

Derry School Board Approves 2021-22 Draft Reopening Plan

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the June 22 Derry School Board meeting the board discussed the newest version of the school district's safe reopening plan.

It was explained by Derry School District Superintendent MaryAnn Connors-Krikroian that since the last school board meeting guidance has changed from the state, which now doesn't require masks to be worn in schools.

She said that they received the notification in time to change it in the

draft of the plan that was presented to the school board during the meeting. Those who are immune compromised or want to continue to wear a mask in the schools are allowed to continue to do so.

Because guidance is always changing it means that their plan rapidly changes as well.

"Our plan is a fluid document," she said.

At the June 22 meeting the board was required to vote on their draft version of the plan, because the state required that it be turned in the next day. The state will then review it and the district will make any

changes necessary before the school board votes on the final draft of the plan in August.

They would've created a reopening plan at some point anyways, according to Connors-Krikroian but because of the regulations by the state they moved up the timeline.

As part of the school reopening plan she explained that school districts are required to reach out to stakeholders to get their input on the plan.

She felt like they did a good job with that.

"I believe we've done that and done that well,"

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Acting Chester Fire Chief Looks for Answers On His Future Role

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the June 24 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting, Chester Fire Department Acting Fire Chief Philip Gladu, gave an update of the department.

During his weekly update, Gladu asked if they had any updates about his status as acting Fire Chief. Gladu took over as the acting chief on May 13 when the previous chief Gregory Bolduc resigned suddenly from his position.

"The one big question I have is where do we stand right now," Gladu said.

He said he is often asked about it by members of the department

and the community.

"I'm getting asked a dozen times a day and I don't have any answers for them," he said.

Board of Selectmen Chairman and liaison for the fire department Chuck Myette said that at this point he's the acting chief.

He said that they planned on giving it a little bit of time and then evaluate how things are going.

Gladu asked if they had a timeline for that and Myette said that they were thinking about a month or two.

Myette noted that soon they will have to put together a committee to look at all the different facets of the department.

Myette said that it's important for them to put

together a good strategic plan about the overview of the department, including how many calls they have, how many firefighters and EMTs they have, and if they need to look at adding any resources.

Gladu was tasked with creating a strategic plan previously.

He said that he is happy with his department stepping up during the transition.

"Things are going phenomenal right now. The people who have been here a while have stepped up tremendously," he said.

"I have nothing but great things to say about them."

Myette recommended that they set a date for

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Ready for Reading The Derry Public Library officially opened its outdoor patio last week with a ribbon cutting held on Monday, June 21. Derry Public Library Director Eric Stern spoke briefly before cutting the ribbon and thanking all those involved in helping the patio project come to life. The patio is located on the east side of the library and is accessed through the Children's Library. A piano was donated to the space by Destination Derry and a teak bench was donated in memory of Tina Hitchcock who was a longtime member of the Friends of the Derry Public Library. Photo by Chris Paul

Hampstead Selectmen Approve a Tax Reduction on Restored Barn

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

During the Hampstead Selectman meeting held on Monday night, June 28, the board held a public hearing for a Discretionary Preservation Easement for a barn that had been renovated at 104 Stage Road.

Hampstead resident Malcolm Gurley, the owner of the property spoke to selectmen and gave a brief overview on why he felt the easement would be warranted.

He started by tell the board that the barn was originally a Sears and Roebuck barn and showed

them a catalog of some of the barns that were delivered and built in 1913.

He also gave the board before and after photos of the barn.

Gurley said that he had taken pride in restoring the barn and it's one of the first things people see when

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Historic Sandown Depot Grand Opening is on July 24

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - Beginning in 1870, the Boston Maine rail line ran through Sandown, once the busiest single line track in the United States. During World War I, the line was heavily utilized to transport munitions. Families traveling for vacation or meeting family members, soldiers headed off to war and businessmen used the train as their primary mode of transportation for over 60 years. More than 50 trains would pass through Sandown every day. The depot was built in 1873-74 and is the best preserved of

stations built by the Nashua and Rochester Railroad that still exists. It remains at its original location and was listed on the National Register of Historic places in 1986.

The depot included a telegraph office, a post office, a freight depot and two separate waiting rooms. One waiting room was reserved for women and children, the other was for men only. The depot quickly became the center of the community in the little rural town.

In the early 1930's rail traffic began to decline. With the affordability of the Ford Model T in 1925, public travelers could drive

to their destinations instead of riding the train. It was inexpensive and they could drive wherever they wanted to go. The Great Depression and high unemployment added to the decline of railway travel. Trains stopped running through Sandown in 1934. The state highway department used what was then a vacant building, as storage and by 1935 the single line track was removed. The depot continued as a storage facility for decades.

The Sandown Historical Society and Museum was founded in 1977 to preserve Sandown history. They restored the town owned train depot and

converted it into a museum. It displays the impact the railroad had on the development of Sandown by presenting the history of the Boston and Maine Railroad's Worcester, Nashua and Portland Division.

The Sandown Historical Society has had some major struggles and challenges over the past several years. There have been discussions about shutting down the depot. Now the Sandown Historical Society is up and running with new members. Previous board members, not living in Sandown or even New Hampshire, accepted the decision to disband. Shayla

McNally told the board she could bring back local residents into the fold and she did just that. McNally is now the President of Sandown Historical Society and excited for the Grand Reopening of the Depot later this month.

On July 24, 2021, beginning at 9 a.m., the Depot and Museum is open to the public. There will be tours throughout the day and someone sharing the rich history and stories of

this once bustling train depot. Portions of the interior have been modernized although it has remained mostly unaltered since its original construction in the late 1800's. The SHS invites everyone to visit and enjoy entertainment, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and a great day of fun for the whole family. It's a celebration of Sandown's history with the return of the town museum and Depot. All aboard!

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heading toward Main Street near the center of town.

Gurley is currently using the barn to house equipment for his construction business.

According to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, a Discretionary Preservation Easement is a property tax incentive to help save historic New Hampshire agricultural buildings.

RSA 79-D creates a mechanism to encourage the preservation of historic New Hampshire barns and other agricultural buildings by authorizing municipalities to grant property tax relief to barn owners who can demonstrate the public benefit of preserving their barns or other historic farm buildings, and agree to maintain their structures

throughout a minimum 10-year preservation easement.

