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Joint Legislative Committee Discuss State Bills of Town, School Interest

John Seidenberg NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - Members of the Derry Town Council and School Board met jointly with the town's legislative delegation in Concord to monitor the status of bills with local impact. Council Chairman Jim Morgan was also named to lead the Joint Legislative Committee for the next year at the March 24 meeting.

One of the measures reviewed was HB 106, known as the solar 5 megawatts bill. It establishes procedures for municipal host generators of electrical energy.

When asked about the bill by Morgan, State Rep. David Milz (NH 6) said he on language that could affect hadn't seen the final version and didn't know yet if he would support it.

Rep. David Love, a cosponsor, told the committee the hang-up has been on group metering and costs being born by those who can't afford them.

He pointed to the Senate version, SB 109, which makes an exemption under net energy metering for group net metered facilities that generate electricity to offset electrical requirements for subdivision customers. These customers can be a city, town, county, school, or other specific entity.

Morgan said municipalities would like to work

anticipated savings to towns along with school boards taking advantage of the bill's provisions. He reminded legislators time is of the essence in meeting the goal of net zero compliance by 2025 on cost effective energy use by municipalities.

District 3 Councilor Neil Wetherbee added the council understands the issue over net metering but wants to focus on municipalities and schools to meet the legislation's intent to help taxpayers.

Morgan noted the town could build a facility at the transfer station or partner with someone who could use the tax advantages as a continued on page 7



Community Service Chester Lions Club member Sheryl Baker moves along a section of Route 102 on Saturday in Chester to help clean up trash after the winter season. The club does a five mile section every year as a service to the community. Photo by Chris Paul

Selectmen Approve Fireworks & Construction of Library Pavillion

JOHN SEIDENBERG NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Board of Selectmen held its bi-monthly meeting on April 12.

During the meeting Library IT Director Kate Thomas presented to the Board of Selectmen a prothe library.

Since the library is on Town owned property they needed to get permission from the Selectmen in order to be able to build the pavilion there.

She said that the main reason why they want to be able to add a pavilion to the library's property is posal to build a pavilion for because they won't have to

cancel different programming due to the weather like in the past.

For example she said that many programs had to be canceled last year due to the rain.

"Extending this space will allow another space for families in Hampstead to enjoy," Thomas said.

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Chester Selectmen Allow Town Fields To Be Used

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen held its weekly meeting on Thursday, April 15.

Victor Chounard, chair of the Chester Conservation Commission made the pitch to the board to allow them to spend conservation funds to purchase 20 acres of land.

He explained that the Commission negotiated a deal to buy the land owned by Michael and Wendy Ennis pending the Selectmen releasing the funds to allow them to purchase it.

The purchase amount was \$49,900.

He explained that the lar lot," he said. property is next to other conservation land that the liked most about the town owns which made them interested in talking to the owners about purchasing the land.

He said that the total During the meeting town owned land next to it is 120 acres and with the acquisition of the 20 acres they would then have 140 total acres of land in that area.

"It will ensure the residents of Chester that the land will be kept as open space and won't be developed," Chounard said.

Chounard said that him and three other conservation commission members visited the site and said that they liked it.

"We were impressed it's a really nice rectangu-

One thing that they property is that they will be able to expand their trails system with the new land. Chounard said that in fact the property already has a trail.

He explained that they also had a public hearing on it on April 13 and no one had any public comments about it before the Commission voted unanimously to come to purchase the property.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the funds be released so the Commission could purchase the property.

Another piece of business that the Selectmen had during the meeting continued on page 4

Sandown Conservation Commission Discusses Annual Fishing Derby

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Conservation Commission held its bi-monthly meeting on April 8.

During the meeting one of the topics that was discussed was in regards to the annual Sandown Fishing Derby.

The fishing derby will be taking place again this year after being canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

meeting, the fishing derby Brianna Butler chair announced to the board that Sal Genualdo, who allows the annual event to be hosted at his pond, said that he is willing to have it again this year.

"That's the biggest piece whether he's comfortable with it which he is," Brianna said.

One thing that was brought up previously was the idea of having people be required to register online this year so they can During a previous limit the number of partici-

pants due to COVID-19 online registrations and will be more people intersocial distancing guidelines and not be faced with the issue of having to turn anyone away the day of filling the online aspect," the event.

It was explained durservation Commission know that they would only Chair Brian Butler that be doing registrations they would in fact be going with online signups for the event this year.

He said that the Hampstead Conservation Commission is doing their annual fishing derby again this year and already had asked if they think that they

almost immediately sold out.

"They had no problem Brian said.

ing the meeting by Con- is to be able to let everyone online this year and they of participants this year.

> to turn anyone away at the door," he said.

One question that was

ested this year due to peomost of the last year due to the pandemic.

Brian said that they had He said that their goal to come up with a number and do online registrations despite that because of the COVID-19 restrictions.

He also said that they will be limiting the number are continuing to look for people who can volunteer 'We really don't want to help out with the fishing derby this year. Anyone that wants to volunteer to help or make a donation meeting is slated for April should contact them.

The Commission also approved spending up to ple having to be inside for \$280 for four hours of police detail during the annual fishing derby.

> The annual fishing derby is slated to take place on Saturday, May 15.

> In other news the Commision also approved the local Boy Scouts Troop to use the town forests for a camping trip on April 17 and 18.

> The next Sandown Conservation Commission 22 at 7 p.m.

ariance For Subdivision erry Zoning Board **Approves**

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the April 15 Dery Zoning Board meeting the Board heard one case.

During the meeting they heard a request for a variance made by James Low, the Executor of the Samuel Low Estate.

The request was to allow the 5 Hillside Ave property to be subdivided into two lots, without having enough frontage.

One question that was asked by Derry Zoning Board member Craig Cor-

bett was why didn't they subdivide it before and wanted to do it now. Charlie Evans who was at the meeting representing the Low family said that the Lows have owned the property since the 1940s.

Evans explained that they are trying to maximise the property, saying that Low has seven children, 20 grandchildren and great grandchildren and that it is possible that a family member would want to live in the house that is built one day.

"It's part of the reason why they wanted to subdi-

vide it," Evans said.

Another question that was asked was whether or not they are planning on building a new driveway or if they were planning on going with a shared driveway for the property.

Derry Code Enforcement Director Robert Mackey said that subdivisions are required to have their own driveways meaning that they would have to get a waiver from the planning board if they decided to go with a shared driveway.

Evans said that he wasn't sure at the time what was.

Derry Zoning Board member Craig Corbett said that the Low family sent letters to the abutters and four out of the five of them said that they were in support of the variance.

