the ordinance for Article 6, which proposed the elimination of incentives for unit-density bonuses for age-restricted housing.

Several members expressed their concern regarding the amendment and how it will be responded to.

Town Planner Andrew Hadik said that the purpose statement is almost identical to what it was last year with the exception of two numbers.

Hadik said he was concerned that people would not pay enough attention to the issue.

"I agree completely with what is being said here, but I am concerned that it won't be enough to grab people's attention," Hadik said.

Hadik suggested that the board should draw attention to the fact that the "legislative landscape" has changed since the amendment was first written.

One member noted that the board should include it in a future agenda to work on the wording of this amendment and perhaps

others as well to compensate for any misunderstanding.

Hadik brought up that last year there were initiatives at the state level and a bill passed which had significant opposition from members of the house which he felt was a "circuit" around the court process. As a result, this led to the fruition of the Board of Appeals.

By passing this amendment, Hadik thinks the town has a better defense at preserving the density that it currently has in its ordinances.

Although the board does not think there will be any issues with any of the other amendments going

though, they are concerned that this amendment will not be passed as a result of the new state regulations. In reaction to this they are preparing to make a "compelling argument" for why it should go through.

If they are called on to defend their reasoning for the wording of the amendment, they are preparing to have workers advocate the amendment on their behalf.

The board determined that they will revisit Article 6 and keep drafting a more understandable version of the amendment at a workshop session at one of their future meetings.

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Requests for Zoning Variances Spark Public Opposition

HENRY GREENBAUM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) met for their monthly meeting on Feb. 4. The ZBA spent the meeting hearing different cases for variances in the Town of Derry Zoning Ordinance.

The first two cases were presented by land surveyor Tim Peloquin of Promised Land Survey, LLC.

The first case he presented was for the George E. Simard Revocable Trust who requested a variance to Article VI, Section 165-46.C.1a which required a plot of land to be one acre at minimum. The variance would allow for a plot of land to be split into two with one being

0.94 acres and the other being one acre.

They opened the floor to the public to see if anyone was in support of it or against the variance and nobody really came forward.

The ZBA all agreed that the variance would cause little disturbance as it is only slightly under the one-acre requirement. They voted unanimously to accept the application for the variance.

The second case that Peloquin presented was for the William A. Fortier Trust who requested a variance in Article VI, Section 165-48.B.2 and 3. The variance would allow for a plot of land at 36 Floyd Road to be split in two with one having 86.52 feet of frontage (on Warner Hill Road) which is under

the 200 feet requirement.

When the ZBA opened the floor to the public, nobody came forward in support of the variance, but a few people expressed their opposition to it.

"I've lived on [Warner Hill Road] since 1961, when I was born, and I don't have any issues with families dividing land for family members since that is what we have done," said Jennifer Tucker. "I can't tell you how many [car] accidents have occurred there every single Summer."

Richard Burkland, who owns a property directly in front of 36 Floyd Road said, "Granting of this variance would also change the character of the neighborhood and sets a precedent for others to seek a variance when they don't have the required 200 feet of frontage."

Those opposed to the variance are also concerned that having such a low frontage by a sharp curve may cause car accidents as there have been many by that corner. Peloquin disagreed with this, believing that it can be fixed should the issue come up.

He said, "Regarding the safety of the road I do want to say while I'm not familiar with the accidents, I'm not surprised given the sharp bend in the road. I would say that at the planning level, this was all going to get flushed out. Moreover, if there is a problem there,

police are going to weigh in, fire [department] is going to weigh in, public works is going to weigh in."

Despite concerns made by the public, the ZBA felt confident that Peloquin and the Promised Land Survey, LLC can fix whatever issues occur with the frontage and voted unanimously to approve the variance.

The third case was a variance requested by Randall and Linda Coate who are purchasing land from James L. Sullivan and Maureen Doherty on 17 Charlestown Place. The variance would allow for a single-family home to be built on a private

road and will have less than what is required for building setbacks.

The floor was opened to the public who expressed opposition to the requested variance. "I can't imagine a house being built between my neighbor and myself," said Laura Brookes, who lives on 19 Charlestown Place. "When these properties were for sale, I spoke to the realtor and all of us assumed this would be meant as a driveway to access the property behind."

Kenzo M. Stevenson of 15 Charlestown Place said, "All the houses on this road are the old cottage camps built in the

1950s...when the people approached, as far as the real estate agents, they were informing us that this would be an access to 13 Tobacco Road."

Some of the people who live on Charlestown Place are concerned that building a new house there would take away from the neighborhood. It would also be too disruptive to them as it would take up too much space on the property.

With those concerns in mind, the ZBA ruled that the Coates need to return to a future meeting with a more specific plan in regard to the dimensions of the property beyond just a conceptual idea.

OBITUARY

Cheryl Lee Moore



Cheryl Lee Moore, 76, of Sandown, NH passed away on Feb. 4, 2021 at Parkland Medical Ctr, Derry, NH. She was born on Nov. 20, 1944 in Brockton, MA, a daughter of the late Victor Haines and Adelaide (Cavanaugh) Daniels. Cheryl worked as an Office Manager for Digital Paradigms Inc.

Beloved wife of the late John R Moore, Cheryl is survived by daughter, April Durrer of CA, three sons, John Moore Jr. of NH, Michael Moore of NH, and Kevin Moore of MA; 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two sisters, Judith Hawker and Linda Maguire and husband Kenny; her Uncle Gerald Cavanaugh, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Carol Albee and sister, Vicki Joyce.

A cherished mother and grandmother, Cheryl loved cooking for her family and always included a special treat. On birthdays and holidays friends and family were often given crafty gifts made with love. As a resident of California for many years, Cheryl enjoyed spinning the slots in Las Vegas or at the "State Line." But in more recent years, she also enjoyed local bingo nights with her sister and friends. She will be sorely missed but her memory will live on forever in our hearts.

Following cremation, Memorial calling hours were held on Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Society of St Vincent de Paul of Boston.

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police side is an administrative cost of \$6 on top of doing scheduling, and a car charge of \$6-\$7 an hour, said Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell.

The Fire Department will not charge the car amount. The town will decide whether to impose the administrative fee.

Taxes such as Social Security and Medicare will

be deducted from the \$43 an hour rate. The town will receive 100% of expenses through DHHS.

Anyone with the Fire Department as well as non-medical personnel can take part as vaccinators or observers. Typically only advanced EMTs and paramedics can give injections, Goldman said.

