

Chester School Board Receives COVID-19 Update

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CHESTER - The Chester School Board met on Sept. 8 for its regularly scheduled meeting. During the meeting they got an update in regards to COVID-19. As part of the 2021 – 2022 Chester Academy Return to School Plan one of the provisions of the plan is for the school district’s administration to monitor public health and Chester Academy-specific metrics on a monthly basis and report that to the School Board to determine if there is a need for them to adjust the reopening plan in any way. It was explained by Chester Superintendent Sharon Locke that at the time of the meeting the risk level of community transmission for COVID-19 in Rockingham County and Southeast Public Health areas were still in the “substantial” category, and she also noted that the number of positive COVID cases over the previously 14 days in Chester has continued to increase. Locke informed the School Board that there haven’t been any positive cases that have come from the school since school started this year. She said that they had six students and one staff member out during the first week of school this year but it wasn’t from being at the school. Locke also gave the Chester School Board an update regarding their enrollment. She says currently the total enrollment for kindergarten through eighth grade is 485 students, and that there are 16 students currently enrolled in Pre School. It was explained that

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Paranormal Experience Event Coming to Sandown

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Heritage Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Sept.2. During the meeting one of the main agenda items was in regards to their upcoming paranormal investigation event. It was explained by Sandown Heritage Commission Chairman Pamela Gaudreau that they had the event two years ago and it worked out well. Bob McDermott’s group “Paranormal New Hampshire” will put on the paranormal experience event. It was explained that they have 16 years of paranormal experience and are focused on helping historical organizations fund-raise. They also help those who experience paranormal activity, for free. It was announced by Gaudreau that they offered to give some money to McDermott and his group but he wouldn’t accept any. Gaudrea said that she talked to the Sandown Historical Society about having the event at the Depot and said that they were excited about having the event there. She told the Historical Society that they were welcome to have information to pass out at the event and to possibly recruit new members. She said that after the event was canceled last year it will be good to have a fun event for the community this year. “Let’s have fun,” she said. The event is scheduled for Oct. 9 from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and will take place at the Sandown Depot. There will be a \$10 suggested donation for the event, but any size donation is welcome by the Commission. The proceeds from this event will go into the Sandown Heritage Fund, to cover the operational costs of their current and future projects. It was also announced

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Past Remembered Chester Police officer Todd Crumb played the bagpipes during the 9-11 Memorial Service at the Chester Town Fair on Saturday, Sept. 11. Crumb also led the parade down the center of town in the parade that officially started the fair. *Photo by Chris Paul*

The 32nd Annual Derryfest Takes Place This Saturday

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DERRY - After taking place virtually last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic the annual Derryfest will once again be taking place this year in person. The 32nd annual Derryfest will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at MacGregor Park on East Broadway. Because of the uncertainty of the pandemic the decision wasn’t made until June to have it in person. Usually planning begins in March. People in the community were excited when it was announced that the annual event would be happening once again. Mike Gendron, a GDAC Trustee and a member of the Derryfest Committee, stated that he was “thrilled with the overwhelmingly positive reaction from the community

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Planning Board Hears Conceptual Idea for Route 111 Parcel

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HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Planning Board held its monthly meeting on Sept. 7.

During the meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to a conceptual discussion for the property at 618 Route 111.

Buddy Collins explained that he owns an excavation and small demolition business and has been looking for a while for property that will be good for his business.

He said that he reviewed the property and thought it would work out well for him.

"This opportunity popped up, and it looked appealing for a number of different reasons," he said.

Collins explained that he wanted to go to the Planning Board for a conceptual discussion in order to find out if they would allow them to have commercial vehicles and construction yard use on the property.

He said finding a property where he would be allowed to have commercial vehicles has been a

major hurdle for him to overcome.

Hampstead Planning Board Chairman Stephen Wentworth explained that since there aren't many neighbors and is surrounded by commercial properties that it should be fine.

It was asked what is currently on the property.

Collins said that currently there is a small house and a barn on the property.

He also asked the Planning Board if he would be allowed to use the little barn they have on the property currently

if he was to make improvements to it. He said he wanted to potentially use it to store equipment.