The purpose of the state law is based on the widespread recognition that many of the state's old barns and other farm outbuildings are important local scenic landmarks and help tell the story of New Hampshire's agricultural heritage. Yet many of these historic structures are being demolished or not repaired because of the adverse impact of property taxes. The RSA encourages barn owners to maintain and repair their buildings by granting them specific tax relief and assuring them that assessments will not be increased as a result of new repair work.

Gurley told the board that he had invested between \$150,000 and \$175,000 over the years in renovating the barn.

He's put in a new foundation, windows, siding and a roof among

Selectman chair Sean Murphy added that the current assessed value according to the town is \$49,000 and that it meets one of the criteria's of the state law.

He also explained that a 75 percent reduction in his taxes on the barn equates to an \$800 reduction per year on his tax bill. A 50 percent reduction would equate to \$531 and a 25 percent reduction would be \$265.

Murphy added that he didn't feel comfortable with a 75 percent reduction, but would support a 50 percent cut.

A motion was made for the full amount for discussion, but members of the board quickly reduced the amount to 50 percent.

They generally didn't feel that there was that

much public benefit.

The amended motion was then unanimously approved by the board.

Also during the meeting, Selectmen voted to accept a \$900,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Funds.

The Town will receive about \$451,000 in the first year and the remainder in 2022.

Projects being funded by this grant will have to fall within the guidelines set by the Federal Government.

OBITUARY

Nancy E. (Dunbar) LeClair



Nancy E. (Dunbar) LeClair, 85, of Chester, NH, passed away on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Tarrytown, NY on Dec. 21, 1935, a daughter of John and Florence (Wood)

Dunbar. Nancy spent her childhood in Ardsley, NY. She completed high school in Ridgefield, CT and went on to attend UCONN. Nancy married her soul-mate, Larry, on May 23, 1959. They resided in Danbury, CT until setting in Chester, NH in 1969 where they raised three children.

Nancy spent many years as the presidential secretary of White Pines college in Chester, NH. She then pursued her passion for the medical field by spending twelve years working for NH Orthopedic Surgery. She was an avid watercolor painter, loved nature and animals (especially piggies and cows), loved to garden, and spend winters at her home in Ellenton, FL.

She is survived by her loving husband, Larry LeClair of Chester; two daughters, Kathy LeClair of Chester and Michelle Williams and husband John of Attleboro, MA; son, Ken LeClair and wife Karen of Chester; three granddaughters, Katie LeClair, Nicole LeClair, and Sarah Williams; grandson, Mike Williams; great-grandson, Noah; as well as several nieces and nephews. Nancy was predeceased by her parents and her two brothers, Joe and Dick Dunbar.

Following cremation calling hours were held on Friday, June 25, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Face masks are recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated. The burial will be in Great Hill Cemetery, Rt. 121A, Chester.



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Editorial

Celebrating America

If you think celebrating the Fourth of July is just a matter of firing up the barbecue, getting out the sparklers, or heading to the seacoast or the mountains for a three-day weekend, we invite you to reconsider. The Fourth of July is also known, of course, as Independence Day, and that's the reason for this extra day away from work and for the life you live today.

The Declaration of Independence was finalized on July 4, 1776, and set the colonies on the path toward their emergence as a nation. Political speeches, fireworks, and red, white and blue bunting are fine for the day, but the signing of the Declaration of Independence is a lot more than a reason for a party.

We think the Declaration of Independence, signed by New Hampshire's own Matthew Thornton among others, is a document that should be read regularly, to remind us of who we are as a country, and to make sure we continue in the tradition of those who fought to establish a free nation, whose leaders were expected to listen to those they serve.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalien-

able Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" are perhaps the document's most famous lines, but the list of injustices attributed to Great Britain makes for good reminders of what our government should never become. That's particularly timely reading during a time when political attacks rise or sink to unpleasant levels in the throes of an upcoming election, such as we are experiencing this year.

It's also a straightforward and simple document. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Sadly, not qualities every nation freely grants its citizens. How we pursue that happiness is left to us to decide, not dictated by a ruler. And we take that for granted, but to many people across the planet, it's only something to dream about.

So figure out what makes you happy as you enjoy your holiday weekend. A hearty meal, a good place to swim, and a sky full of sparkling fireworks make for a pretty good celebration of freedom.

As you pause a moment to thank those who made it all possible in 1776 and thank those who still fight to keep our freedoms. Remember America is built on choice and the freedom to do so.

Have a fun and safe celebration.

Letters

Passing a Radical Budget

To the editor,

Governor Sununu is no moderate. The Free State and other Republican State legislators are proud of getting the most radical budget in our state history signed by the Governor.

Whether you support school vouchers or not, it is irresponsible for the state to approve school vouchers with no cost analysis. It is our tax dollars and we should know how much it will cost and have adequate oversight and protections to be sure it is spent well.

It is unreasonable for politicians to think the state should make medical decisions instead of doctors and healthcare centers and unreasonable for the state to tell teachers what they can and cannot discuss.

It is irresponsible to send more education money to property rich towns with wealthy tax bases while cutting the money sent to towns like Derry without a deep tax base who struggle to provide basic education funding.

We would all like to pay less in taxes, but the sum of the taxes you pay matters. Cutting business taxes paid mostly by big out of state corporations,

phasing out the interest and dividends tax paid almost entirely by the rich and sending more education money to property-rich towns all sounds nice for Governor Sununu and his wealthy friends. It's not so good for everyone else who will pay more taxes overall as property taxes will go up even higher to cover the difference.

Last year Governor Sununu rejected the Democrat's budget and negotiated with them before taking credit for the additional education money in the final budget the Democrats insisted on. By signing this budget, Governor Sununu and the Republican legislators own every radical policy in this budget.

Beth Nelson
Derry

Birdsell is looking out for Derry, Windham, and Hampstead

To the editor,

If there's an issue that will impact the communities she represents in the New Hampshire Senate, Sen. Regina Birdsell is on the job.

New Hampshire has been planning to build Exit 4-A on I-93 since 1985, and it looked like the project was finally on

its way. The first round of bids of the design-build phase of this project came in well over projection. Regina thinks that Derry has waited long enough, and sponsored legislation to require the Department of Transportation to complete Exit 4-A on time in 2024.

The Legislature recently expanded state support for full-day Kindergarten programs, but because of the way our education funding formula works, there is a one-year lag before local communities receive increased state aid for full-day Kindergarten. Regina pushed to get rid of that lag for eight communities that have expanded to full-day Kindergarten this year and last year. This will mean an additional \$510,000 for Derry's Kindergarten program.