Basic EMTs with a certain training level will be able to do vaccinations. Any EMT in the department can

do vaccinations and any department member including EMTs can also work as observers for those receiving the vaccine in case someone has a reaction.

The observation period must be at least 15 minutes and can last up to half an hour before someone leaves. Non-medical personnel primarily are the observers.

The Sandown Fire Department can qualify participants to assist in this program.

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Editorial

Remembering the Importance of Presidents' Day

In 1855, Presidents' Day started as a Federal holiday to respectfully remember (General) George Washington our first President of the Republic of the United States of America and all that he personally sacrificed, suffered, and persevered through to help establish our nation. The meaning of this day has changed more than a few times with the most recent change being the least acknowledging and the most self-gratifying. I am hoping this short review will bring us back to the significance of remembering with great appreciation what the sacrifice of service of our past presidents has brought to our lives today.

Initially, most states recognized and celebrated George Washington's birthday as Feb. 22 (1732) on the Gregorian calendar. (The issue about the Gregorian calendar versus the Julian calendar, which was used at the time of Washington's birth, is a story for another time.) Then after President Lincoln death in 1865, Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12 (1809), was celebrated. With the course of time some other presidents did notable actions that the people of that time appreciated, #26 -1901-1909 -Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, #32 -1938-1945 - Franklin D. Roosevelt and #34 - 1953-1962 - (General) Dwight D. Eisenhower to name just a few. These presidents' birthdays were in various months. Consequently, in 1952 to avoid the cost of individual Federal holidays for each favored president, George Washington's birthday was chosen to acknowledge all presidents. In most military, civilian, and

home celebrations, Washington and Lincoln continued as the highest honored: one for his foundational leadership and the other for his sustaining the nation as "indivisible" through a costly civil war fight over emancipation from slavery. In 1968, the government aligned President's Day with other Federal Monday-holidays. Thus, Presidents' Day is the 3rd Monday of February. Since 1971 when the last change went into effect regarding Federal holidays, Presidents' Day became the predominate name used for the holiday in part because retailers' began to use this title to promote sales. Changing the holiday or holidays from the actual birth dates of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and changing the holiday to Monday has allowed most of us to replace spending some time in reverent remembrance with spending our holiday time sale shopping, catching up on sleep, etc.

At Nutfield Publishing, our hope is that you will benefit from this tidbit of history. We hope it encourages you to mind, discuss, and express with one another how you have benefited from the sacrifice of service of these great presidents and other presidents whom you have known in your lifetime. Past President's biographies and speeches can be searched on the Internet. Family trips can be planned to visit Presidential Libraries and historical sites that are connected with the feats of our past presidents. Someone once said, "If we forget our past, we forget our future." Have a Happy Presidents' Day!

Letters

Vote for Article 2

To the editor,

In 2016 we moved to Hampstead from Windham, NH. We had suddenly become a one-income household, and needed to move to a less expensive home in a town that had all the great elements we wanted, including an excellent school system. After a lot of searching, we landed in Hampstead.

Over the last five years, there has been little to make me regret this move, except for one thing - the condition of Hampstead Central School (HCS). Over the years, I have watched the ratings for HCS drop as class sizes increased. When I moved here in 2016 the school was rated 17th and it is currently 77th in the state. I fear without the much-needed renovations and expansion to lower class sizes and bolster the academic environment, the school will continue to decline.

I love that we live in a community that came together the pandemic hit, and creates birthday car parades to make the kids feel special. I love my neighborhood; my kids have made friends with many children on our street and that I can call my neighbors friends. I love that when my Kindergarten refused to go to HCS because he didn't want to leave his preschool, within 30 seconds of being in the presence of his teacher, he couldn't wait to go. I love that when a family is without water, the town rallies behind them. And when someone suffers an unimaginable loss, we all find ways to help.

Where I struggle in my love for Hampstead is the school. I hate the idea of my 5 and 3 year-old breath-

ing in car exhaust since their classrooms about the car pick-up/drop-off line. Children have needed to go to the nurse because their classroom reached 90 degrees and they overheated, since there is no AC in that space.

I want you to know that the thought of leaving this town makes me sad. I hate the idea of taking my son away from all his new friends. But I don't know if I can put my children in a school with so many health issues. I want them to be in a school that promotes education in the best environment possible.

I know my motivation to get these warrant articles passed is self-serving. The thought of taxes increasing is tough for many of us, but I believe this is worth it. With the cost of Warrant Article 2 being a \$25 a month for a home valued at 400k, it is good investment. This investment will help maintain Hampstead's status as a desirable community to move to and live in.

If this doesn't pass I will have to consider moving or stay in town but send our kids to private school - something we can afford. We can however, find a way to make that extra \$25 a month work for our family. I hope that many of you will do the same, and then vote for article 2 to pass.

Lauryn Ciulla
Hampstead

Councilors Need to Explain

To the editor,

On Feb. 2, 2021 at the last Derry Town Council meeting, our councilors were given a chance to publicly support Derry voters who are deeply concerned with the possibility

of our NH redistricting maps being drawn up next year in a partisan and secret manner, otherwise known as "gerrymandering". For the past two years, voters & legislators trying to prevent this corruption have been ignored by our Derry state legislators and the Governor.

Gerrymandering has a history of being practiced by both political parties. With the new redistricting process about to begin, gerrymandering has become a growing concern with voters in Derry and across NH. Recent comments by party officials have confirmed that their intention is to gerrymander the Congressional districts. As a Derry voter, I decided to request help on Jan. 5, 2021 from our Derry Town Council members; asking them to speak out publicly in a town resolution to our state legislators, to ensure that redistricting be fair, nonpartisan, and completely transparent next year.

Town Council members decided not to support the town resolution I requested, because some of them felt it to be inappropriate for them as town council members to sign the resolution in the name of Derry residents. Instead, they asked Town Administrator Caron to draft a letter to be sent to state legislators. He did so and I thank him. To the three town councilors who did sign the letter, Councilors Jim Morgan, Neil Wetherbee, and Joshua Bourdon, I and the citizens of Derry commend you for putting the needs of your constituents before that of any political party.

But I was very disappointed and disturbed to

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I learn that four of our town councilors, including the Chair, chose not to sign that letter. When such an issue so profoundly impacts the citizens of Derry, I would expect that our town councilors would have the integrity to stand up for what's right. I have yet to hear a reasonable explanation from any of them as to why they refused to sign, and why they do not support fair, nonpartisan and transparent redistricting.