The one abutter that was against the variance was Robert Carlton, who explained that his house is in between the current house and the location where they are proposing to build the new house.

Carlton said that he sent a letter to the Low family offering to buy a subset of the land to add to their own lot.

He noted that the Low family had plenty of years to do something with the

saying that if they saw the benefit of doing so they would've done so while they were living there.

"They obviously didn't want to break out the lot while they lived there," he said.

He said that his main concern is that it wouldn't be conformed to the rest of the neighborhood.

"We've done a lot of work to make our house fit into the character of the neighborhood. We want to stay there for a long time and we feel that a house on this lot would be detrimental to our enjoyment of our home and what we expect from our neighborhood,"

he said.

their plan for a driveway property but didn't want to, mately approved the variance with a vote of 3-2.

One of the Zoning Board members that voted against the variance was Corbett.

"I don't see that it fits the spirit of the ordinance," he said.

The other Zoning Board member who voted against the variance was **Donald Burgess**

"I don't think it's within the public interest," Burgess said.

The two conditions that were placed on the variance was getting all state and town permits, and getting their plan approved by the planning board.

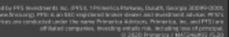
The next Derry Zoning Board meeting is slated for Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m.

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Chester 300th Anniversary Committee Member Resigns

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER- During the April 13 Chester 300th Anniversary Committee meeting one of the main things discussed was a proposal for a photographer for its events, during the anniversary celebrations.

It was explained by Committee member Nancy Jolin that they received a proposal from a woman in town who aside from being a professional photographer she is also a professional drone pilot.

and drone photography at any of our events," she said.

Jolin said that she gave them a 25% discount for her normal hourly rate, and they estimated that they would have about 50 hours of total events that they would want photos taken at.

This means that the proposal for all the events would be \$4,500.

One question that was asked by Committee member Sue Reiter was if they would have to pay an additional fee for high resolution photos. She asked "She'll be able to do because in order to use the

both regular photography photos for printed materials they will need them to be high resolution which is one of the main reasons why they sought out a professional photographer.

> Joslin said that when she talked to the photographer she said that she would be willing to go to one of their meetings to answer questions from the Committee.

Committee Chairman Jean Methot said that he would like her to come to one of their meetings because he wants to know about the cost for high resolution photos.

"I think that would be fantastic because I would like to know," Methot said. He said that he had

other questions for the photographer as well.

"I had quite a few questions myself," he said.

One member of the Committee Chris Hadik said that he was concerned about the high cost of the proposal and asked if they would be doing anything like selling commenartive dvds with the photos on them.

"This is a lot of money and is it something we really need or do we plan on recouping this," he asked.

Stuart asked if they know whether or not they would have the rights to use the photos for anything they want.

Jolin said that the photographer would have copyrights of the photos but the Committee would be allowed to use the photos for however they wish.

"As long as we have the right to use it in any way we want at any time then I don't see an issue with that," he said.

It was ultimately decided by the Committee that they would table the decision until the next meeting when they can have the pho-

Committee member Ed tographer come to the meeting to answer any questions that they may have.

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During the meeting the Committee also announced that they had a resignation from Jack Cannon.

While they ultimately decided to talk about how they would be finding a replacement for Cannon during an executive session, Treasurer Rhonda Lamphere said that they will also need to find a new vice chairman for the Committee since he held that title.

The next 300th Anniversary Committee meeting is slated for April 27 at 7 p.m.

Anne Kelly Picked as Barka Elementa Assistant Principal

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the April 13, Derry School Board meeting, the board, along with the Derry Education Association signed their contract agreement.

The one-year agreement was approved by voters during the election earlier this year.

In addition to the teachers union contract the board also signed the agreement between the Board and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council No. 93, Local 1801

Like the teachers union contract the contract was approved by voters at the Town Meeting.

Derry School Board Vice Chair Derick Anderson said that due to

will renegotiate again this fall

Come this fall Ernest P. Barka Elementary School will have a new assistant principal. This is because current assistant principal David Brown was named the next principal of the school.

The move came after current principal Daniel LaFleur announced his retirement

During the meeting Superintendent MaryAnn Conors-Krikorian nominated Anne Kelly to be the next assistant principal.

Kelly during the meeting explained that she graduated from the University of New Hampshire receiving her masters degree and from there took elementary school an teaching job in Hawaii.

She said that after COVID-19 they decided to teaching there for one year

strike a one year deal and her school ended up closing which led her to taking immediately impressed by a job on a Marine Corps Base where she ran a child development center.

> After being there for about two and a half years she said that she decided to move back to New Hampshire where she worked in Nashua and New Market before taking a job as an assistant principal at Hooksett Memorial School where she has been for the past seven years.

Kelly said that she has seen everything that they have done in the Derry School District

"I was ready for a change. I was really excited for the opportunity to come and work at Barka."

Kelly said that she had the opportunity to visit the school about two weeks ago ago where she got to meet students, staff and parents.

She said that she was the school.

"It was such a welcoming and wonderful environment I immediately felt at home. I'm excited to be a part of the Barka family," she said.

Brown said that they are very fortunate that they were able to find a high caliber candidate for the position.

"Were super fortunate Erika Cohen said followto have Kelly join the ing the vote. Barka family," he said.

"She's going to fit in great," he added.

The School Board unanimously approved making Kelly the next assistant principal at Ernest P. Barka Elementary School.

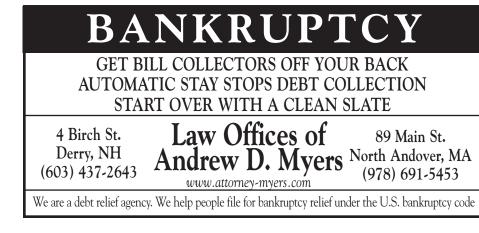
"We're really happy to have you, the kids are really lucky to have you," Derry School Board Chair

In other personal news the School Board accepted the resignation of School District Psychologist Kelly Hogan, and the resignation of Derry Village Elementary School Special Education Facilitator Deidre Smith.

The next Derry School Board meeting is slated for Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial "April Showers Bring May Flowers"

April is coming to an end we still have our boots, umbrellas, and rain ponchos out for the rainy or even snowy days.

The age-old saying "April Showers Bring May Flowers" still holds true today. But where did this saying originate? The saying originated from a poem that dates back to the year 1157 that was written by Thomas Tusser. The line in the poem is: "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers".