Wentworth said that since it already exists he doesn't see why it would be a problem.

Collins said he hopes to be formally back in front of the Board soon in regards to the property.

Also during the meeting the Board heard from Alex Camm, from Greenman Pederson. Camm was representing Wentworth who is the property owner of 32 and 40 Stony Ridge Road. Wentworth was seeking a lot line

adjustment.

He said that he wanted to move some of the land at 32 Stony Ridge Road to 40 Stony Ridge Road.

Wentworth explained he wanted to improve his driveway and made a deal with his neighbor to acquire some of his land in order to make it happen.

A former neighbor to the property said during the meeting that he thinks that by improving the driveway it will be beneficial because there were multiple times when he would have to pull the previous owner out of snow banks due to the

driveway.

"This is an excellent, excellent improvement," he said,

The Board with Wentworth recuing himself unanimously approved the lot line adjustment.

Also on the agenda was in regards to the 200 Central Street Subdivision.

James Lavelle told the Board that they would have an update for them at their next meeting, which the Board agreed to hear then.

The next Hampstead Planning Board meeting is slated for Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

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the anticipated drop in enrollment came from its eighth grade class, which was 69 students last year and 55 students this year.

First grade however, increased from 46 students last year to 63 students this year.

Sheryl Rich, the busi-

ness manager for the district, gave the School Board an update about their 2021-2022 unanticipated revenues they have received.

They received an additional \$157,430 from State Adequacy, \$87,156 from Kenogarten, \$575 from Primex, and they also received an additional \$8,148 from premium

holidays for Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

They've ultimately received a total of \$258,309 in unanticipated revenues.

It was also explained during the meeting by Rich that they were expected to have \$54,000 available in impact fees. As of June 28 it was announced that they had

approximately \$68,729 available.

Rich also talked to the Board about developing next year's budget. She provided a draft budget schedule to the school board that she will confirm with the Chester Budget Committee.

Under the proposal the budget would be delivered to the Board during its Dec.1 School Board Meeting. Chester School Board Chairman Royal Richardson said that they would also need to have a second Board meeting in December to finalize and vote on the

budget.

Jan.7 would then deliver it to the Budget Committee. Richardson said if they plan on submitting the budget to the Chester Budget Committee around Jan. 7 then they should have a preliminary meeting with them on Jan. 10 to present it to them and answer any high level questions they may have for the school district, before the working session on Jan. 17.

He explained that it would give the Budget Committee a full week to review the budget information and then they

could send written questions to the School Board and to the district's administration if they had any.

The Board also agreed to schedule a second meeting for Jan. 24 because it will likely be needed.

School Board member Dana Theokas said that during the Sept. 13 Chester Budget Committee meeting they will present the proposed schedule to the Committee.

The next Chester School Board meeting is slated for Oct.6 at 7 p.m.



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Derry Town Council Appoints Andrew Meyers to Planning Board

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DERRY - The Derry Town Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 7.

During the meeting one of the agenda items that was discussed was in regards to the upcoming special election that will be taking place to replace Anne Copp, who recently resigned from her state representative seat.

Derry Town Council Chairman James Morgan that three republicans are

running for the seat and one democrat that means there will be a primary election along with a general election explained it.

He said that the primary will be scheduled for Oct. 19 and the general election will be on Dec. 7. Morgan said that they will have to move their council meetings that are scheduled on those days to a different date.

Morgan also said that Derry Town Administrator David Caron had recommended that they increase the pay for the

town moderator from \$150 per election to \$500 per election.

He also said that it was recommended that they pay poll workers the COVID stipend like they did for the previous elections.

"We need to be fully staffed for this election," said Morgan.

It was explained by Caron that they received two sources of funding to pay election workers during the pandemic.

One of the funding sources came from the

Secretary of State's Office who gave them \$60,000 and they received \$9,5000 from a Chicago public interest group.

He said that they currently have \$24,000 in funds left.

Caron said that he would have two resolutions for the next meeting, one for the authorization of using the funds to pay poll workers and the other for the increase in pay for the town moderator.

During the meeting the Council heard from Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon who gave a COVID update for the town.