I think constituents deserve an explanation.

Corinne Dodge
Derry

Crossroad for Our School

To the editor,

My name is Andy Kiburis, and my wife and I moved to Hampstead in March 2019 with our then 2 kids (now 3). We careful-

ly chose Hampstead as it was close to my wife's family, and the school system had a very strong reputation for being one of the best in the area. Based on everything we had heard, this was a town where anyone would be happy to have their kids grow up. After almost 2 years here, I can confidently say that the rumors were all true and we have likely found our "forever town."

With that being said, our "forever town" and specifically the school where all of my kids will eventually attend, is in desperate need of some improvements. Our town has grown significantly with younger families like mine and the Central School is no longer able to realistically handle the increasing student population of the coming years. Closets, the library, trailers, the gymnasium and general classroom overcrowding have been used as unfortunate creative solutions to

provide learning spaces for our kids. On top of this, the building is outdated and does not provide proper ventilation, making classrooms freezing in the winter and sweltering in the summer. With an insulation R value of R1.2 (where the minimum should be R20), the 60's wing, and the Central School as a whole, is no longer providing a comfortable, adequate learning space to the students and faculty of Hampstead.

With Articles 2 and 4 on the ballot, I feel we are at a crossroads that will ultimately take our town in two very different directions. In voting yes, we have the opportunity to invest in the education, as well as the health and well-being of our town, by renovating the Central School and furthering Hampstead's reputation as a town with an extremely well respected educational institution that values the safety and development of our children. Or we vote no,

and delay the inevitable for as many years as we can while taking on the additional cost of bussing students to other towns because our facilities can't meet their needs. This is no longer a matter of "if" it is "when" and that is our reality.

For those that do not have children, are opposed to an increase in their taxes, or are generally wondering "what's in it for me?" - studies have shown that an investment in renovating a school can increase property values by as much as 8% in the first year, and continue increasing for the next 10 years. Additionally, the construction of a dedicated gymnasium and cafeteria allows the community to use these spaces outside of school hours to support senior recreation, youth sports, and community functions.

As a resident who loves this town, a Dad, and a coach, I can't stress enough the impact that voting yes on Articles 2 and 4

will have on the success of our town's bright future.

Andre Kiburis
Hampstead

For Our School

To the editor

My name is Wendy (Larsen) Vasconcellos. 3 Generations of my family have gone through Hampstead schools: my brother and myself, my three children, and my six grandchildren (who currently attend HCS, HMS and PA).

When I was young, we only had one school building and had to go year-round with 4 color groups! HMS was built when I was in high school, and HCS was renovated just before my kids started at the school. Everything but the building has changed since then. The town has quadrupled in population and evolved in many positive ways since I was a kid, however there is still so much

more needed. I understand that the room with the big rock is still being used for speech at HCS, and that is unacceptable. Hampstead Teachers are the best, but we need to give them something better to work with.

As much as no one wants to see taxes increase, we need to do what is in the children's best interest. As such, I personally vote YES for Articles 2 & 4. Hampstead is an amazing town, and people are drawn here for our school system, so we need to keep up with the building if we want to keep our home values high.

I am so proud to say I live in Hampstead. My mom was the cafeteria manager when I was growing up, so we have many ties to both schools and hope that the kids get what they need and deserve.

Fondly,
Wendy (Larsen)
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suggested to us by other communities. Town Manager Dave Caron asked staff to look at this," Sioras said. "We reached out to other communities who have had this take place, particularly Manchester who has gone through development."

One of the suggestions discussed during the meeting is related to the minimum size of a unit. Sioras explained that currently the minimum size of one and two bedroom units is 800 sq feet. There suggested changes would allow those units to be 750 sq feet. The only exception to the rule would be for studio apartments which would be 400 sq feet. The maximum amount of studio apartments allowed for a single project would be five percent of the total project.

Another suggested change was in regards to the minimum size for lots. The suggestion would require lots for multi family housing to be a minimum of 20,000 square feet and 40 units per acre. Sioras noted that this would be

similar to what Manchester did when they went through their downtown revitalization especially in the high density area near Elm Street.

Overall the biggest concerns brought up by members of the planning board revolved around parking.

Getting the discussion started was planning board chairman John O'Connor who explained that his main concern is that if they are going to build more apartments then they need to have enough spaces for people to park.

"If we bring in all these apartments where are people going to park?"

O'Connor said that he reviewed a video from Dover that showcased their revitalization project. One of the things that takes place in Dover that he thinks could be good in Derry is having parking permits.

"They have something we should take a serious look at doing. They have parking permits," O'Connor said. According to O'Connor the permits are given to downtown residents and are issued by the

police chief.

One of the members of the planning board, Mark Connors said that he is concerned about the need for parking because of the lack of public transportation in the state.

"We are a driving society. We don't have great public transportation in NH at all. In my opinion even studio apartments should be required to have two parking spaces."

One question that Connors asked the planning staff is if there can be language stating that the spaces required can be a combination of either physical spaces on the property or through some type of lease agreement with a different property, off-street parking or another means of parking. This was raised because one of the changes suggested by staff is to change the requirements of how many parking spaces need to be made available by developers when building multi family units in order to help ensure parking is available for everyone.

Another point of contention during the meeting was about whether or not there would be issues with developers holding up their end of the bargain when it comes to making sure parking spaces are available long term.

Planning Board Member Richard Tripp explained that he isn't as concerned about developers backing away from making sure tenants have parking. He made the point that if there aren't parking spaces for folks they will likely not want to live there meaning it will be

an incentive for developers to make sure parking is available.

"If there is no parking for the tenants, people aren't going to likely rent them," Tripp said.

Economic Development Director Beverly Donovan in a final thought to the board explained that she sees a shift in society from the lens of her children. That shift is that younger people are relying less on cars meaning the issues revolving parking may not be as prominent in the long term.

"Pre pandemic what we were hearing and reading is that younger people aren't wanting to be saddled with a car," Donovan pointed to tough job prospects and high student loan debt as some of the reasons why.

She also pointed out that now during the pandemic many people are working from home meaning people are often forgoing their second vehicle if they had one.

"I think we have to be careful projecting what we're used to and our experience in life and take into account that things are changing," she said.