If we travel back in time a bit further to the end of the 14th Century, the poet, Geoffrey Chaucer, had this to say about the month of April, in his famous collection of stories entitled, "The Canterbury Tales."

Chaucer's version in translation is: "When in April the sweet showers fall, That pierce March's drought to the root and all, And bathed every vein in liquor that has power, To generate therein and sire the flower".

Although it may be said Thomas Tusser is the father of this saying, Geoffrey Chaucer is certainly the creator.

The idea was likely posed to urge us out of the depression that looms during the long hard winter and dreary, rainy months of early spring. We are encouraged to look forward to the month of May and the sunny and much more pleasant weather ahead.

Thinking about other sayings like: "weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning"; "there is a silver lining after each dark cloud"; and "this too shall pass".

The reality of death producing new life parallels with spring the thought of sunshine following a season of gloom and sadness.

The idea of this saying "April showers brings May flowers" shadows what we are all experiencing right now.

It is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the virus of 2020, will pass and we can hope and expect enjoyable times in the near future. "Light at the end of the tunnel" and "a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow" all apply.

Looking forward to "May flowers" and happier days ahead is on all of our minds.

"April showers bring May flowers" is also a lesson in patience, and one that remains valid today. Many of life's greatest things come only to those who wait, patiently.

Take in the sights and smells of May and the rebirth of life. After all, if you have an optimistic outlook positive thing are sure to happen.

Remember these things: "there has never been a wind that did not change directions, clouds do not hang forever and April showers bring May flowers.

The point here is that after all this we will come out better prepared and stronger. Sometimes you have to go though something hard to truly understand what is most important



Is this for the best?

To the editor

Gov. Sununu announced that as of April 16, 2021 the statewide mandate to wear face masks in public will no longer be required. Private businesses, cities, towns, and organizations have the option to continue to require wearing face masks.

The reasons given for this decision were: the lowering of the average of 7 days daily deaths, manageable hospitalizations, and 70% of people age 65 and over having been vaccinated.

To some, these numbers may justify this decision. However, COVID-19 cases have been increasing, hospitalizations increased 20% over the last two weeks and, more importantly, the goal for herd COVID-19 remain high

Letters

State of New Hampshire's population has not been reached. Since the State has not met the immunity level that scientists say needs to be met in order for citizens to return to our normal daily lives, this decision by the Governor is premature and not in the best interest of our citizens. Additionally, for businesses, cities and towns, not requiring masks that protect the public's health and safety may put them in a precarious position if the virus surges again.

Dr. Benjamin Chan, the States Epidemiologist has stated," The lifting of the mandate does not diminish the importance of wearing a face mask. The threat to health from COVID-19 is real. Even as restrictions are reduced, we are still in a pandemic and levels of

immunity for the entire across the State. Therefore, we ask that people continue to take steps to protect their own health, the health of their family and friends, and the health of their community."

> It is incumbent on our elected officials to have the public's interest and safety as their priority in making decisions.

> The reasoning behind the Governor's decision simply begs the question. Was this done in the interest of the lives and safety of New Hampshire citizens or based upon political motivations or political influence?

> Given the impact and consequences of this decision on the lives and welfare of our citizens. Can we be certain that our best interest are being served?

Mary Eisner Derry

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Chester

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revolved around allowing the use of town fields again.

During the previous meeting it was brought up by Chester Recreation Director Corinna Reishus that there have been requests made for the fields and other outdoor facilities including for an upcoming wedding over the covered bridge at Wasson Pond.

Her recommendation is that they would allow Chester Schools and Chester Baseball to begin using the field right away and allow any outside groups to start using the fields starting on May 1.

The Selectmen after that he thought it was discussing it at the last meeting decided to wait a week to see if Governor Chris Sununu would decide to let the Executive Order in regards to mandatory mask wearing expire or continue it.

At their meeting on April 15 it was hours before the order was set to expire and the Governor made it known that he was going to let it expire. Selectmen Chuck

Myette said that he thought it would be a voted to require that good idea to start allowing the fields in town to be used.

"I think it makes sense to open up the outdoors recreation areas," he said. Myette pointed out at 7 p.m.

important however, that they require people to either follow the CDC guidelines or the rules put in place by the athletic leagues whichever is more strict.

It was ultimately decided that they would allow the fields to start being used as long as the CDC guidelines were followed, and they kept the amount of people to 100 people or less.

The Selectmen also masks continued to be required inside the Municipal Building.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for April 22

Steven Winter Welcomed as New Hampstead School Resource Officer

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board held its bi-monthly meeting on April 13. The meeting was the first meeting that they have held in person since having their meetings virtually due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

During the meeting the Board welcomed its new school resource officer Steven Winter. Winter replaced Officer Mark Conway.

he came to Hampstead from Sandown where he was a police officer for 12 years.

He said that he is excited to be in his new position.

"I really look forward to working with you this school year. It's going to be great," he said.

During the meeting Hampstead School Board Chair David Smith said that they are excited to have Winter become part of the school district.

"We're all really enthu-

looking forward to having you," he said.

Following the meeting Smith said that he is looking forward to building upon the partnership that they started during the time Conway was in the position.

"We are very excited to have Officer Winter be the new SRO and to build upon a great partnership that Officer Conway started," he said.

Also during the meeting the School Board invit-

Winter explained that siastic about this. We're ed soon to be first Hampstead School District Superintendent Robert Thompson to the meeting to introduce himself. He is expected to begin officially starting on July 1.

> Thompson has served as Assistant Superintendent in Hollis Brookline since 2019. His educational leadership experience also includes Principal of Hollis Brookline Middle School and Dean of Students at Souhegan High School.

> Thompson said that he was very happy that they were able to have the meeting in person.

"I've known some of you only through Zoom," he said. "This is a step in the right direction and we're on the right track. I'm confident in that."

Because as of July 1 the school district will no

longer be a part of the Timberlane Regional School District and instead will be an independent school district for the first time, he said that their main task right now in the transition is assembling a District Administration Team.

"We have some critical leadership positions we need to fill and we need to fill it now," he said.

"The transition has begun," he said.

Despite the challenges ahead Thompson said that he is excited to join the team. One piece of new business that the School Board had during the meeting was in regards to the 2021-2022

School District Calendar. The board heard three different recommendations from the school district administration.

ultimately the only difference between the three options was the start date. The recommendation that the school administration advised them to go with was to have the start date after Labor Day on Sept. 7. The main reason for this is because of the school construction taking place at the Central School this summer and by having it after Labor Day, it wouldn't interfere with the construction.

School Board member Caitlin Parnell made a motion that they send it for a second read for a later meeting to make sure nothing changes before then instead of voting on it during the meeting.