Regina has been a stalwart supporter of tax reform because making our tax code more competitive is key to growing our economy and creating new jobs. Because of the tax reforms championed by Republicans over the last several years, New Hampshire's economy is among the strongest in the country. In fact, our state's unemployment rate is now lower than

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Nutfield Publishing Will Not Print a Paper on July 8.

Nutfield Publishing will not be printing newspapers on July 8. The publisher uses this time each year to take a one-week break as the summer begins and to celebrate the nation's birthday. Papers will be produced on July 1 and July 15. We thank our readers for their understanding.

World War II Torpedo Attack Survivor Turns 100 Years Old



U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan with Paul Plotkin, above, American Legion Commander Tony Travia presenting Paul with a gift, top right; General Don Bolduc speaks to Paul and his family, bottom right. *Courtesy photos*

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Sixty-eight years after miraculously surviving a German torpedo attack aboard the Belgium troopship Leopoldville, current Derry resident Paul Plotkin celebrated his 100th birthday with congratulations from family, friends and dignitaries.

On Saturday, June 26, members of the Derry VFW Post 1617 and American Legion Post 9 hosted a birthday party at their post for Plotkin, who turned 100 on June 19.

Along with those members, U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan attended the party and offered her appreciation for his service. General Don Bolduc Plotkin was also there and congratulated Plotkin for reaching the milestone. Derry Town Councilor Erin Spencer attended to read a proclamation prepared for the event.

A representative from Rep Pappas' office was also present and read a state-

ment that Pappas had entered in to the Congressional Record earlier in the month.

Although Plotkin was originally from Connecticut, he currently resides at Birch Heights in Derry, where he has lived for the past three years.

He was very lucky to survive the disaster that happened on Christmas Eve in 1944 aboard the Belgium troopship Leopoldville.

The ship left the pier at Southampton, England with over 2,000 American soldiers assigned to the 66th Infantry Division and crossed the English Channel to France.

With just over five miles from its destination, Cherbourg, the Leopoldville was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-486. Over 760 American soldiers were killed in that attack and the bodies of 493 were never recovered from the channel's frigid 48-degree waters.

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Hazardous Waste Day Planned for Sandown on July 31

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held for residents of the town of Sandown on Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Highway Garage at 207 Middle Rd., Brentwood.

This will be for residents of the towns of Sandown, Kensington, Fremont, Rye, Brentwood and North Hampton.

Residents should not throw toxic products directly in the trash, as they

are potential fire hazards in trash and in landfills. They can also contaminate both soil and groundwater.

These collection days are actually connected to a private hazardous waste transporting company that is funded by the tax dollars of six communities. Since you are paying for this in taxes, no fees are charged Sandown residents for disposing of their household hazardous waste on this day.

A drivers license is required as proof of residency.

Hazardous waste is any

toxic product that is dangerous to people and the environment if not recycled properly. Manufacturers typically label these products to alert you that they are hazardous. Hazardous waste products include fertilizers, bathroom cleaners, pesticides, antifreeze, disinfectants, corrosives, fungicide, car waxes and polishes, furniture polish, oil based paint and stains, insect spray, creosote, metal polish, rust preventative, lighter fluid, driveway sealer, mothballs, solvents, pest strips and traps, flea powder, oven cleaner, paint

thinner and turpentine, pesticides, gasoline and petroleum products, roofing tar, photo chemicals, wood preservatives, poisons, radiator flush, rug cleaner, wood stripper, pool chemicals, roofing tar, and thermometers.

Specific items that people are asked not to bring to household hazardous waste collections are batteries, explosives such as fireworks and ammunition, infectious wastes, latex paints, radioactive products, and asbestos products.

For more information about the Household Haz-

ardous Waste Day contact: Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal, District 53-B at 603-964-5300.

There are other items to consider that are a bit different from hazardous waste that should be properly disposed and that includes alkaline batteries and such things as hypodermic needles.

Alkaline batteries pro-

duced since 1996 are safe to dispose of in household trash but can be recycled if you wish. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation is a non-profit organization that collects these and other kinds of batteries at no charge to consumers. NH residents with explosives they do not want are advised to contact NH State Police.

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when the COVID-19 pandemic began. The recently approved state budget reduces the Business Profits Tax and Business Enterprise Tax and increasing the threshold for filing the BET to \$250,000.

We also phase out the Interest and Dividends Tax on savings and retirement income, helping seniors. We protect Main Street businesses who received loan forgiveness under the Paycheck Protection Program from an

unexpected tax bill and lower the Meals and Rooms Tax.

This budget provides relief to property taxpayers at every level. We send back \$100 million under the Statewide Property Tax. We also share \$188 million in Meals and Rooms Tax revenue with cities and towns, an increase of \$50.5 million over the last budget. This change will result in an additional \$2.1 million going to Derry, Hampstead, and Windham over the next two years. We also increase funding for county nursing homes by \$29.1

million, providing relief on your county tax bill.

Because enrollments were down last fall, our school funding formulas would have provided less funding for districts next year. Regina was never going to let that happen. We have fixed the funding formulas and protected \$67 million in state aid going to our local schools.

The budget Regina supported takes care of New Hampshire's most vulnerable, increasing support for programs addressing mental health and substance misuse,

including funding for a new forensic psychiatric hospital, additional transitional beds to tackle the emergency room boarding crisis, and full funding of the Developmentally Disabled Waitlist. We also set aside \$3 million to help seniors and veterans recover from the social isolation caused by the pandemic.

Regina Birdsell is a problem solver. We are fortunate to have her working with us in the New Hampshire Senate.

Sen. Chuck Morse
(R-Salem)
Senate President.

OBITUARY

James "Jim" M. Zeiba



James "Jim" M. Zeiba, of Derry, NH, passed away on June 19, 2021, in Colorado, at the age of 54. Descending a hike to the top of Horsetooth Mountain with his wife Rebekah (Becky) and younger son Derek - a hike filled with characteristic warmth and humor - Jim suffered a heart attack.

Jim was many things to those who knew him: He was a devoted husband of 29 years, to Rebekah (née Johnson), his best friend, with whom he shared everything since they met in high school. He was unerringly a passionate, giving father to Drew and Derek. He was an original engineer, inventor, and businessman, and mentor to those he met throughout his career in the textiles industry.