Tripp made the point that if housing downtown happens the way they are proposing then entrepreneurs may take advantage of it and build things to make it a more walkable community to buy necessities.

"We really can't forecast what will be downtown. But if there is a need I'm pretty sure that someone will try to satisfy that need," Tripp stated. "It remains to be seen what will happen downtown but

if we don't permit something like this it will never happen," he went on to say.

After about an hour of back and forth discussion between members of the board and town staff it was ultimately decided to allow staff and board members to think about some of the

suggestions talked about during the meeting and reconvene the discussion during the next planning board meeting.

The next Derry Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Rodney P. Blunt



Rodney P. Blunt of Derry, NH, passed away peacefully on Feb. 4, 2021. Rodney was born in Jersey City, NJ & later relocated to Weymouth, MA, where he spent most of his childhood. As a young man, Rodney loved riding his motorcycles. His favorites were his Indian Chief & BMW. Rodney eventually joined the Air Force, where he was stationed in California & Germany. While stationed in Germany, he met the love of his life, Simone, while at a train station from Germany to France. After living in France for several years, they moved to Allston, MA in 1962 with their three children. In 1964, the family purchased a farm house in East Derry, NH, where Rodney operated a sheep, chicken, & vegetable farm. Rodney loved referring to the sheep as the "best lawnmowers." The family farm sold eggs, vegetables, & wool. Rodney worked at Sweetheart Cup for a few years before going back to school to become an electrical technician. This new field offered him an opportunity to work at Raytheon where he contributed to the Patriot Missile radar system. Rodney worked at Raytheon for 30 years before taking an early retirement. Rodney loved tinkering with electronics. He built the family's first console color television set from scratch with a Heath Kit. It took him a year to build it between running the family farm & working full time. Rodney also enjoyed music. His favorites were classical, country, & as of late, folk music. He very much enjoyed playing the harmonica. Among the many things that Rodney enjoyed, he also loved gardening, working on his classic Case & Ford tractors, his classic 1974 Volkswagen Love Bug, which he purchased brand new that will continue to remain in the family. He loved photography & enjoyed sharing that love with his grandson, Dylan, who is a professional photographer. He adored his 3 grandchildren & spent many years babysitting them with Simone. One of his favorite trips he took was with his granddaughters Jessica & Kaitlyn to Nova Scotia. He loved trips to the beach, specifically York Beach with the family & taking rides to the White Mountains & enjoying all of the attractions, especially Clark's Trading Post. Rodney greatly enjoyed spending time with Simone's family from France when they would come to visit & when Rodney & Simone went to France to visit them. He enjoyed showing them all of the beauty that NH has to offer & was happy to see the joy on Simone's face spending time with her family. The family took annual trips to Loon Pond in Gilmanton for picnics & vacationing in cabins owned by Rodney's father's friends. After giving up the family farm & subdividing the land, Rodney was very hands-on with the construction of his various homes & rental properties, his favorite being an English Tudor. Rodney enjoyed Saturday night dinners with his family. The tradition began a couple of years before losing his lovely wife, Simone, & continued until he passed away.

Rodney is survived by his 3 children Lora Cilcius & her husband Al, of Auburn, NH, Daniel Blunt & his wife Kari, of Londonderry, NH, & Vivianne Bausha & her husband Steve, of Bedford, NH. His grandchildren & their significant others, Jessica Tridenti & her husband Patrick of Fort Myers, FL, Kaitlyn Tripp & her husband Ian of Goffstown, NH, & Dylan Cilcius of Auburn, NH. His great grandchildren, Bruce Hidden III, Madison Milone, Savannah Tridenti, & Jake Tridenti, his sister Jacqueline McAuliffe, of Largo, FL & his nephew Steve McAuliffe, of Saint Petersburg, FL. Rodney is predeceased by his true love & wife, Simone Blunt, his parents, William & Lora Blunt, his step-mother Barbara Blunt, & his brother Calvin Blunt.

Rodney was a great family man, a wonderful friend, & true Patriot. He loved his Country & served it well. He was dearly loved by all who knew him, & he will be greatly missed.

Peabody Funeral Home in Derry, is taking care of the arrangements. There will be no calling hours. The family is planning a Celebration of Life in the Spring/early Summer followed by a private burial at Forest Hill Cemetery in East Derry. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Derry Students Return to In-Person Learning Following February Break

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DERRY - It was announced during the Feb. 9 Derry School Board meeting that Derry Public Schools will be returning to in person learning following the February break.

The announcement came from Derry Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian that students in PreK - fifth grade will come back to school for in-person learning right after the break beginning on March 1.

For middle school students they will be returning to school-in person starting on March 15 for the start of the third trimester.

One of the biggest elements that districts across the state are juggling involves the upcoming February break, especially as district's like Derry are planning on returning to in-person learning.

Connors-Krikorian ex-

plained that anyone who is traveling outside of New England needs to self quarantine for 10 days following the last day of their trip. She said that any families that are planning on traveling outside of New England should contact the school office to help continue to keep students and staff safe.

"Our goal is to keep students and staff in school safely," Connors-Krikorian stated.

Derry Assistant Superintendent Austin Garofolo continued to talk about the transition plan during his report to the school board.

Some of the highlights that Garofolo pointed to included that all visitors will be screened by office staff, continuing to social distance of at least six feet in any area other than classrooms, where they are required to have three feet apart, and the requirement that teachers and staff sign in and sign out of each

classroom they enter during the day in order to help with contact tracing.

Garofolo explained that with the greater number of students in the school each day it will mean they will need to do more contact tracing, however, he said at the end of the day getting students into in-person learning is important.

"This Increases the need for contact tracing and potentially the need for quarantines but is outweighed by the need for students to be on site for their academics and especially their social and emotional health," Garofolo said.

One important note that he made during his report is that students will continue to have the option

to do remote learning and that the teaching will be inclusive to students no matter if they are doing in-person learning or remote.

Overall Connors-Krikorian said that they are excited to get students back into in person learning full-time.

"We are really looking forward to students returning to the five day model of on site instruction," the superintendent said.

In other news, Connors-Krikorian presented the 2021-2022 school calendar to the school committee. She explained that she tried to structure the school calendar to be aligned with Pinkerton Academy as much as possible.

"As I explained during the last meeting I tried to align as many dates as possible with

Pinkerton Academy," Connors-Krikorian said.

The 2021-2022 school year is scheduled to start Tuesday, Aug.31 and the last day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15.