"We don't lose anything by going to a second read," she said.

The Board unanimous-It was explained that ly approved the motion.

Derry Municipal Water System Flushing Program made to flush the main DERRY - The Town of across the town. Heavy

water lines throughout the Town's Municipal Water Distribution System between Sunday evening April 25 and Friday morning May 7, between the hours of 10 p.m., and 6 a.m. The core water system flushing is being conducted late evenings to minimize inconvenience to customers.

This work is deemed necessary to maintain the water quality throughout town.

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Community Garden Coming to Hampstead Food Pantry

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD- About eight months ago Hampstead resident and current School Board Chair David Smith began looking around on different Facebook pages in town to find out what other people in the community do in regards to gardening.

He quickly realized that there weren't any community pages in Hampstead dedicated to gardening.

That's when he decided

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The Board of Select-

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page Hampstead NH Veggie Club.

A few months later Jim Carey, the Director of St Anne's Food Pantry reached out on the Facebook page to ask if anyone in the group would be interested in helping with creating a community garden for the food pantry at St. Anns and quickly Smith agreed to help organize it.

"What we talked about was bringing a community garden to St. Ann's this year," Smith said.

Carey explained that

goal.

"The concept of a community garden serving both the guests of our food pantry as well as the community has been a long term goal. Deciding this was the year to get started, reached out via social Ι media and the rest is history. We had a tremendous response from all parts of the community to help out which told me our original goal was right on track. We certainly hope to engage our guests in help-

are also on the same day as

the Hampstead Civics Club

ready to make a final deci-

sion about whether or not

they could have the festival

due to it requiring a lot more

logistics in terms of socially

distancing and following

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freshly grown vegetables in the fall so giving them some ownership of the process and teaching skills," Carey said.

Smith explained that their goal is to start with the garden this summer to provide vegetables to the community food pantry and from there expand. He said that their hope is either summer or next year to be able to allow people in the community to use it as a community garden where people can grow their own

The annual fireworks Fridays which is in line with the state requirements.

It was discussed that by having the agendas posted sooner they would be able to allow for more transparency of what they will be discussing at their upcoming meeting and will allow people more time to be able to attend meetings if they are interested in a certain topic.

It would also allow for people to ask more questions to town staff by having it posted on Thursdays since typically right now the town hall closes shortly after they post the agenda.

The next Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for May 26 at 7 p.m.

to create the Facebook having a community gar- ing to "tend" the garden vegetables if they don't will be growing "anything to be able to have a garden.

Another idea that they are exploring is having an area there set up for kids to be able to learn how to garden

Smith explained that they created a 80x80 spot for the garden to start off with and just broke ground on it last weekend.

He said that the work isn't over yet though.

Smith said that the effort to get the garden ready will be a full community effort.

"There's a lot of work to do," Smith said.

Smith said that they will be having a community event on Saturday, April 17 where they are asking volunteers in the community to come with the different tasks needed to get the garden ready. He said that Carey is going to be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers for volunteers that how they can donate time, come to help that day.

"We're going to create the food pantry's first ever community garden," Smith said.

Smith said that they NH Veggie Club.

den has been a long term and allow them to harvest have enough land at home you can think of," at the garden.

> He said so far they have two to three dozen people who have signed-up to help on the 17 but they are hoping for even more.

> "Community members are coming together and saying 'how can I help, this is a great thing to do in our community," Smith said.

> He also explained that aside from offering help with the labor side of things people and organizations have offered their assistance.

> This includes a carpenter in town who has offered to create what would normally be a community library box and instead of people being able to give extra books and take books, people will be able to donate their extra seeds and people will be able to take some.

> "People have asked money, resources," Smith said.

> For updates about the community garden visit the Facebook page Hampstead



OBITUARY Robert V. "Bob" Kokinda, Sr.

Robert V. "Bob" Kokinda, Sr., 67, of Derry, NH died Friday April 9, 2021 at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Kokinda was born in Hazleton, PA on May 18, 1953, a son of the late Michael "Waa" and Margaret (Mehalko) Kokinda.

Bob was a long-time employee of Malden Mills and enjoyed sharing his love and knowledge of weaving looms. He was always known for his wonderful sense of humor and ability to make anyone laugh. He was a proud American and patriot. Also an avid gun enthusiast, he enjoyed target shooting with his children before his illness.

He is survived by his two children, Robert V. Kokinda, Jr. of San Diego, CA, and Brianne Kokinda of Londonderry; one sister, Shirley Ciculya of Hazleton, PA; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two siblings, Michael Kokinda, and Rosemary Kerr.

Following cremation, the family will hold private memorial services at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

Hampstead cussed the upcoming fireworks display that is scheduled to take place Thomas said that they this summer on June 26. plan on getting all of their

Board of Selectmen Administrative Assistant Sally Theriault explained that by the end of June about 72 percent of the community should receive their CO-VID-19 vaccination based on current projections and at that point a good portion of those who want to be vaccinated will be.

"The figures look pretty good," she said.

She said that while the fireworks are a couple of months away they need to let the fireworks company soon if they want to go with the fireworks or not.

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private entity.

SB 116 on the construction of the new exit 4A on I-93 between Derry and Londonderry passed the Senate. The NH Department of Transportation is expected to move on this long awaited project, said State Sen. Regina Birdsell.

She urged Derry to closely follow what happens particularly in relation to the 10year plan for the state when it is next reordered.

Milz who sits on the public works and highways committee said DOT is working on the money and the entire project may be less than a year behind.

Both Derry and Londonderry are only responsible for \$5 million of the cost, Birdsell said. DOT has now been approached about naming rights for the exit.

SB 87 pertaining to water wielding would allow Derry to take funds it raises from wielding water to Windham and Salem for servicing municipal water sources: 50% of revenue is moved to the water fund while another half goes to town economic development.

This also is an important revenue source for infrastructure changes and sewer projects, Morgan said. The bill passed the Senate and is in committee in the House.

SB 82, which the Senate also approved and remains before the House, addresses kindergarten rei- mbursement. The measure would bring approximately \$510,000 to Derry schools, said School Board Chair Erika Cohen. It removes a lag year in state reimbursement for full-day kindergarten.

Another school-related proposal, SB 135, sets which average daily membership in attendance (ADMA) rate will be used to calculate adequate education costs.