He explained that at the time of the meeting Derry had 82 active positive cases of COVID-19 that is a large increase over the last month.

"It's expanding quite rapidly," Gagnon said.

He did note that it has been similar in other communities as well.

Gagnon was asked during the meeting if he would recommend that people get the booster shot for the COVID-19 vaccine when they are eligible for it.

He said that he would recommend it and said that he is going to recommend that members of the fire departments receive it as well.

Ultimately Gagnon is hopeful that more people in the community will get vaccinated.

"The vaccination is our way out of this until that happens this is going to continue running its course through the communities, and through the

country and the world," he said.

Also during the meeting the Council approved appointing Andrew Meyers to be a regular member of the Derry Planning Board.

It was explained by Morgan that John O'Connor, the chair of the planning Board, recommended him.

"I think he would be a good member for the planning Board," Morgan said.

Meyer's term on the planning board will be until March of 2022.

The next Derry Town Council meeting is slated for Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

Sandown

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during the meeting that they will be setting up at the annual Sandown Old Home Days celebration on Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Recreation Fields at 56 North Rd in Sandown for more about our projects.

They will be selling

the third edition reprint of "A View From Meeting House Hill" which was written by local author Richard Holmes. The book is a story about Sandown and is \$25 each.

In other news it was decided during the meeting that they would allocate up to \$150 for the making of a 3x5 flag. The Commission has been

working on designing a town flag to become the official flag for the town of Sandown.

The flag will be donated to the town of Sandown and will be displayed at Sandown Town Hall.

The next Sandown Heritage Commission meeting is slated for Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial

Go Ahead; Think for Yourself

Sept. 26 through Oct. 2 is Banned Books Week, devoted to celebrating the freedom to read what you want. Banned Book week draws attention to censorship efforts that continue to this day. This is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and its purpose, but of course it is to celebrate the freedom to read what you want.

Don't take your freedom to read for granted. There are people eager to tell libraries and schools what they should make available for us to read and what they should keep away from us. In plain English, that's called censorship. No other word applies. And there is no place for it in American society.

Books are challenged for a variety of reasons: religious belief, concern about profanity or slang or sexual content. But in all cases, the challenge the attempt to ban a book from public access involves someone saying he or she has the right to tell others what they cannot read. We can't accept that.

We recognize that parents may not consider all books appropriate for children. As long as parents apply their standards and moral viewpoints to their own children, we applaud their efforts at working to instill their values in their offspring. Remember, even when books are assigned in school, parents can ask that their child

be excused if they find the material offensive.

It is when others decide their standards must apply to all children or all library patrons or students that's censorship once again.

Imagine if you didn't have the right to select your books if the books available were only those allowed by government-sanctioned censors.

Questions you should ask as you think about your experienced in reading a "banned" book; did it make me think? There are some people hope that never happens.

Some books contain different or offensive viewpoints, and that's okay. The simple solution, don't read the book. Open access to the expression of ideas, even those out of the mainstream is important; it makes you think for yourself. That's why newspapers cherish press freedom, and why our country's founders enshrined it in the Constitution. In honor of Banned Books Week, do something to celebrate your right to think for yourself. Read a book. Any book you want.

The freedom to read is as important as the freedom to speak. This would also include papers this is how we get different perspectives-views-ideas on issues. Hold tight your freedoms before you lose them one at a time.

Chester Warns of Potential Senior COVID-19 Exposure

Late last week Town Officials in Chester warned residents about the possible exposure risk to some of the seniors that attended the Senior Coffee Hour at the Wason Pond Community Center.

In a press release they announced, "The Town of Chester has been notified that an individual who was at Senior Coffee Hour at the Wason Pond Community Center has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was last at the Community Center on

Tuesday, Sept. 7, and was tested Wednesday, Sept. 8.

"We are making this public notification to alert any individuals who might have attended Senior Coffee Hour on Tuesday, Sept. 7 but who have not already been notified of the potential exposure to the coronavirus. We also recommend that you contact your physician for further guidance with respect to being tested for possible exposure."

The release also explained the symptoms of

the virus, "COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19."