One of the biggest questions is when will school vacations be?

The Winter Holiday break will begin on Thursday, Dec. 23 with students returning Monday, Jan. 3.

February vacation for 2021-2022 will begin on Monday, Feb. 28 until Friday, March 4. It was also announced that Spring Break will begin on April 25 until April 29.

One of the highlights from the calendar that Connors-Krikorian pointed to is related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"The calendar will be reviewed/updated as needed based on up-to-date COVID-19 Pandemic information," the bottom of the 2021-2022 calendar stated.

"This is really a necessity," Connors-Krikorian said while explaining that they need to be able to review and be flexible with the schedule due to the pandemic. "This is something we didn't know at this time last year," she said.

During superintendent report Connors-Krikorian noted that the last day of school this year is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, after having two snow days so far this school year.

The next Derry School Board meeting is scheduled for March 2.

Chester

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hearings and statutory dates out to what they would've been if we were a traditional May town meeting town instead of March," Doda said.

It was explained in a letter by Chester Town Moderator Michael Scott that the main reason for the change is due to concerns with COVID-19.

"Based on the recent iteration of restrictions and authority contained in the January 22nd, 2021 Governor's Emergency Order No. 83, as well as the current reported COVID-19 conditions and anticipated scope/dates of vaccination availability/implementation, I met with the Chester Board of Selectmen to consider postponement and rescheduling of the March

9th, 2021 Chester Town Election and March 13th, 2021 Chester Town Meeting," Scott stated.

The Chester Town Election is now scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 11 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Chester Multi-Purpose Room. The Chester Town Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 15th, 2021 to begin at 9 a.m. and will take place at the Chester Academy parking facility.

Eligible voters in Chester will have the chance to vote on a variety

of different positions including for selectmen and school board.

In other news, it was announced during the meeting that the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day will take place on Oct.9. In addition it will also serve as the date for the annual Spring Hill Farm Fall Festival.

The selectmen sees the schedule of both events as an ideal opportunity to bring more people to town for the festival, since the hazardous waste day will be in collaboration with

five surrounding towns.

During the announcement period of the meeting, selectmen Joseph Hagan talked about how he is impressed with the National Guardsmen and those who are helping with the vaccine distribution.

"I want to give kudos to someone. And that's all those people who are involved in the COVID vaccination process," Hagan said during the selectmen meeting saying that he was very impressed by what he saw at the Londonderry vaccination site.

OBITUARY

Tyler Gene Cox



Tyler Gene Cox, 49 of Farmington, NH passed away Wednesday Feb. 10, 2021 in Derry, NH after a lengthy battle with cancer. Tyler was born March 19, 1971 in Manchester, NH and was the son of Howard Cox and Priscilla (Bishop) Cox. He was raised and educated in Derry and was a 1989 graduate of Pinkerton Academy.

Tyler was employed as a manager with Medin Technologies Inc. for the past 18 years. He enjoyed playing sports when he was younger, and he enjoyed hiking and sailing. Tyler's greatest love was music and he was an accomplished guitarist.

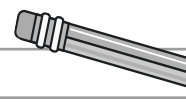
Members of the family include his mother, Priscilla Cox, his father Howard and his wife Pat Cox, his Aunt and Godmother, Helen Ray, his Aunt Marjorie Bishop, his Aunt Julie Simmer, his Uncle Douglas Bishop and his wife Jean, and his longtime companion Colleen Hoit.

After cremation, a walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family was held on Monday Feb. 15, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Cancer Association in memory of Tyler G. Cox, at 9450 SW Gemini Drive #38269, Beaverton, Oregon 97008-7105.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Girls Hoops Team Takes Two from LHS After Layoff



Astros senior Samantha Frank guards against the Londonderry penetration. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball squad got their season back on track last week with two convincing wins against the rival Londonderry High School squad.

The Lady Astros resumed their season on Wednesday night in Londonderry after a two-week pause, due to COVID-19 concerns, and after starting the season with two wins against two teams, they took another two against the Lady Lancers and finished the week with a perfect 4-0 record.

In the first game,

which was rescheduled from the night before due to snow, the Astros were able to manage a slim three-point win, 40-37, after shaking off the dust a bit and starting to gel as a team again.

In that game, sophomore Avah Ingalls was the PA high-scorer with 11-points. Freshman Elizabeth Lavoie had eight and junior Kristina Packowski had six. Senior captain Samantha Franks had two three-pointer for six points.

Two nights later, at the Astros home court on Friday night, Feb. 12, the Lady Astros celebrated their fourth win with some strong defense, and taking a commanding 41-23 win from the Lady Lancers.

In that game, Packowski was the high scorer with 16, Avah Ingalls celebrated her birthday with a 13-point game. Lavoie wound up with six points again.

The PA squad outscored LHS 18 to 8 in the



Astros junior Avah Ingalls had a total 24 points in the two games against Londonderry last week.

first quarter, but stumbled a bit in the second with only four to the Lancers 6.

In the third period PA got back into double-digit scoring with 13 to Londonderry's seven.

The final period lacked luster for both teams offensively. The Lady Astros scored six to the Lancers two.

The Pinkerton squad will try to continue its winning streak with games scheduled against Nashua South on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at home; Bishop Guertin on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at home; and another game against the Purple Panthers on Friday, Feb. 19.

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Astros Hoops Squad Picks Up Two Wins After Layoff

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Basketball Ball team added two more tallies to the win column last week when they took on the Londonderry Lancers after a two-week

pause to their season due to the school's COVID-19 concerns.

The first game between the two rivals ended with a 48-45 PA win, but started with honoring the five seniors they would be losing to graduations. They also rec-

ognizing longtime PA coach Peter Rosinski, who retired from coaching last year after more than 20-years with the team.

In that close game, LHS was missing its top point-getter, but still stayed in the game. The two squads left the court after the first quarter tied at 13-points.

PA started to pull away, in the second by outscoring LHS 18-12, giving them a 31-25 lead to finish the half.

The third quarter had both teams underachieving in offense, with LHS scoring four to PA's seven.

The final period had the Lancer squad hitting four three-pointers and outscoring the Astros 16-10, but it wasn't enough to close the nine-point deficit.

After a 17-day pause, head coach Dave Chase commented, "I was pleasantly surprised at how well we were able to defend. Holding a good Londonderry team to 29-points through three quarters was awesome."