Under the bill, the commissioner of education would compare the ADMA of the 2019-20 and 2020-

OBITUARY Carlo "Carl" Gagliardi



Carlo "Carl" Gagliardi, 89, of Derry, NH, died Thursday, April 8, 2021 in the Windham Terrace in Windham, NH. He was born on Oct. 27, 1931 in East Boston, MA, where he attended East Boston High School. He was a 22-year veteran of the

United States Air Force. Trained as a jet engine technician, he served with the Strategic Air Command maintaining intercontinental bombers on readiness during the Cold War in bases from Alaska to Georgia. He later supervised the maintenance of some of the Air Force's most advanced tactical fighters in air bases like Torrejon, Spain, where he was promoted to Wing Sergeant Major. During his career, Gagliardi was also assigned as a military advisor to the Royal Saudi Air Force of Saudi Arabia. After retiring from the Air Force at Hanscom Air Force Base, MA, he opened his own appliance repair business in Derry. He was a lifelong member of the Air Force Sergeant's Association. Carl was known to have a very witty sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mary Monello Gagliardi of Derry; his four sons, Carl Gagliardi of Dayton, OH, Alan Gagliardi and Gary Gagliardi both of Derry, and Ronald Gagliardi of Myrtle Beach, SC; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; his sisters, Sarah Gagliardi Hanlon and Patricia Gagliardi Forlizzi both of Lynn, MA; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Tony, Frank, Angelo, and Albert.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be to Alzheimer's at act.alz.org/site/TR/Walmade k2020/General?team_id=676905&pg=team&fr_id=14512 #team-roster. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

21 school years and use the greater enrollment to calculate FY 2022 education grants. It passed the Senate and is before the House.

With the new federal rule everyone can have free lunch, Cohen pointed out, families are not signing up for free and reduced lunch. "So the numbers we have no longer reflect our true need in town."

For future projects, the School Board is following HB 594 for school building aid to allocate town needs.

SB 130, the school voucher bill, represents a difficult program for public schools because of uncertainty over financing and downshifting through hav-

ing greater retirement costs, Cohen emphasized. In ordinary times Derry

would have around 100 home school students that might not affect the number of students but would pose a budget number that would be hard to make up, she said.

If the schools lost \$400,000 due to vouchers, that is the equivalent of 5teachers.

The meeting discussion also turned to other funding issues and the state's retirement system.

Morgan noted that he hears from legislators that the state has no-say in local government contracting. With the state mandating

said, downshifting costs means more of the burden falls on property taxpayers.

While the retirement system is the state's, it originally was designed as an incentive to get municipalities involved, Birdsell said. It was not intended to be half paid by the state. The system is now about \$6 billion in the hole.

Rep. Stephen Pearson disputed that the state's cost of living adjustment (COLA) added substantially to the problem. The 2019 COLA did not go to anyone with a six-figure salary. It was intended for those making \$50,000 or less.

more local funding, he cent on average is being paid out. Those making \$100,000 did receive a COLA but only on the first \$30,000, she added.

> Derry has little commercial development and has to rely on property taxes, and the equalized value per pupil defines much of that, Cohen said.

> On a school funding bill that was retained in committee, Rep. Erica Layon noted HB 608 was designed to return money to property poor towns with a much lower equalized valuation per student. Despite increasing funding, she said, Derry was poised to lose \$1.2 million based on this equation.

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Andrew Hadik said that

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Birdsell said 5.5 per-

Planning Board Approves Short Term Rental

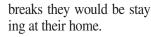
ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Planning Board had hearings for two proposals for approval during the April 7 meeting.

One of the applicants that came to the Board was to allow their home to be used as a short-term rental property.

The proposal, made by Jacob and Lauren Josef, would be to allow their home at 87 Harantis Lake Rd., to be used as a shortterm rental between Labor Day and May 31 each year.

It was explained by the couple that they work at Phillips Exeter Academy which requires them to live on campus for a period of time when they first start working there. Their idea is to be able to rent it out when they aren't there and



One suggestion made by Board of Selectmen Liaison, Chuck Meyette, was to change the dates to Sept. 1 -May 31 instead of Labor Day.

Some of the other regulations for the short-term rental includes having evening noise and music curfews of 8 p.m. Sunday -Thursdays, and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays. Amplified music will also be prohibited.

Josef said that they also have house rules that discuss noise.

"We have very similar hours to your proposal," he said.

The five-bedroom home will have a maximum number of guests at 10 and five vehicles will be allowed.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the shortterm rental of the home.

The couple was also are on campus. During their given a variance by the



breaks they would be stay- Chester Zoning Board of closed on Sunday. Adjustments to allow them she would be there on to have short-term rentals Mondays and Tuesdays, at their home.

Second proposal the Board heard at the meeting was in regards to allowing 'DC Hair Design' at 15 Chester St., which is a former woodworking shop.

It was explained by the applicant, Diane Crespo, that she is looking to operate a two-station/chair hair salon with a shampoo sink at the location.

The proposed hours of the hair salon are for Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and on Saturdays they would be open from 10 a.m. ning Board meeting is slat-



Chester Lions Club and Scouts Provide Community Service



Members of the Chester Lions Club and BSA Troop 402 of Derry and Chester gathered at the Chester Skate Park to establish a game plan to clean trash from the center of town to the Raymond line on Route 102. The group divided up and tackled half mile sections. The Lions have been cleaning this five-mile stretch annually for over twenty years. They enlisted the help of a few youngsters this year to help with the massive undertaking. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Lacrosse team finally got to hit the field and begin their quest to three-peat as the Division I Champions.

The Astros were forced to sit out last year's season due to COVID-19, but they seem to have picked up right where they left off two years ago, outscoring there two opponent 46-9.

In the first game back, on Tuesday, April 13, at their second consecutive Salem High School, Pinkerton walked off the field after a dominating performance, outscoring the Blue Devils 17-2.

Hunter Drouin led the way with five goals, Riley Spellman and Liam Prescott each had three,

Michael Uber and Joey two and Joey Gallo, Aidan Gallo had two each and Aidan Price and Colby Gagnon got a goal a piece.

In goal, Curtis Michaud only had to make one save, while Tyler LeBlanc made three.

The outcome of the following game, on Thursday, April 15, at home against the same opponent had nearly an identical finish as the Astros had their home opener against Salem.

Pinkerton handed Salem loss with a 17-1 victory, scoring seven times in the first, six in the second and two in each of the last two quarters.

Drouin led the offense once again with five goals, Riley Spellman had three goals, Michael Uber had Price, Colby Gagnon, Jackson Morrissette, Mason Barbone.

Kyle Zirn, Garrett Mulhall each had a goal.

In goal, Michaud needed to make four saves while LeBlanc made three.