He was a rare combination, as committed to respect and responsibility as he was unabashedly genuine, loving, and goofy - constantly joking, seeking fun, and never taking himself too seriously. Jim lived an abundant life in too few years; whether traveling across the country and continents with his family or watching a fire outside and enjoying a glass of wine with Becky, he took sincere pleasure in sharing moments with those he loved. He was generous in the most capacious sense: as a teacher, role model, and support to his children, there for every game and event, each special moment and each difficult one; as a devoted son himself; as a true partner to Becky; and as someone always jumping to help a friend or stranger in need. Through every changing chapter, he grew with his family and enriched the lives of all lucky to share theirs with him.

Jim was born on March 17, 1967 in Massachusetts to Shirley and James F. Zeiba. After graduating from Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School in 1985, James went on to study at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (1990) and the Institute of Textile Technology (1992) and had a distinguished career.

In addition to his wife and children, Jim is survived by his mother Shirley Zeiba (née Andre), his sisters Wanda Kopczyk (partner David DeFino) and Kathleen Corbett (spouse Paul Corbett), and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorial calling hours were held on Monday June 28, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. The family asks that in celebration of Jim's life and commitment to serving the vulnerable, donations be sent to The Trevor Project at www.thetrevorproject.org or your local animal shelter.

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Chester Zoning Board Considers Notices on Expiration of Variances

JOHN SEIDENBERG
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Zoning Board of Adjustment is considering whether to notify residents that variances and special exceptions the town has granted are approaching potential expiration.

The issue came up during the board's June 15 meeting. Members discussed whether to send notifications – even if done as a courtesy – on variances and special exceptions coming up on their issued period of two years and facing expiration if not exercised.

An extension would be necessary where no work

has been done on a project. In such a case, unless a building permit has been sought, a project can be shut down.

The granting of a variance gives an applicant two years to act on the changes sought. If no building permit was secured or land was not surveyed and no work has been done, a one year extension may be requested. Increasing construction costs are expected to add to the likelihood people may hold off on projects at present.

The covid-related emergency orders that went out over the past year are not thought to have stayed some of the town's zoning variances, in the

board's view.

By sending out notices, which the zoning board has the legal authority to do, it would remind residents that a variance is about to expire. This could apply, for instance, where someone put in a well but didn't obtain a building permit.

Such notifications would reiterate there is a deadline and an expiration date under the variance ordinance. An application for extension should be made before the expiration date though could still be given after that time up to a point, ZBA Chair Billie Maloney noted.

If these notices were sent some residents may

wonder why they're receiving them as they don't consider themselves as having done something wrong, Maloney added. Additionally, they may not know if steps they have taken fulfill a variance's conditions.

This year's Chester town meeting approved a zoning ordinance to allow Bed and Breakfast facilities by special exception in the general residential and agricultural district (zoned R-1).

A Bed and Breakfast was defined as a single-family, owner occupied, dwelling unit with or without an accessory dwelling unit to accommodate guests for a fee.

Some confusion has ensured over whether residents had to go before a technical review committee before requesting a

variance. The purpose in having the committee was to avoid delays in a project.

This is specifically for architects and engineers to check for anything missing in drawings or plans being brought in, the ZBA said. It's not really designed for major developments but rather for single family homes, additions to houses, or businesses.

In other action, the board accepted the request of Timothy Peloquin of Promised Land Survey, LLC, to withdraw his company's application on behalf of the MacLean Family Revocable Trust of 2018. The request was for a variance from Article 5, Section 5.3.5, Table 1 of the Ordinance's Dimensional Requirements to permit an existing house lot with short frontage

(Map Lot 2-82) at 82 Pulpit Rock Road in the R-1 Zoning District.

The Trust previously sought an extension of the Planning Board's October 2019 conditional approval of the request. The company's client, Theodore MacLean, died in December 2019 after the conditional approval was obtained.

The ZBA also granted a requested one year extension of the special exception decision regarding an accessory dwelling unit approved for 118 Sandown Road in September 2019. It was to expire this September and will now go until September 2022. Construction is underway on the main house with work on the ADU set to begin this summer.

Reopening

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she said.

They did so by conducting surveys for people in the community to fill out.

It was explained by Derry School District Assistant Superintendent Austin Garofalo that their main goal is to return to normal in a safe way.

"We can't emphasize enough how much everyone in the Derry Cooperative School District wants to return to the pre-pandemic in school experience for students, staff, and families," he said.

Derry School Board member Jonathan Dugan said that he appreciates the work that has gone into making the plan.

"As a father of a stu-

dent I appreciate all the hard work that the school administration has done and the teachers have done all this year," he said.

Derry School Board Vice Chair Derick Anderson also agreed.

"I think this is a good plan and it's time to move forward," he said.

The board approved the draft reopening plan.

In personnel news the school board accepted the resignation of Chantelle Boyle, the district's treasurer.

They also approved the hiring of James Bucciero, a music teacher at Grinnell Elementary School, and Allison Pongrace, a special education teacher at Derry Village Elementary School.

Also in personnel

news, Connors-Krikroian asked for permission to hire staff during the summer months on an ongoing basis. She explained that summer is a difficult season for hiring people and that every summer it's standard for the superintendent to ask to be able to hire on an ongoing basis so they don't have to wait until the next school board meeting for final approval.

"It's something that comes up every year and is important to keep the district running," Erika Cohen, the chair of the school board.

The rest of the board agreed that it was needed and approved the request unanimously.

The next Derry School Board meeting is slated for July 13.

Fire Chief

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when the strategic plan is due.

It was ultimately agreed by the Board of Selectmen and Gladu to have the strategic plan done by the first meeting in August.

Also during the meeting representatives from the Chester 300th Anniversary Committee came to the meeting to discuss their Christmas Tree and charoling event that is

scheduled to take place in December of 2021.

Rhonda Lamphere, the treasurer for the committee said that a member of the community agreed to donate his time and equipment to help make sure that there is permanent electricity in front of Stevens Memorial Hall where the Christmas events will be taking place along with other events in the future.

It was explained by Lamphere that the only thing that they will have

to pay for is an electrician to connect the power to the two 20 amp electrical panels that are being donated.

She said that when they find out how much it will cost for the electrician they will determine if the 300th Anniversary Committee will be able to afford to pay for it or if they will need to go back to the Selectmen to seek help in paying for it.

The Board of Selectmen approved the donation to the town.

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Sandown Selectmen Accept Street Name Change Pending Resident Approval

JOHN SEIDENBERG
NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Board of Selectmen have accepted a road name change in town from Valerie Way to Bobcat Way.

What spurred the request to do this was having two nearby similarly named local streets – Valerie Court and Valerie Way. Valerie Way is in a 55 and older adult community known as Little Mill Woods.