He added, "Offensively, we struggled both shooting the ball and executing our sets. Give credit to Londonderry's defense as well.

I also thought it was important to get all 13 players meaningful playing time after the layoff. I think everyone on the roster played at least nine minutes."

Astros freshman, Drew Brander, had 18-points and senior Andy MacDonald had 11-points and six rebounds.

In the second meeting of

the two teams, in Londonderry on Friday night, Feb. 12, the Astros continued their winning streak to four with a 53-46 win.

Despite LHS getting off to an early 14-9 lead in the first quarter, and trailing 23-21 headed out of the half, PA tied things up at 37 in the third, and open the game up in the fourth for the victory.

A number of Astros con-

tributed points in the win. Brander led the way again with 12-points. Sophomore Anthony Chill added 10-points, senior Justin Dunne had nine, MacDonald had seven and EJ Fassaro had six.

The PA team will try to continue its winning streak with week with two games against Nashua South and one against Bishop Guertin.



Pinkerton freshman, Drew Brander, was the top scorer for the Astros with 30 points in their two games against the Lancers. Photo by Chris Paul

Astros Skier Takes Top Spot at DI State Championships

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' and boys' ski teams both completed their 2021 seasons by competing in the Division I State Championship at Gunstock Mountain in Gilford last week and the sophomore skier Chris Bennett was able to celebrate a top spot in the Slalom.

Coach William Frank saw his Lady Astros place fourth out of 17 other teams at that ski area last Wednesday, Feb. 10, and the next day his Astros boys

ended up seventh out of the 17 competing contingents.

In the girls' events, the Pinkerton Skiers tallied 304 points in Giant Slalom and 324 in the Slalom for a 628 total.

Bedford High School became the state champions with 711 points and Portsmouth finished second with 706.

For the Boys, the following day, the Astros scored 278 points in Giant Slalom and 299 in the Slalom for a 577 total.

The Bedford Bulldogs also won that state championship with 691 points and

Keene was second with 657.

Individually, in the Giant Slalom event, the Pinkerton girls ranked sixth with 304 points.

Sophomore Ava Sezgin led the team with times of 39.02 and 39.67 for a total of 1:18.69, ninth overall. Annabel Veale was the team's second racer with a 1:23.10 (27th). Madeline Frank had a 1:24.76 (34th) Hannah Flagg clocked a 1:25.39 (36th) and Teagan Stinson finished with a combined time of 1:26.00.

In the Slalom event, the Lady Astros ranked fifth as a

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Pinkerton Hockey Squad Splits in Games with Lancers



Astros senior Jake Masterson checks a Lancer opponent behind the net during their game on Thursday afternoon.

Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

After having their season put on hold for two weeks due to the school pausing its winter sports programs with COVID-19 concerns, the Pinkerton Academy Boys Hockey team got back in action last week against the Londonderry Lancers and took one of the two contests against their rival.

In the first game, on Wednesday night, Feb. 10, the Astros suffered a 4-2 loss in a close game that was eventually decided in the third period when LHS scored on two power plays.

The first period was fairly even with Londonderry's Michael Maloney scoring first at 8:41.

Pinkerton came back to tie things up about a minute later with a goal by Lorenzo Corsetto and assisted by from Nick Plaza.

The only goal scored in the second period was by Londonderry's Matt Boyon, giving LHS a 2-1 lead.

The third period had Jake Sullivan score his first varsity on an assist from Doug Barnwell at 8:13 to tie the game.

Londonderry had the go-ahead goal by Drew Cameron on a power play at the 5:44 mark.

Lancer Sam Neville tacked on an insurance point on another power play at 2:55.

Pinkerton head coach Sam Littlefield commented that Astros goalie, Paul Lescovitz, played a great game, and kept the team in it throughout the game.

In the second meeting between the two teams, the next day, on Thursday, Feb. 11, Pinkerton got its first win of the COVID-19 shortened season with a 5-2 victory.

This time, Pinkerton had the first goal of the game, with Lorenzo Corsetto scoring from Hunter Drouin at the 4:05 mark. Londonderry quickly tied it up before the period ended with a goal by Sam Neville from Michael Maloney.

The second period saw Londonderry take the 2-1 lead with an unassisted goal by Noah Malcolm.

Pinkerton finished that period with two goals of their own, one by Hunter Drouin from Ethan Burgess and another by Jake Masterson from Jon Caprigno to give PA a one-goal lead headed into the final period.



Pinkerton senior forward Hunter Drouin pushes the puck up the ice past a Lancer defender.

In that period, Pinkerton added two more goals to their tally.

Aidan Price scored with Ryan Leighton assisting and Hunter Drouin scored on an empty net from Ryan

Leighton to finish things up

Astros senior Paul Lescovitz had 22 saves in the win and made several key saves while fighting off four Londonderry power plays.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 8



Reilly Hazard
Sophomore, Girls Swim

Reilly swam in three events this weekend and posted her personal best times in all three events. Those personal best times were qualifying times to enter the State Meet.



Christopher Bennett
Sophomore, Alpine Skiing

Chris was the overall state meet champion by placing first in the Slalom and fourth in the Giant Slalom. His overall performance has landed him in the Meet of Champions.

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Pinkerton Gymnasts Take Second at State Championship

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite not being able to compete as a team for the entire 2021 winter season,

due to the COVID-19 concerns that shut down all school sports for Pinkerton Academy, the Astros Gymnastics team still had high hopes of retaining the

first-place title they have held since 2017.

The Astros Gymnasts started this season with a new head coach, Steve Needham, who took over the duties from veteran coach Chelsie Burland, who had a number of state championships under her belt.

The Pinkerton team has won 17 state titles since 1994 and nine out of eleven since 2010.

Unfortunately, this year had a very different start from those past years, and with the coronavirus keeping the Astros from competing this year, getting a top three finish would be nothing short of a miracle.

Needham and his team were able to grab the second-place spot in the State Championship on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14, despite all they needed to overcome. They finished with 132.25 points, just a point

and a half behind the first-place winner, Pelham High School (132.75) and a little more than one point over Salem High School, who took third with 130.975.

On the vault, Michelle McGonigle was the top PA finisher with an 8.325. Isabelle LeMieux, finished with a 7.900 and Paige Levesque had a 7.850.