The Pinkerton boys finished off the week with a closer contest against the Bedford High School team on Saturday afternoon, April 17.

In their second home game the Astros came out a bit more tentative on both the offense and defensive side, but snapped out of it to start the second quarter.

The end result was a much tighter 12-6 win for the defending state champions after starting the first quarter in a 2-2 tie. They



Astros senior attacker Hunter Drouin. left, was making up for lost time and had 15 goals in the team's first three games last week. Photo by Chris Paul

separated in the second, had yet another five-goal scoring six over the Bulldogs one goal and maintained that lead throughout the second half. Senior attacker Drouin

Joey Gallo added a goal Pinkerton. also.

Michaud made 11 saves game, while Riley Spell- in net for the victory. man, Mason Barbone and Freshman Cole Frank won Liam Prescott each had two. 17 of his 22 face-offs for

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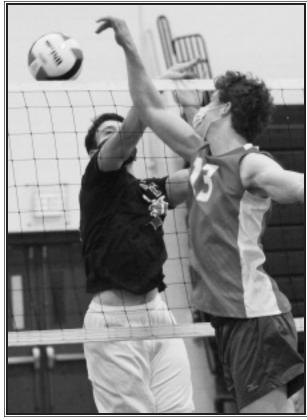
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Astros Volleyball Gets Season Opening Win Over LHS



Astros junior Adam Freiburger defends the net during the team's first game of the season last week against Londonderry. Photo by Chris Paul

NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Volleyball team was able to play its first match in over two years last week to kick off the 2021 season, on Tuesday afternoon, April 13, and despite getting off to a rather shaky start the crew was able to beat the Londonderry Lancer in four sets.

The team is being led this year by first-year head coach Justin Scott and the schedule had the team facing the Lancers and then waiting a week before facing the Salem Blue Devils in Salem.

The Lancer squad started strong with an 8-0 run in the first set on Tuesday, April 13, against the Astros and continued to control the momentum through that game, winning it 25-21.

The Astros squad then



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winning each of the following games 25-14, 25-15 and 25-19.

Newcomer, junior An-

with an impressive seven in assists with 22. kills against the Londonderry squad.

Senior Wil Mills had 9 drew Thompson began his kills in the win, while senior one ace in the victory.

took control of the match, first-ever volleyball match Lucas Lizotte led the team

Astros senior Alden Hirsch had nine digs and junior Adam Freiburger had

Lady Astros Lacrosse Team Starts Season with a Bang

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

After coming up just two goals shy of a state title two years ago against Bishop Guertin, the Pinkerton Academy Girls Lacrosse team has started the spring season with a vengence.

The COVID-19 Pandemic made the girls sit out an entire spring season last year and this year they've started out by outscoring two opponents 52-12 in their first three games.

The 2021 season started with a home game against the Salem High School Lady Blue Devils on Monday, April 12, where the Astros dominated in the scoring department, winning 19-0.

Senior goalie Naomi Menczywor only had to bat away one shot to get her first save as a varsity player.

The onslaught started with 11 goals in the first half, and continued into the second with the PA girls adding eight more for the victory.

The defensive play was led by senior Kristina Packowski, Liz Fournier, Emma Thompson, Hailey Davis, Emma Madsen and Erin Tewksbury who kept

Salem from having a shot on by Kristina Packowski, Liz goal in the first half and lim- Fournier, Emma Thompiting them to just one in the son, Hailey Davis, Emma second half.

Abby Jowett had five goals and one assist, Amy Quigley had three goals with three assists, Caroline Daziel had three goals with two assists and Ali Lamphere also added three goals and an assist. Catilyn Seleny, had two goals and Tatum Howe, Justine Doyle, Bella Pinardi each added a goal.

In the Thursday, April 15, game in Salem, the outcome was not much better for the Lady Blue Devils, although Salem did manage to get two goals by the PA defenders in this one.

The game started with another 11 goal first half for the Astros, with Salem scoring once.

The scoring came from a number of sources in the 19-2 PA victory.

Daziel had five goals with three assists, Lamphere added four goals and four assists, and Jowett had four goals and three assists.

Amy Quigley managed two goals and an assist, while Tatum Howe, Justine Doyle, Catilyn Seleny, Emma Madsen and Peyton Knowlton each had a goal The defensive play led second.

Madsen and Erin Tewksbury kept Salem from creating any significant offensive threats.

Lauren Sweeney made three saves in the first half in goal and Naomi Menczywor had two saves in the second.

To finish the week, the PA squad had a much tighter home contest on Saturday, April 17, against Portsmouth High School.

The Lady Astros won by a score of 14-10 in this one, but certainly had to battle for the victory.

Jowett was crucial to the win, by contributing 14 draw controls and five ground balls to help

the Astros keep possession from Portsmouth.

Daziel continued her scoring with five goals and three assists. Lamphere and Jowett added four goals in the win and combined for seven assists. Quigley added two gaols and an assist. Howe, Doyle, Seleny, Emma Madsen and Peyton Knowlton each had one goal.

Sweeney had three saves in the first half while Menczywor had two in the



Pinkerton Baseball Team Splits with Alvirne to Start Season

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

After what has seemed like ages, the Pinkerton Academy Varsity Baseball team was able to take the field in their first home game in over two years.

Steve Campo and his strong five-inning, 11 team suited up after the strikeout performance to two strikeouts in relief long-awaited return to spring sports in a home game against the Alvirne High School Broncos and managed to pick up a 3-1 victory.

Pinkerton junior Astros head coach pitcher Liam Doyle had a two RBI's in the win.

start the season and help solidify the first win for his team.

Fellow junior teammate, Reilly Beaulieu, led the way at the plate by going two for three with

answer back in the bottom

of that inning with Rachel

Kiesling walking, a Lily

Mason single and an Adi

Runge then scored on a

The Astros added a run

scored Ashley Lemay

Alvirne tied it up at

Pinkerton added a fifth

in the second inning on

Rachel Kiesling's single

who lead off with a walk.

four with a triple and a

run in the fourth on an

Ashley Lemay's triple and a second RBI single from

Runge double.

that

on the play.

Rachel Kiesling.

sac fly from Mason.

Junior Tom Rioux had and got the save.

Junior Nick Rioux, sophomore Jacob Albert and Rioux all added hits in the win.

The team's next game, against the same opponent, on Wednesday, April 12, in Hudson had the Astros dropping a tough 2-1 decision for their first loss of the young season.

Rioux took the mound as the starting pitcher this time and did his best to keep the Broncos offensive bats quite.