Going back to around 2003, the subdivision plan placed a portion of Valerie Way in an industrial park coming from Hampstead and located off Owens Court.

Confusion has arisen over the two names regarding residential and industrial deliveries, Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell told the June 21 selectmen meeting.

There are two new company buildings in the industrial park receiving a

number of deliveries and adding to the confusion, she said.

Some industrial deliveries have been made to residential homes. Covid increased the likelihood of this happening with more people working from home.

The companies approached the town about the road name change. Blaisdell thought this was a better course of action than simply changing one suffix and renumbering the road.

"We really think it's better to have a clear delineation between the two," she said. The greater impact of a name change will be for residents rather than businesses.

Blaisdell noted a change of this kind requires residential homeowners to change their address for billing and on FedEx and UPS accounts for deliveries. They have the responsibility to make the notifications. The town will

submit related paperwork to the post office.

Notification is being made to all property owners on Valerie Way about the change to Bobcat Way for their input to determine if all the owners concur with the board's action. If they do, a full public hearing process on the name change may not be necessary.

The selectmen have the authority to accept the name change. The homeowners had suggested another name change that could've posed confusion with an existing road in Hampstead.

The name chosen came from other suggestions they made.

Once the residents express their views, the board will make the change official. If not everyone agrees to the new name, a public hearing would then need to be held.

In separate business, regarding the town's Drag-

on Mosquito Control monthly update, the company has finished the last of the spring larva sites and fresh water swamps, and began monitoring catch basins for larva.

Any questions residents have about what Dragon Mosquito is doing on a property or requests that workers not be there can be directed to the company.

The board also acted on

new hire requests in the Parks and Recreation Department that are now in effect.

For counselor positions, Charlie Cairns, Katelyn Beaudet, Ethan Anderson, and Meghan Piche were hired at an hourly rate of \$9.

For a new hire life guard position, Jackie Carey is receiving \$12 an hour.

Pay rate increases to \$12.36 an hour were ap-

proved for life guards Kathie Loneragan and Kasey Mullen and at \$12.67 an hour for Rebecca Longchamps in the 2020-21 budget for that purpose.

Pay rate increases for summer recreation coordinators Michael Donovan were made as well at \$17.29 and for Casey Lowes at \$17.20.



Giving Back

Last week, members of the Derry Business Builders presented the staff of the Derry Meals on Wheels with a check for \$1,000. The Rockingham Nutrition and Meals on Wheels group serves to provide meals and beneficial support services to older and disabled area residents who need assistance. They are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency established in 1978. The Business Builders group generously donates much of the money they raise in membership fees.

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Ovation Theatre Company Will Present Snow Angel

Live theatre is back throughout the Granite State and audiences are flocking to see what they've been missing for so long.

Londonderry's Ovation Theatre Company is excited to present both *Snow Angel* and *Mamma Mia!* this summer – two very different productions to entertain the community.

Snow Angel is first on the schedule, being performed this weekend at Matthew Thornton Elementary School in Londonderry. The show is directed by Tim Gore, with Stage Manager Annika Lewis, both of Londonderry. The cast includes

youth from various towns in the area: Avenley Allen, Ava Amaro, Carter Blanco, Betsy Brown, Meg Carroll, Michaela Horan, Aidan McKivergan, Mason Turek and Nicole Walsh of Londonderry; Ella Burroughs, Hope Frost, Paige Lang, Luke Thibodeau and Jonathan Uber of Hampstead; and Cailean Anderson and Aleksy Garcia of Hudson.

Snow Angel comes from Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire, perhaps best known for writing the book for *Shrek The Musical*. When the quiet town of Deerpoint, Vermont is hit by the biggest blizzard in 107

years, a mysterious girl named Eva steps out of a snow bank and into the lives of 15 confused teenagers who are asked to help her in her search. What Eva's searching for – and who she truly is – becomes a mystery that baffles, divides, and energizes the teens of Deerpoint. Told through journal entries and interactions among the students as the mystery unfolds, *Snow Angel* is a funny and eerie tale of teen angst, discovery, and the power of believing.

"This is such a smart show," Tim Gore said. "It manages to be both hilarious and very powerful at the same time. I've really



Cast members of the play *Snow Angel* have been working to perform in front of a live audience starting Thursday, July 1. *Courtesy photo*

enjoyed directing it and working with this cast. They make me laugh out loud so many times and then their emotional acting gives me chills. I'm really proud of how hard they've worked."

Cast members are excited to present this unique show. Hope Frost says "it's about crazy, kooky teenagers creating this weird story together." Avenley Allen appreciates doing a play, which is unique in youth theatre, where musicals are the norm. "We got

to really focus on acting and making strong choices and being strong actors." Betsy Brown describes the show as "really funny and the ending is really unexpected." Stage Manager Annika Lewis notes how the show engages the audience and highlights how people can identify their mistakes and fix them.

Given the latest guidance from the CDC and NH DHHS and with the approval of the Londonderry Schools and Londonderry

Fire Chief O'Brien, masks will be optional for all attendees and participants. Ovation is trusting that symptomatic people will stay home and those at risk will protect themselves by masking.

The performances are at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, Friday, July 2 and Saturday, July 3 at Matthew Thornton Elementary School at 275 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry.

Tickets are \$10, are currently available at OvationTC.com and will also be on sale at the door.



Happy Trails

Members of the Derry Garden Club (DGC) were bust recently beautifying an area of the Derry Rail Trail near West Broadway. They cleaned the area and planted a number of perennials that were not purchased during their annual plant sale this year. Club members are continually working on a number of gardens throughout the town of Derry. The DGC is also a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs.

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Church Steeple Repair Well Underway in Chester Center

Exciting things are happening in Chester's town center. Scaffolding has been set up and work is beginning on repairs to the steeple of the Chester Congregational Baptist Church. Built in 1773 this historic building, originally Chester's town Meetinghouse, will be undergoing the first phase of extensive repairs.

Housing the town-owned clock and bell, water leakage through the steeple has caused damage to the original beam struc-

ture and interior ceiling.

Repairs to the steeple, beams, and painting of the steeple and front facade will be completed by Preservation Timber Framing Inc. They hope to have this part of the project, Phase I, finished by October of this year.

The fundraising efforts for this major project began in 2019 by the Meetinghouse Preservation Project Committee, are ongoing.

Besides repairs to the steeple, beam structure,

and painting of the front facade, repairs and/or replacement of the shutters, scraping and painting of the other three sides of the building's exterior, and repair and painting of the interior ceiling are also part of the project.