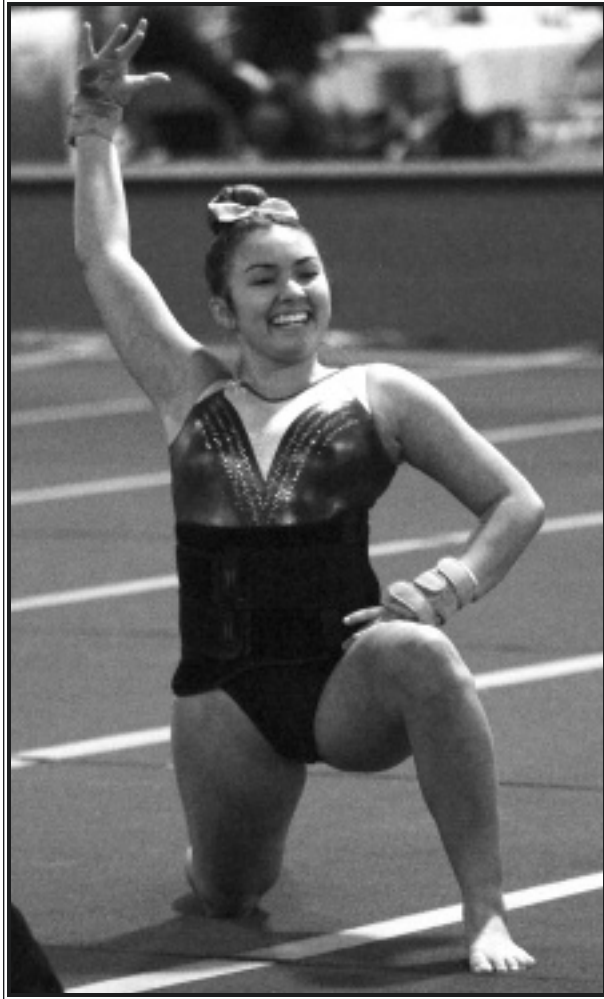
In Bars, Tina Bjeloglic was the top Pinkerton scorer, fifth overall, with an 8.300. Zoe Demers had a 7.900 and Michelle McGonigle managed a 7.250.

On the beam, Zoe Demers had a strong performance with an 8.650 to finish in fifth. Hana Phaneuf tied for sixth with an 8.5 and Sophia Phaneuf was able to finish with an 8.0.

The floor had Hana Phaneuf coming in fourth with a 9.1 and Zoe Demers and Sophia Phaneuf both finished with an 8.8.



Zoe Demers had a strong performance on the beam and captured an 8.65. *Photos by Chris Paul*



PA gymnast Hana Phaneuf performed well at the states and got fourth on the floor with a 9.1.

DI Skiing

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team, and individually Ava Sezgin was the quickest PA racer with times of 32.64 and 33.02 for a combined 1:05.66 (13th overall). Madeline Frank came in 18th overall with 1:09.61. Annabel Veale was 22nd at 1:12.63. Hannah Flagg had a 1:14.80 (27th) and Teagan

Stinson finished with a 1:19.35 (38th).

The next day, the Astro males ranked eighth in the Giant Slalom, with Chris Bennett having an outstanding day and finishing in fourth place overall and first for the team with times of 34.28 and 33.99 to total 1:08.27. Colton April was second for PA at 1:16.05 (25th). Anthony Terrile fin-

ished 51st with 1:23.66 and Jackson Kuncik was right behind him with 1:24.41 (52nd).

In the Slalom, the Astros Boys ranked fourth as a team, but Bennett led the entire field with times of 26.27 and 26.30 for an extraordinary combined time of 52.57. With that, he took the number one spot out of the 82 skiers.

With Bennett's fourth place in the Giant Slalom and first place in Slalom he became the states overall 2021 champion and will be able to compete at the Meet of Champions.

Colton April came in 10th overall at 1:01.41. Anthony Terrile was 42nd at 1:17.68 and Jackson Kuncik finished with a 1:34.39 for the 54th spot in the field.



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Astros Girls Hockey Squad Starts with Two 11-1 Victories

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NUTFIELD NEWS

With the first six games of the Pinkerton Academy Girls Hockey team's season

being cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, the Lady Astros were more than a little eager to get their third season going.

This became quite

apparent as the beat up on a far less-experienced Kingswood Regional High School team, winning 11-1 in two separate games.

In the first game, on Wednesday night, Feb. 10, in Wolfeboro, junior captain Molly Fahey led the way by getting her first hat trick of the season in the first.

Jordan Wasiejko followed her lead by scoring two goals of her own. Maddie Gibeault added another in that period.

Fahey had two assists, Wasiejko had one assist, Riley Dunn had 1 assist, Kelsey Levesque had an assist along with an assist by Lauren Riviere.

In the second period, freshmen Riley Dunn got her first goal of her high school career and Gibeault got her second goal of the game. Emily Buckley had an assist.

The scoring continued in the final period with Kelsey Levesque getting two goals and Emily Buckley adding another. Assists went to Wasiejko,



Astros junior center Jordan Wasiejko contributed to the teams two wins last week with a number of goals and assists. Photos by Chris Paul



Junior captain Molly Fahey had a hat trick during the teams first game of the season.

Fahey and Riviere.

In the second game, played at home, on Saturday, the score ended exactly the same also gave the team a chance to honor their senior members before the game.

Once again, the first period started with a hat trick, this time by Gibeault.

Dunn and Wasiejko also

contributed goals in the first period. Chloe Laborgne had two assists and one assist each went to Gibeault, Riviere, Buckley and freshmen Jordyn Gravel-Maher.

The second period had senior Riviere getting her first goal of the season. Levesque, Fahey, Wasiejko and Dunn also added goals in that period.

Riviere had two assists and Fahey, Levesque, Gibeault and senior Goalie, Kylie Coupal, had assists.

Senior Maddie Knight was the only one to score in the third to finish the 11-1 victory.

The team is scheduled to play two games against Bedford and one against St. Thomas this week.

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DERRY

Manga/Anime Take & 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 derypub.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 continue 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 derypub.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 end on April 2. Call the library to register or for more information.

Taylor Library Pick up

The Taylor Library is open for curbside pickup only. Call the library for curb 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

Democratic Town Caucus

The Chester Democratic Town Caucus will be held on Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m., will be a virtual meeting: All registered Democrats in Chester, are eligible to vote in the caucus elections for town Democratic committee officers and for Chester, delegate to the Democratic State Convention. Offices to be elected are Chester Town Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. For more information, call Russ Norman, at 603-887-6005 or email russn303@comcast.net.