Rioux lasted six innings, and scattered just four hits in his outing while allowing just one earned run while striking out two batters.

Albert and Ethan Burgess managed two hits each on the offensive side and Cole Yennaco contributed a double to deep centerfield in the loss.



Astros junior pitcher Liam Doyle had a strong fiveinning, 11 strikeout performance to start the season against Alvirne. Photo by Chris Paul



Astros Softball Squad Gets New Coach to Start Season

Runge also contributed

In the second game

as the winning pitcher, she

took the mound as a reliev-

between the two teams, on

Wednesday, April 14, the

Lady Astros finally got the

chance to enjoy the new

turf field that was installed

in 2020. Unfortunately, the

field sat unused for the

2020 spring season due to

the COVID-19 Pandemic.

girls were able to edge out

the Lady Boncos by a slim

one-run margin, winning

In that game, the PA

The game started

er the final four innings.

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

After a long two-year wait, the Pinkerton Academy Softball team was finally able to take to their new diamond and begin their quest for a state title.

This year, longtime head coach Kristen Abbott was replaced by coach Tom Wall and the team certainly got off to a great start by outlasting the Alvirne High School squad in two meetings.

In the first game, hosted by the Lady Broncos in Hudson on Monday, April 12, the Lady Astos managed a two-run victory strong in the first inning behind some consistent offense and tough defense.

Pinkerton junior, Olivia Mason, led the offense with two hits, two runs and two RBI's. Freshmen Adi Runge contributed to the win with a big, two-run home run on the first pitch she was delivered as a varsity player in her very first





Pinkerton Tennis Teams Begin Season on Opposite Paths



Pinkerton senior captain Shaylee Nolan had four wins to start the season. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys and Girls Tennis teams headed in two different directions as the spring sports season got going last week

Both had two matches against Alvirne High School, both home and away, and the Lady Astros were able to come away with two victories while the boys suffered two defeats.

The Girls Tennis team's season started on Monday, April 12, opening at home with a 6-3 win over the Lady Broncos.

Junior Maddie Frank, had a rather impressive 8-2 win at Number One Singles spot. Senior Shaylee Nolan (#2) and Junior Skylar Levesque (#3) also matched with 8-2 wins of their own. Alvirne evened the match at 3-3 with their Number Four, Five and Six singles heading into doubles.

In doubles the tandem of Frank and Nolan led an Nolan once again led an Astros sweep of the match- Astros sweep of doubles on

Levesque and Sydney Pelletier earned an 8-4 win at the Number Two doubles slot. Closing out the match for the Astros were Madeline Donahue and Kaylee McMillan with an 8-6 win in the Number Three doubles spot.

On Wednesday, April 14, the team picked up another victory against the Lady Broncos, this time in Hudson. The Pinkerton girls had one match better than the previous meeting, winning 7-2.

Senior Captain Nolan notched her second win of the season with an 8-3 win at the Number Two Singles spot, Junior, Kaylee McMillan, was a key contributor on the day, avenging her season-opening loss with an 8-6 win at the Number Six singles slot. McMillan joined fellow Junior Madeline Donahue for an impressive 8-4 win at #3 doubles.

Co Captains Frank and

es with a dominant 8-0 win. the day, with a dominant 8-1 win at Number One Doubles. Finishinging out the day's score for the Lady Astros were juniors, Lesque shut out 9-0 in both their and Pelletier who earned a match on Monday and tough 9-7 win at Number Wednesday. Two Doubles.

The Astros Boys Tennis team did have the same result with the Broncos unfortunately, They were

Athletes of the Week

Week of April 12





last week. She helped her team's offense by either scoring or initiating nine of their 14 scoring plays. **Hunter Drouin** Senior, Boys Lacrosse

Caroline Daziel

Senior, Girls Lacrosse

and had five assists in the

teams win against Portsmouth

Daziel scored four goals

Hunter has 15 goals and eight assists in three games. The team went 3-0 during the first week of the season. First game - Five goals, Five assists. Second game - Five goals, two assists. Third game - Five goals, one assist.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

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Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Breakfast on April 25 from 9 - 9:30 a.m., at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS); Lunch on April 25 from 1:30 -2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Dinner on April 30 from 5 - 6 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Breakfast on May 1 from 10 - 10:30 a.m., at St. Thomas Parish; Lunch on May 9 from 2 -2:30 p.m., at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS); Breakfast on May 15 from 10 - 10:30 a.m., at St. Thomas Parish; Lunch on May 15 from noon - 12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's Church, drive around to back door; Dinner on May 28 from 5 - 6 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Lunch on May 30 from 1:30 -2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Sonshine Soup Kitchen - Will Be Serving Drive By To Go Meals On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, And Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

The Derry Garden Club's annual plant sale has been scheduled for June 5 at Robert Frost Farm in Derry from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The plants will be from members' gardens or donated by local gardeners, recently dug and repotted for sale. There will also be raffles and a used tool table. If you have plants from your garden you would like to donate, please call Sally at 603-432-7714 and she will schedule a "dig" time convenient for you. All Covid protocols will be followed and all proceeds benefit the Derry community. For more information check DGC's website at out www.DerryGardenClub.org

Kids Fish Derby

Derry Lions in partnership with Derry Parks and Recreation will once again be hosting the Kids Fish Derby at Hood Pond on Rollins street in Derry on Saturday May 1 from 8 a.m. - noon. CDC guidelines will be followed including masks and social distancing between family units. To assist with social distancing online registration is available until April 28 to reduce lines at 7:30 a.m., on the day of event. The

online link or path is below: www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation/news/derry-lions-fishing-derby. There is no cost although donations are accepted on May 1 to help defray the cost of the 400 trout we stock Participants must be 15 years old or younger per state law. There will be trophies in several categories including largest and smallest fish. Participant ribbons will be given to the first 100 anglers. There will be raffles for donated fish gear and a concession stand for light refreshments.

Environmental Scholarship

Once again the Derry Garden Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduated or soon to be graduate New Hampshire student who plans to pursue a career in Environmental Studies. This could include Botany, Landscape Design, Forestry, Horticulture or a variety of other subjects. Application and Procedure information is available on the Derry Garden Club webpage www.derrygardenclub.org or in the scholarship information available to students at Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School. Materials are due by May 1, to Kathy Lane, 51

Drew Woods Dr., Derry, NH.

Genealogy Series

Every other Tuesday night at 6 p.m., at the Derry Public Library Resident genealogy expert Erin hosts a session 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.

Taylor Library Open

Taylor Library is now open to the public by appointment. Call Library at 432-7186 to schedule a time. Library is still doing curbside pickups.