Through the generous support from church members, friends, and the town of Chester, the committee has raised about 80% of its goal of \$475,000.

Help is needed from the greater community in order to complete all

repairs.

Any donation, large or small, will help to preserve a part of Chester's history and the recognized beauty of its town center. Your interest and help are appreciated.

Donations can be made by:

- Credit Card: Through PayPal at www.chesternhchurch.org

- Check: Made out to the Chester Congregational Baptist Church, Preservation Fund, 4 Chester St, Chester, NH 03036



Aviation Museum's Annual Classic Car Show Ready to Roll on July 17

Get your gleaming roadster, awesome muscle car, or partially restored jalopy over to the Aviation Museum of NH, where once a year the spotlight shines on vehicles that don't leave the ground.

The Aviation Museum's annual Classic Car Show takes place on Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Rain date is Saturday, July 24.)

Vehicles of all makes and eras are welcome, including odd or unusual conveyances. It's a great chance for proud owners to show off their completed projects or works in progress, and for the public to check out some amazing rides from all over New England.

New this year: a round-up of antique restored fire

trucks will be on display, courtesy the Amoskeag Reserve Engine Company, a local chapter of the national fire apparatus preservation society.

The display is scheduled to include the Pelham Fire Department's vintage 1929 Model AA Ford fire truck, which remains on the town's equipment roster and is used for ceremonial occasions.

The car show is held on the grounds of the Aviation Museum, with close-up views of the action on nearby Runway 17-35 at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. Last year's show attracted a record 262 vehicles from five states, so there's something for everyone.

"It's a great way to spend a summer day out-

side, checking out vintage vehicles while seeing old friends and making new ones," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum.

Trophies will be given out for the People's Choice Award and the Museum Award. All registered entrants will be included in a raffle with multiple winners of valuable prize packages. A separate 50/50 raffle will be held as well as a yard sale, with all proceeds to benefit the non-profit Aviation Museum.

Admission/registration is \$10 per vehicle entry plus occupants, cash only. To facilitate orderly set-up, owners are asked to arrive between 9 - 10 a.m. at the grounds of the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry.



Fun for the whole family as seen at last year's Classic Car Show at the Aviation Museum of N.H. *Courtesy photo*

Admission to the grounds for spectators is \$5 per adult; children 12 and under free. Admission is cash only.

The event will have several food trucks. Portable toilets will be available during the show. The Aviation Museum will be

open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a special one-day discounted admission charge of \$5 for all visitors.

Businesses or dealers wishing to attend as vendors at the car show should call Leah Dearborn at (603) 669-4877 to reserve space.

A limited number of vending spaces is available.

For more information about the Car Show or the Aviation Museum, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.



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Will Self-driving Cars Really Let us Take the Hands Off the Wheel?

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Self-driving cars, driverless cars, autonomous cars: the terms all raise thoughts of cars driving down the road with no driver.

They all mean pretty much the same thing.

The day of truly hands-free self-driving vehicles may come.

At the same time, even experts warn “not so fast.”

Early forecasts of driverless cars taking over the highways fell victim to numerous challenges. One

delay came after crashes of early versions of the technology.

Crashes of Early Self-driving Cars

On Saturday evening April 17, 2021 two men died when the Tesla they were in crashed at a high rate of speed, went 100 feet off the road and struck a tree. Bad enough, two people were killed in the crash outside Houston, Texas. No one was behind the wheel. But the autonomous industry must answer to the fact that it took firefighters 4 hours to

douse intense flames caused when battery chemicals mixed.

Manufacturer Tesla pointed out that the Autopilot feature in the car allows cars to steer, accelerate and brake automatically. But that feature, Tesla says, doesn't make the car autonomous. An alert driver must monitor vehicle progress and be ready to take over to correct errant courses.

Earlier, on March 18, 2018, a self-driving Uber car ran down and killed a 49-year-old woman in Tempe, Arizona. Elaine Herzberg was simply walking her bicycle across the street when she was hit by the car despite the fact a “safety driver” was behind the wheel of the car.

A previous Tesla crash in 2016 killed a Florida driver when the “autopilot mode” failed to brake for a tractor trailer that turned in front of it.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or “NHTSA” reported in March of 2021 it at that time had almost two dozen crash investigations going on into autopilot or similar technology.

Will fully self-driving cars ever actually take over?

Insurance industry people promise that self driving cars will grow in reliability and popularity. They feel that since most car accidents are caused by human error that replacing human drivers with computers is the wave of the future. Skeptics point to accidents such as those above and also the inherent unreliability of computers and the fact that

they do crash.

Nonetheless, car experts maintain a strong belief that fully autonomous vehicles will be here, it's just a matter of time.

“Fully autonomous cars and trucks that drive us instead of us driving them will become a reality.”

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

At the same time fully self-driving cars will not magically appear. Instead, fully auto driving cars will phase in through six stages of advancing technology:

1. No Automation
2. Driver Assistance
3. Partial Automation
4. Conditional Automation
5. High Automation
6. Full Automation

The first, “no automation” phase means the driver does everything behind the wheel and must pay full 100% attention. “Driver assistance” brings some driver assist features but the operator must still control the vehicle and pay attention. “Partial automation” combines some automated features such as acceleration and steering but the driver still remains engaged in controlling the vehicle and watching the road.

Under the “Conditional Automation” stage the driver is “not required to monitor the environment”. But the driver must be ready to take control at any time without advance notice. The next phase, “High

Automation”, means the vehicle holds the capacity to drive itself “under certain conditions”. But the driver has the option to take over. Finally, under “Full automation” the vehicle performs all driving functions under all circumstances. Here, the driver takes over only as an option.

What States Allow Driverless Cars?

California regulators issued the OK to one company to test driverless cars on the streets of San Francisco. The company, Cruise, represents a subsidiary of GM with backing from other financiers. Under the permit issued late in the year 2020 five self-driving cars, fully autonomous with no driver, head up and down the streets of San Francisco.

The Cruise driverless cars go only on streets with speed limits up to 30 miles per hour. They may drive any time, day or night. They may not drive around during heavy rain or fog. Finally, any company with the test permit must carry insurance or a bond of \$5 Million Dollars.

Gung-ho autonomous car fans claim if the vehicles can make it on the crazy hilly streets of San Francisco, they can operate safely pretty much anywhere.