Gnome Craft

On Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m., make a little adorable gnome at the Chester Library. Registration Is Required by

calling 887-3404.

Mandalorian Escape Room

A Mandalorian themed Escape Room will be open on Mondays in February at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Can you solve the puzzles? Mando and Kuiil need your help. Registration Is Required by calling 887-3404.

Among Us Party! (All Ages)

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us! app on your device before the event and come play with the Chester Library on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. (This event is for all ages) 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.

HAMPSTEAD

Northern Lights Drawing

The Hampstead Library's Teen Takeaway this month is a Northern Lights Chalk Drawing. Hampstead teens can create their own beautiful northern lights skyscape with an array of chalk colors against a dark sky background. The craft is for students in grades five and up, no registration is required.

The kit is available at the Library's Curbside Pickup table, starting the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 24 and for as long as supplies last.

Create & Donate

The Hampstead Public Library in collaboration with Stitched With Love Hampstead offers a special Create & Donate craft, available starting Tuesday, March 2. Each no-sew Pet Bed kit includes materials and instructions. This is your chance to help animals in need. Bring the finished pet bed back to the Library by the end of March. All beds are donated to shelters in New Hampshire, with the help of Stitched With Love. There are a limited number of kits. Please reserve your pet bed craft in advance; register now via the Events Calendar on HampsteadLibrary.org.

Red Cross Blood

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Feb. 19, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Snowman Hunt

All ages are welcome.

The Hampstead Public Library is distributing large snowman coloring sheets starting Wednesday, Feb. 17. Color, personalize, and hang your snowperson in your window or on your door. Display it through February 28. Take a family drive around town to find other snowmen. If you email your street name to youthservices@HampsteadLibrary.org, the librarian will compile a list of streets and post it on social media Feb. 22. The list can also be emailed upon request. Adults without kids can participate too. Look for the rolled coloring sheets at the Library's Curbside Pickup table starting Feb. 17. Businesses in Hampstead are also welcome to participate, please email youthservices@HampsteadLibrary.org for more information.

Lenten Discussion Groups

All are invited to join Hampstead Congregational Church's Lenten discussion groups. We will be meeting online for six weeks on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., beginning on Feb. 22. The booklet "Living Well Through Lent 2021" will guide our discussions on how to listen and live well this year. No prior experience in groups or a faith community is needed. To receive more information and a copy of the booklet, please email or call Rev. Kathy Youzwak, the pas-

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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.

Puzzles

Puzzle lovers, the Hampstead Public Library has over two dozen puzzles you can borrow. From a 48-piece dinosaur to 1000-piece challenges, we have puzzles for you. There are also 100, 300, and 500-piece puzzles you can borrow. You can find the list in the Library's catalog; look for the Jigsaw Puzzle section under the Visual search tab, or ask a librarian. Want a little extra? Find online puzzles at www.jigsawplanet.com/hampsteadnhlibrary. Using a click and drag method you can assemble library related puzzles. More will be added to the selection soon.

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

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SANDOWN

Voter Registration

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Trivia Game

Which nursery rhyme is said to have been written as a protest against an export tax on fleece imposed in Britain? What is the name of the gas in the air that keeps us alive? A young hippopotamus is known as a what? Do YOU know the answers to these questions? Are you a Trivia Pro or just an Average Joe? Join in the fun as we play "... I Should Have Known That!" with the Sandown Library on Feb. 20, from 1 - 2 p.m., on Zoom. Teams will be created and zoom breakout rooms provided for each team to discuss their answers. Three rounds will be played with 10 questions in each round. A bonus round will be offered if there is time. Participants will be emailed the link to join this Zoom program. Contact Tricia

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YouTube - Story Time

In this pre-recorded Story time the Sandown Library explore early literacy skills, letter knowledge, and sound recognition, reading comprehension and vocabulary building. We do this through reading, reading, oral storytelling, poetry, fingerplays and rhymes. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary.us

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.

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.

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., for a child-centered, creative exploration. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated

into this program

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

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.

Monday 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: 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.

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

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.

REGIONAL

Covid-19 Relief Fund

To apply for financial assistance, call Community Health Services at (603) 425-2545. For holiday gifts, food and other types of assistance, call The Upper Room at (603) 437-8477 x 110.

OBITUARY

Jeffrey W. Duncan



Jeffrey W. Duncan, 31, of Derry, NH, born Jan. 11, 1990, died suddenly on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021. He was a devoted, loving, and beloved husband, son, brother, and friend to many.

Jeff is lovingly survived by his adoring wife, Corin (Barnes) Duncan of Derry, her daughters, Jamisen and Ivy, his parents, Douglas and Beatrice (Mathieu) Duncan of Natick, MA, his sister, Alison Duncan of Arlington, MA, his brother, Ben Duncan of Natick, MA, his in-laws, his nephew and niece, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Jeff was a gentle, kind soul who found friends wherever he went in life. He grew up in Natick and then lived in Reading, MA, for several years in his twenties. After Jeff found his own recovery from addiction, he became part of the recovery community and earned an associate degree in drug and alcohol counseling. He went on to work for a suboxone clinic for three years and continued to be active in helping other individuals. He found great purpose in the help he could offer to so many others in their own work toward recovery.

Jeff always had an incredible entrepreneurial spirit. In 2017, he moved to Derry and opened El Jefe Vapes in Milford, NH. He was passionate about vaping as an option to help people avoid the dangers of cigarette smoking.

Jeff had a large and loving extended family and countless friends, and he loved gathering with them. Jeff was particularly attached and devoted to his dogs. He loved watching sports and had many happy memories attending Bruins and Patriots games with his wife, brother, and cousins. Another passion of Jeff's was rehabbing cars, especially with his cousins.

Most of all, Jeff loved his wife, Corin. They were united in marriage on Dec. 31, 2019. They shared a love for music and the beach, traveling as often as they could to see their favorite bands in concert and to their favorite vacation spot in Myrtle Beach. Jeff adored Corin's daughters and loved spending time with them.

A memorial walk-through wake with the family was held on Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in support of Jeff's wife and her daughters at <https://everloved.com/life-of/jeffrey-duncan/>.

Jeff has touched so many lives and meant so much to so many. If you have memories or stories of Jeff you would like to share, please do so in the guestbook. The family would love to hear them.



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