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.

Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at 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). Tiny Tot Storyhour

The Taylor library will be holding Tiny Tot Storyhour on Monday's at 10 a.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

CHESTER

Friends of Library Meeting

Join the Friends of Chester Library and help with fundraising to benefit the library at the monthly meeting on Monday, May 3 at 7 p.m. Interested in joining? Call 887-3404 for more information.

Egg Owls

Turn plastic Easter eggs into adorable owls, at the Chester Library on Thursday, May 6 at 4 p.m. Registration is required by calling 887-3404. This event is for children.

Duck Tape Pencil Holders

Create a handy pencil case out of Duck Tape at the Chester Library on Thursday, May 13, at 6 p.m. Registration is required by calling 887-3404. This event is for teenagers.

Book Group

The Chester Library Book Group will be discussing When We Believed in Mermaids by Barbara O'Neal, on Tuesday, May 18 at 1 p.m. New members are always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Board of Trustees Meeting will be offer and virtually

The Chester Library Tru-

nesday, May 12, at 6 p.m. Registration is required by calling 887-3404. This event is for adults. **Egg Ninjas Craft** Make wobbly ninjas out of Easter eggs and tape on Wednesday, May 19 at 4 p.m. with the Chester Library. Registration is required by

Knitting Group

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calling 887-3404. This event

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stees Meeting will be holding

their monthly meeting on

Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.

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teenagers. Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Teen Book Club

The Chester Library's Teen Book Club will be discussing The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes on Thursday, May 27 at 6 p.m. 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.

Container Gardening

This exciting FREE virtual lecture by local gardening expert Willa Coroka hosted by the Chester Library, will cover the basics of botany before diving into various garden designs that break the boundaries of limited space and time restraints on Thursday, April 29, at 6 p.m. Examples to include terraced, vertical, and hydroponic gardens as well asminiature water, up-cycled container, counter-top, and no-yard gardens. No space? No problem. As long as we remember to think outside the box. Virtual on Zoom. Registration is required at the following link: https://bit.ly/3qNRjJp or call 887-3404

Library Book Sale

The Friends of Chester Library will hold a Book Sale on Saturday, May 22 (Rain Date May 23) from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., on the Chester Public Library Lawn (behind library) Paperbacks \$.50, Hardcovers \$1, DVDs \$2, Puzzles \$1 or Free with \$5 purchase. Audios & TV series priced as marked. Can only accept cash or checks. No donations are being accepted.

Escape Room

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

HAMPSTEAD The Italian Feast

The Hampstead Knights of Columbus are planning to have their first ever Take Out Meal on Friday May 14. The Dinner will consist of Spaghetti, Meatballs, Sausage, Manicotti, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert. Dinner Orders need to be called in by noon on Wed May 12. Meals can be picked up behind St. Anne's Church between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Both Cash and Checks will be accepted. Make Checks payable to K of C Council 9058. Please call one of the following phone numbers to order your meals: St Anne's Parish 603-329-5886 and give your name, phone number & number of meals requested. You may also call or text the your name, phone number & number of meals requested to: Joe Tabbi at 231-1885 or Nick Maselli at 490-1507.

Meditation Class

Meditate into Spring with the Hampstead Public Library! Weekly Zoom Meditation Classes with librarian and certified meditation instructor, Sue Crump, have been extended into April. Classes are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Sign-up anytime via the Events Calendar on the Library website, and you'll receive class reminders with the Zoom link.

Browsing Appointments

Monday through Saturday, for Hampstead Library cardholders we will be offering Browsing Appointments. Schedule a 30-minute appointment online via www.HampsteadLibrary.org or call 603-329-6411. Cardholders can come alone or bring members of their family or 'pod.' Face coverings must be worn in the building at all times. Librarians are here to help. Curbside Pickup services continue Monday through Saturday. Staff can also help with remote and curbside print/scan/fax requests.

Ancestry.Com

Free remote access for Hampstead Public Library users has been extended through June 30. Research family

history from the comfort of your home, by opening Ancestry.com through the Library website. In the upper right corner of HampsteadLibrary.org, click "My Account." Find "Ancestry Library Edition" in the Links box on the catalog homepage. If you need assistance or a password for your Library account, please call 603-329-6411 or email circulation@HampsteadLibrary.org.

SANDOWN

Fun with Science

Join the Sandown Library for Fun with Science on Wednesday, April 28, from 4 5 p.m. An Egg Drop Challenge will be done. Can you construct a container that will protect an egg from cracking when dropped from a height? This activity will be outdoors at the library and will be rescheduled in the event of rain. Masks are required. Please be sure to register EACH child that will be in attendance. This program is for kids ages 6+. For more information, please contact Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or email programming@sandownlibrary.us.

Storytime Outdoors

This is a story time for children to connect with friends and enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more at the Sandown Library on Thursday, April 29, from 10 -11 a.m. Themed stories are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This program is for children aged 2 - 6 years old. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. This is an in-person Storytime outside and will be at the Fremont Road Town Forest! Mask wearing and social distancing for this program are encouraged. For more information, please contact Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or email programming@sandownlibrary.us.

Sandown Roadwork

The Sandown Highway Department in conjunction with Busby Construction, Inc. will begin road construction on Odell Road. The project involves full reconstruc-

tion and paving of approximately 5,200 feet of Odell Road from Main Street to Pine Ridge Circle. The road will be closed to all through traffic periodically throughout the project. The work is expected to take approximately 6-8 weeks, weather permitting. During this process, there will be construction equipment in the area, so please take note of signage as road conditions and traffic patterns may change periodically during this time. Updates will be posted on the town's website www.sandown.us so check frequently for new information. This project involves major roadwork and although we will make every effort to complete this process as quickly as possible, we appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time. Local traffic, deliveries and school buses will be able to pass but may experience periodic delays. Should you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director, Arthur Genualdo at 887-3484.

Huge Yard Sale

Mark your calendars on April 24, there will be a huge Yard Sale in Sandown Town Hall (lower level only) from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Proceeds to support Sandown Heritage Commission projects. Face masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Household items and collectibles will be in abundance but there will also be toys, games, records, DVD's, tools and more.

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

Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be prerecorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, https://bit.ly/2REz5vh. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or programming@sandownlibrary.us.

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.

Old Home Day Committee

The Sandown Old Home Day Committee has openings and is seeking new members for the committee. If you are interested in planning the Old Home Day Fall Festival, a wonderful community event, please contact Pat Kimball at pkimb456@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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 You-Tube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brainbased program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skillbuilding activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

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.

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

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





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