In NH, the governor vetoed a measure that would have allowed testing, citing the Arizona crash above. The failed NH bill would have allowed the DMV to

issue permits to test fully automated vehicles. NH lawmakers required applicants to put up insurance of at least \$10 Million. The vehicles would have had to have been tested elsewhere in a closed environment. After all that, the driverless cars could have navigated NH's quirky roads without any hands-on contact from the driver.

Massachusetts inked a deal allowing 15 cities and towns to allow autonomous car testing. The deal foresaw the Commonwealth's MassDOT bureaucracy developing a process to phase in the driverless cars. Improving technology and “experimenting with new mobility services” came as two goals of the Massachusetts approach.

What to do if you've Been in an Accident.

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OBITUARY

John D. Tinkham,



John D. Tinkham, 73, of Derry, NH, died Monday June 28, 2021 in the Parkland Medical Center in Derry. He was born in Derry on June 26, 1948, a son of the late Frederick and Lydia (Lech) Tinkham. He had been a resident of Derry for the past 30 years, formerly living in Windham, NH where he grew up and attended school. He was a US Navy Vietnam veteran serving as a SEABEE and was a recipient of the Bronze Star. While stationed at Camp Haskins in North Vietnam, he received a commendation from his commanding officer for his superhuman effort while concrete batching. John was well known in the area as “The Firewood Guy”, which was voted the “Best of Londonderry 2020”.

He is survived by his sister, Judy Tinkham of Windham; one niece; one nephew; and several grand nieces and grand nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Fred Tinkham.

Private services will be held in the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc. / American Stroke Assoc., PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005, or to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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DERRY

Demystifying Credit

The Derry Public Library is partnering with St. Mary's Bank to bring patrons a virtual program on credit on July 14, at 6 p.m. Jenna Seavey, the Training and Development Specialist at St. Mary's Bank will give a presentation on how credit scores work, how to improve your score, and credit strategies. Register at derrypub.org or call 432-6140.

NE Quilts and Stories

New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell Nearly every world culture that has cold weather uses quilted textiles. Pam Weeks discusses world history, women's history, industrial history, and other stories found in quilts at the Derry Library on July 21, at 6:30 p.m. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing. Register at derrypub.org

l.org or call 432-6140. Summer Reading Program.

Hollywood and the US Military

Take a Look at a Cinematic Partnership at the Derry Library on July 12 from 6:30 p.m., Reference librarian Liz will give a talk about the history of the US Military's role in Hollywood filmmaking. Register at derrypub.org or call 432-6140.

Summer Reading

July is full of Summer Reading Program activities at the Derry Library. This year's theme is Tails and Tales, so our Children and Teen Summer Reading activities are full of animals. We have in person and virtual programs, STEM programs and animal-themed Storytimes for children, animal crafts for teens, and adults are welcome to join our adult Summer Reading Challenge for a chance to win prizes! Visit

derrypub.org or call 432-6140 for details.

Derry 4th of July

The town of Derry will hold their 4th of July display on Sunday, July 4, at dusk which is approximately 9 p.m., with a rain date of Monday July 5. Suggested viewing areas include: along Tsienneto Rd., Hood Commons, Folsom Rd., & Crystal Ave. Any question contact Derry recreation 432-6136 or www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation.

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

Library Closure

The Chester library will be closed on Saturday, July 3 and Monday, July 5 for Independence Day.

Derry Garden Club Recently Awarded Ames Tools Grant

Ames Tools of Iowa and National Garden Clubs, Inc. recently announced the Derry Garden Club of Derry is one of their Grant winners for 2021.

The Club was awarded the Grant for the implication and management of the vegetable garden that has been a Children's Teaching Garden located at the Boys and Girls

Club in East Derry for 11 years.

The children attending the Boys and Girls Club learn approved gardening methods, how to plant and harvest the veggies, and at the end of the growing season how to cook what they have grown.

Reliance peach trees developed by the University of NH and a pollinator gar-

den were recently added to broaden the children's education. Winning the nationwide Grant meant the Derry Garden Club is the only Federated garden club in NH to receive this award.

The Derry Garden Club received ten hoes and one Ames Tools hose, all needed tools, for their efforts.

Summer Reading

The Chester Library's Summer reading program will start Tuesday July 6, stop in the library to sign up for Summer Reading and pick up logs between 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. There are programs offered for adults, teens, and children.

Supervisors of the Checklist

NH law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the town checklist every 10 years. Any person on the Chester checklist who has not voted in the past four (4) years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending no-

tice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering. The Supervisors of the Checklist for the town of Chester will hold a session for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, accepting applications for new voter registrations, accepting requests for the correction of the checklist, and or change of political party affiliation on: Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 11 a.m. - noon at Chester Town Hall, Supervisor's office 84 Chester St. Chester. Voters may check party affiliation on-line: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PollingPlaceSearch.aspx>. Applicants for

registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come in to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship, and or domicile.

Pet Show

Bring your furry friends to the Chester Library on Wednesday, July 7 at 6 p.m., and show them off. (weather permitting) Prizes will be awarded by staff from ARK Animal Homecare. Sign up your pet by calling 887-3404.

Butterfly Card Craft

Make a beautiful butterfly card for a loved one at the Chester Library on Thursday, July 8 at 6 p.m. This event is for adults and is weather permitting. Registration is required call 887-3404.

Silent Book Club

The Chester Library will be hosting a new silent book club where participants can come to talk about their current books, look for recommendations, and enjoy one hour of silent reading. The club will meet on Friday, July 9 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Friends of Library Meeting

The Friends of Chester Library will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, July 12 at 7 p.m. Interested in joining? Call 887-3404 for more information.

Book Group

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OBITUARY

Nancy J. (Berry) Stearn

Nancy J. (Berry) Stearn, 76, of Loudon, NH, passed away Friday June 25, 2021, in the Pleasant View Center in Concord, NH. She was born on Oct. 6, 1944 in St. Louis, MO, a daughter of the late Earl and Marie (Schmidt) Berry. Nancy was a graduate of Notre Dame High School Class of 1962. She was a longtime US postal employee. She was one of the most thoughtful people and loved by everyone. Nancy was the kind of person that leaves coolers full of drinks on the porch for delivery drivers, the kind of woman that would hug a stranger in need of love. She was a light in dark times and the glue for so many when things fell apart. She was so much more than a career or an address she was what we should all strive to be. Humble, kind, loving and all of the things we need more of.