Hampstead Announces New Senior Coordinator

The Hampstead Recreation Commission recently announced the appointment of Jaye Dimando as the town's new Senior Coordinator.

Dimando will be working to bring back senior

trips and other activities that were dropped during the pandemic.

The recreation staff is excited to have Dimando on board to try and get things back to "normal."

The commission also

announced that there will be a Hampstead Senior Citizens Social at the Town Meetinghouse on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 9:15 to 11 a.m. No RSVP is required to attend the event.

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Chester Scholarship Recipient

The Chester School Board awarded its 2021 Scholarship to Sofia Camillieri as the academically top-ranked student from Chester in the Pinkerton Academy 2021 Graduating Class.

As a result, Sofia receives \$1,000 each year that she is enrolled in an accredited college or university in good-standing, up to a maximum of four years.

Sofia was captain of the Pinkerton softball team and was the recipient of several Pinkerton awards/scholarships, as well as being asked to speak on leadership at the last honor society induction. She finished 14th in the class, which made her the highest ranked Pinkerton grad from Chester in 2020. She was a NH Scholar, and also received the President's Education Award, the Raigh Mason Scholarship, and the John and James Pinkerton Award all given by Pinkerton, as well as the Chester school board award. She just started at Saint Lawrence University, and is a pre-med major. She will also be playing softball there.



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Derry Police Department Welcomes Two New Officers

The Derry Police Department welcomed two new officers in a ceremony at the Police Station recently. Both were sworn in by Chief Ed Garone.

Officer Sara Joyce

Born and raised in Pepperell, Mass., Sara is a 2017 graduate of Nashoba Valley Technical High School who has always wanted to be a police officer.

After graduating, Sara furthered her education at Franklin Pierce University where she earned her Bachelor of Art's Degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Intelligence Security Studies in May of 2021. Sara was hired by the Derry Police Department on April 12, 2021 and was able to complete her studies online while fully employed with the Police Department.

While at Franklin Pierce University, Sara was a star college athlete being on the University's Cross Country and Track and Field teams all four years. Sara also worked as a para-

professional at a collaborative elementary school.

Sara attended the 185th NH Full Time Police Academy and graduated from the 16-week Academy on Aug. 20, 2021. Sara will finish up her 12-week Field Training Program with Derry PD late October.

Officer Andrew Kennedy

Born and raised in Derry, Andrew is a 2018 graduate of Pinkerton Academy. Andrew has always had an interest in pursuing law enforcement. Andrew got an early start at his dream job when he assisted Derry Police Officers capture a subject who was attempting to break into Andrew's childhood home back in 2016.

While in high school, Andrew played baseball and worked at Pete's Scoop. After graduation, Andrew furthered his education at NHTI in Concord, NH where he earned his Associates in Science Degree in Criminal Justice. While attending NHTI, Andrew completed a 120-



New Officers Andrew Kennedy and Sara Joyce were sworn in by Derry Police Chief Ed Garone.

hour internship with the Derry Police Department and worked alongside many of his current fellow coworkers.

Andrew was hired by the Derry Police Department on March 1, 2021 and attended the 185th NH Full Time Police Academy. After graduating from the 16-week Academy on Aug. 20, 2021, Andrew will finish up his 12-week Field Training Program with Derry PD in the beginning of October.

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Chester Looks to Have Solar Farm on Town Owned Property

The Town of Chester, is requesting proposals to lease an area of land owned by the Town for the development of a solar array.

The land consists of about two acres and is located off Dump Road and Raymond Road.

The Town will hold a site walk on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, at 10 a.m. The site walk is optional.

Those submitting proposals are encouraged but not required to attend. The

site walk will commence at the entrance gate to the site off Dump Road at the Transfer Station.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or accept any proposal determined to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town may cancel this Request for Proposals at any time for any reason.

Proposal should be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Pro-

posal for the Lease of Town of Chester Property," and addressed as follows: Board of Selectmen's Office Solar Array RFP 09-09-2021 Town of Chester, 84 Chester Street Chester, NH 03036

All proposals must be received no later than Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at 4 p.m. (time period may be extended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen) to be considered. It is the sole respon-

sibility of the responder to have the packet at the designated location prior to the deadline date and time. Telephoned, faxed, or emailed submittals will not be accepted.