She is survived by her son, Michael Stearn and his wife Lisa of Loudon, NH; her three beloved grandchildren, Anthony, Gabriella and Thatcher; her three siblings, Pat Monegan and husband Dan, Peggy Graff and husband Bill and Robert Berry and wife Chris; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, Jeffrey B. Stearn in 2014 and one brother Sam Berry.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be held on Thursday, July 1, from 4 - 6 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. At the family's request, face masks are recommended for those in attendance. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02215. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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Book Group will be discussing Carnegie's *Maid* by Marie Benedict. New Members welcome, extra copies can be found at the circulation desk for cardholders. The group will meet Tuesday, July 20 at 1 p.m.

Crafting Group

Bring your projects to the Chester Library on Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m., to work on. Registration is required, call 887-3404.

Canasta Club

Looking for a card game to

join? Learn to play with pros at the Chester Library every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m.

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

Library Holiday

For the 4th of July weekend, the Hampstead Public Library has normal hours on Friday (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.), Saturday (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) and

Sunday (closed.) The Library is closed on Monday, July 5 when the holiday is observed by town offices.

Teen Book Art

On Wednesday, July 7 at 3 p.m., students going into grade 5 and up are invited to join Jenn on the Hampstead Public Library lawn for Teen Book Art. Create a fun hedgehog from an old book. The Library supplies all materials. Advance registration is required via the Events Calendar on the Library website, or call 603-329-6411. You can find a picture of the finished book hedgehog on the

calendar or the Middle School & Teen Event page.

Chair Yoga

Indoor Chair Yoga Class on Tuesday, July 13 at 12:30 p.m. Space is limited, and advance registration is required. Call the Library or use the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org to register. Maggie from the Yoga Room leads the class in stretching, strengthening, and breathing exercises.

Stem Kits

S.T.E.M. Kits for children are now available at the Hampstead Public Library. A

Human Body S.T.E.M. Kit and a Robotics & Coding S.T.E.M. kit have been added to the Library's catalog, and they can be reserved and borrowed by library cardholders. Both kits have hands on components. You can find a description of contents in the Library's catalog. Ask a librarian if you have questions, 603-329-6411.

Pet Photos

Adult Summer Reading program, patrons can share a picture of their beloved pet(s) for the Tails @ Home photo collage at the Hampstead Library. This can also be a family project. Drop off your pic-

ture at the Library, include your name and contact information on the back. Photographic paper is not required; copy paper is fine. You can also email a photo to ProgramsHPL@gmail.com. Everyone who shares a photo will be entered to win a gift card for a local pet supply store. Please submit your photo by July 31.

Stories About Your Pet

Do you have fun anecdotes about your pet? Get creative with the Hampstead Public Library Tales About Tails program. Hampstead folks can share a poem or

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short story about their pet. It can be true or creative fiction. Submit the written poem/story to the Library, attention Janet, or email it to ProgramsHP-L@gmail.com by July 31. All participants will be entered in a raffle to win a gift card for a local pet supply store. With the authors' permission, the writings may be bound as a collection and made available for public viewing later in August.

Thrift Shop Reopen

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library are pleased to announce that they plan to re-open their Thrift Shop on Tuesday, July 6. Shop hours will be Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Shop is located in the basement of the Hampstead Public Library and shoppers should enter via the door on the left side of the building, where a red flag will be hanging. Item donations to the Thrift Shop will be accepted starting June 21. Donations should be brought into the Library when it is open. Please do not leave donations outside the building. The Shop sells clothing, shoes, and accessories for men, women, and children. Call 603-329-6411 or email HampsteadFriends@gmail.com if you have questions.

Mother Goose Returns

Mother Goose on the Loose returns to the Hampstead Public Library with four sessions in July! Grab a blanket or chairs and join Miss Jenn on the Library lawn at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 15, 22, and 29. This interactive program is designed for our youngest patrons, ages 0-2, and their caregivers. Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime features songs, rhymes, movement, and stories. If the event needs to be canceled because of poor weather, we will post on the Library Facebook page by 9 a.m., or feel free to call 603-329-6411.

Summer Reading

Adults and children are welcome to register for the Hampstead Public Library Summer Reading Program at any time online, or in person,

for the duration of the program. You can find the online registration forms on the Kids Homepage, Teens (Middle School) Homepage, and the Entertainment & Research/Adult Summer Reading page on www.HampsteadLibrary.org. Join our summer of Tails & Tales fun! The more you read, the more chances you have to win great prizes.

6th Annual Golf Tournament

The 6th Annual Greater Hampstead Civic Club/Brian E. Colbert Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Monday Aug. 2, at Atkinson Country Club. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m., and Shotgun Start at noon in a Scramble Format. The entry fee of \$185 per player that includes Greens fees, Cart, and lunch and dinner. Sponsorships are still Available. If you can attend you can bid on Auction Items online. Field is limited to first 144 Golfers on the Main Course but we also have the Par 3 Event the same day. Go to www.HampsteadCivicclub.org for registration. Contact Kim Colbert at 603-548-6776 with Questions

Storytime

Outdoor Storytime for 3 to 5-year-old children has started at the Hampstead Library! Weather permitting, meet Miss Jenn on the Library lawn for stories and fun on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. (except holidays.) Watch the Library's Facebook page for related announcements (e.g. cancellation or changes.)

SANDOWN

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.

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

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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

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 Thurs-

day. This meeting is open to the public.

Crafting Crew

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

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.

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

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Free Meals

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. Meal Bags to go: Lunch on July 11 from 2-2:30 p.m., at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS); breakfast on July 17 from 10 - 10:30 a.m., at St. Thomas Parish; Lunch on July 17, from 12 - 12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's Church, drive around to back door; Lunch on July 25 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Dinner on July 30, from 5 - 6 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Sonshine Soup Kitchen - We Will Be Serving Drive By To Go Meals On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, And Thursdays 4:30 - 5 p.m.

Pinkerton Academy Team Wins Division & Excellence Awards at Vex Robotics Worlds



Pinkerton Academy VEX Team 241E members pictured are, from left, Austin Bobay, Royce Andrews and Diego Rubio, missing is Wendy Parcel.

Picture courtesy of Pinkerton Academy

DERRY - Two Pinkerton Academy teams qualified for the Vex Worlds Remote Competition that took place earlier in the year in Greenville Texas. The two teams were: 241E - Eclipse and 241C - Chaos.

Team 241E was headed by co-captains Austin Bobay and Royce Andrews, along with Diego Rubio and Wendy Parcels won their division with a score of 231 out of 252. They

also won the Excellence Award and have an automatic berth in next year's Vex Worlds competition in Texas.

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