All responses are governmental records subject to public disclosure under the Right-to-Know Law. The Town will not accept responses marked confidential in whole or in part.

Contact for questions and/or site inspection

requests: Paul Cavanaugh, Maintenance Director 84 Chester Street, Chester, NH 03036 Telephone: (603)-887-3636 x115 Email: Maintenance@ChesterNH.org

Answers to questions

received on or before Oct. 7, shall be posted on the Town website's RFP page that can be found at: <https://www.chesternh.org/requests-proposals>. No questions received after Oct. 7, will be answered.

Derryfest

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once it was announced that Derryfest was happening once again this year."

"Many of the traditional craft vendors, food vendors, non-profits, entertainers and sponsors that have supported Derryfest in the past have really stepped up once more to participate in this great community event," he added.

The Greater Derry Arts Council produces Derryfest every year and their hope is that the 2021 Derryfest will be a big success just like in past years.

Some of the attractions returning this year includes things like a portable

"rock" climbing wall, a live wild animal presentation featuring a "roaming tortoise", a performance by Derry's own balloon entertainer, Joe Tombarello, games for children in the Derryfest games area and entertainment from some of Derry's music, dance, theater and baton twirling schools and organizations.

To kick-off Derryfest the GDAC once again held the Greater Derry's Got Talent, which is a talent show, presented in conjunction with Derryfest week. It was a family friendly event that was open to all singers, dancers, musicians, and performers of all ages and levels of experience, and is

open to all New Hampshire residents.

For the final competition, all winning acts receive prizes as well as the opportunity to perform on the main stage at Derryfest the following weekend.

The Derryfest Entertainment Schedule on the main stage begins at 10 a.m. with the Opening Ceremony/Anthem/Proclamation.

At 10:30 a.m. Ovation Theatre Company

10:45 a.m. will be Bernie Choiniere Voice Studio

11:05 a.m. features Red Star Twirlers

11:25 a.m. Greater Derry's Got Talent Winners

11:55 a.m. God Bless America

12:00 p.m. POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony

12:15 p.m. New Hampshire Academie of Dance

12:35 p.m. Kids Coop Theatre

1:00 p.m. Wildlife Encounters

2:00 p.m. Dance Progressions

2:20 p.m. Real School of Music

2:35 p.m. Karate International of Windham

2:50 p.m. The Voice Studio

3:05 p.m. Miss Nutfield and OT

3:15 p.m. Limitless Pride Martial Arts

3:30 p.m. Stage Craft
For more information go to: www.derryfest.org.

OBITUARY

Richard R. Murphy



Richard R. Murphy, Sr., 68 of Derry, NH died Friday Sept. 10, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Richard was born in Boston, MA on July 5, 1953, a son of the late Raphael and Alice (Madrug) Murphy. He had been a resident of Derry since 1986, formerly living in Charlestown, MA. Richard had been employed as a software engineer for Fidelity Investments for over 20 years.

He is survived by his four children, Richard R. Murphy, Jr. and his wife Amy, Heather Murphy and her companion Mark Bergeron, Erin Murphy and her companion Scott Cataldi, and Raphael M. Murphy, III and his wife Gail, 10 grandchildren, Alexis, Jake, Zachary, Patrick, Isabella, Scotty, Annah, Sophia, Tanya, Jessie, two sisters, Dee Burke and her husband Jezzy, and Mary Fossey, brother-in-law, Michael McInnis and his wife Jane, sister-in-laws, Susan Matarazzo and her companion Vito Capraro, and Helen McInnis, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Kathleen I. (McInnis) Murphy in 2018, by his granddaughter, Angela Cataldi, and siblings, Rose Marie Murphy, Raphael Murphy, and Michael Murphy.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday Sept. 15, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Face masks are recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m., in St. Mary's Parish, 55 Warren St., Charlestown, MA. The church recommends masks for those that are not vaccinated, and requires masks for those that are not vaccinated. Burial will be Tuesday Sept. 21 at 12:45 p.m., in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA.

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Chester Lions Club Announces Their Citizens of the Year



The Chester Lions held their annual banquet and award ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 9 at Stevens Hall where they named the man and woman of the year. They also gave out the Granite State Fellow Award. That award went to the Chester Fire Department and was accepted by Acting Fire Chief Phil Gladau. It was only the second one of these awards handed out by the Chester Lions and it is through the Lions Sight and Hearing Fellowship. The Women of the Year Award went to Julia Webb, a 41-year resident in Chester, who is a Physical Therapist and raises

Arabian Horses. During the Pandemic she used her spare time making over 3,000 masks. The Man of the Year Award went to Darryl Quinn who was not able to make the ceremony. He's a volunteer firefighter Health Inspector and Cemetery Trustee. He also works at the Transfer Station and is the town Clock Keeper. Also awarded that evening was current Chester Lions President Bruce Baker. He was presented the Lions Heart Award. Leslie Packard was presented with the Lion of the Year Award by Colleen Towle for her devotion to the club. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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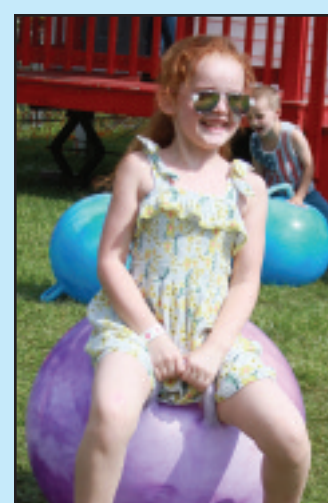
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Chester Holds Annual Town Fair After COVID Break in 2020



The Chester Town Fair was held on Saturday, Sept. 11, starting at noon and lasting until dark, when the fireworks were set off. The fair started with a parade to the fairgrounds at Chester Academy and was followed by a number of family friendly events. The fair started with the Pinkerton Academy band assembling for the National Anthem and a 9-11 commemorative ceremony. Along with the many booths set up on the grounds activities included a State Police K-9 Unit demonstration, a cookie challenge, a Wildlife Encounters show, Magic by George, Local Artist Peter Kirby and the live band "Mo-Bounce." The celebration ended with fireworks.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Girls Volleyball Has Strong Win and Tough Loss

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Varsity Volleyball team started its season off with a strong win in the first week of the season, but that was followed by a tough loss to start the second week.

The Lady Astros squad traveled to Portsmouth High School on Wednesday, Sept. 8, and was handed their first defeat by the Lady Clippers in a tough 3-2 loss.

Sarah Bolduc and Lexa Galler had 11 and 10 kills respectively.

Setter Ella Koelb collected 29 assists and had seven kills.

Abby Leppert and Morgan Stevens both had two blocks in the game.

Lexa Galler had 12 serv-

ice points and Ella Koelb had 11 in the loss.

The Pinkerton squad quickly corrected things with a convincing 3-0 shutout at home on Friday night, Sept. 10, against the Lady Tomahawks of Merrimack High School.

Senior setter Ella Koelb had an exceptional game, collecting 26 assists, seven kills, 17 service points, and eight aces to pace the PA Varsity Girls Volleyball team.

Middle Abby Leppert also had a strong game at the net with eight kills and four blocks.

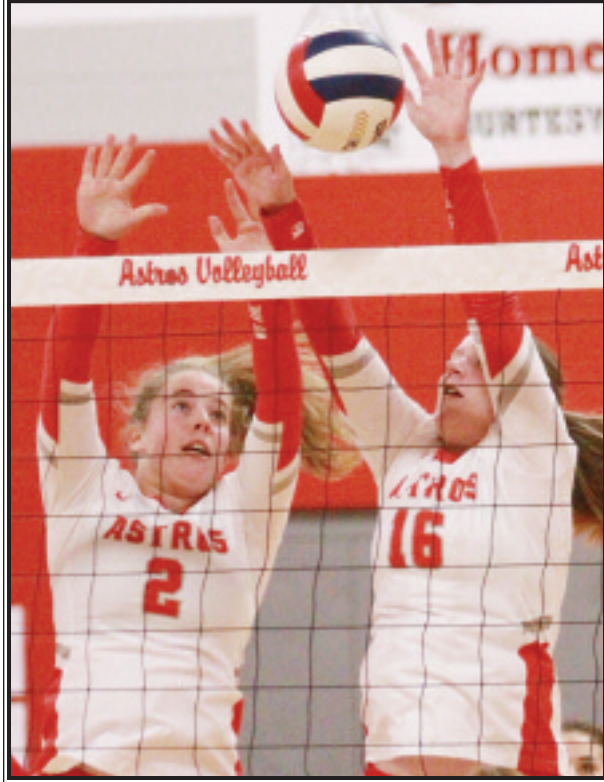
On the right side, Lexa Galler added 12 service points including four straight in game three and also had eight kills.

Sierra Edgecomb and



Middle Abby Leppert gets the ball past Merrimack defenders at the net. Photos by Chris Paul

Sarah Bolduc handled 16 connected with four kills digs a piece in the backcourt and six service points. and middle Morgan Stevens



Astros seniors Ella Koelb and Morgan Stevens go up for a block during last week against Merrimack.

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Astros Girls Soccer Team Snaps Exeter's 35-Game Win Streak



Freshman Kayla Silveira scored both goals in the win over Exeter last week. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Soccer team had a great Labor Day morning as they were able to break the Exeter High School Lady Blue Hawks 35 game win streak for the first win against that team in six years.

Lady Astros head coach Danielle Rappa with her girls' performance on Monday, Sept. 6 at home as her team was able to beat the Lady Blue Hawks 2-1, something that no other team has in a very long time.

Freshman Kayla Silveira scored both goals for her Pinkerton team, one in each half.

Grayson Tellier had the assist in the first half, with a pass right to Silveira's feet in the box.

In the second half, the

offense put intense pressure on Exeter's defense, allowing Kayla to intercept a pass, and go to goal for the unassisted game-winner.

Emily Hood also had her chances, adding three shots of her own on net.

According to Rappa, "Pinkerton's defense had to work hard the entire game - Allison Lamphere, Caitlin Seleny, Elise Saab, Jadyn Smith, and Sawyer Jackson all did a great job."

Lady Astros goalie Libby Williams made seven saves to help maintain the outstanding one goal victory for her team.

The Pinkerton girls had another morning game on Saturday, Sept. 11, where this time they had to settle for a 3-3 tie giving them a 3-1-1 record so far this fall.

Lady Astros Maggie Brown, Emily Hood, and Kayla Silveira each scored in the game, while Chayse Dube, Grayson Tellier, and Hannah Sippel added the assists.

The team has games against Concord and Alvirne on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Concord was at home and Alvirne was in Hudson.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Sept. 6



Ella Koelb
Senior, Girls Volleyball

Ella Koelb led the team in assists, aces and service points through the games against Merrimack and Portsmouth last week.



Jacob Albert
Junior, Football

Albert rushed for 152-yds on 16 carries, caught a 33-yd pass, scored one touchdown, and had one interception on defense en route to a 38-19 win against Keene on Friday night.

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Astros Field Hockey Team Gets Two Wins on the Road

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Field Hockey Team traveled to Manchester last week and were able to pick up their third win of the season, but finished the week at home with a tough scoreless tie against Timberlane.

On Wednesday, Sept. 9 they played Manchester Memorial (0-2-1) and PA picked up the third win of the season with a 2-1 victory.

The Lady Astros had stand-out performances by Elise LeBlanc in cage and Aili Carney in the backfield

according to coach Katie Littlefield.

In the first quarter, the Pinkerton side started the scoring with a goal by Jaelyn Crossman at 2:34 assisted by Abby Shawley.

Manchester evened things up at one a piece heading into the second.

After a scoreless quarter number two, Crossman got her second goal of the game in the third quarter with an assist from Quinn Mailloux at 10:46.

Elise LeBlanc had four saves in the Pinkerton goal while two Manchester goalies combined for six.

The Lady Astros then traveled to Plaistow on Friday, Sept. 10, to face the Lady Owls of Timberlane Regional High School where both teams battled for five periods to a scoreless tie.

Littlefield commented, "It was an exciting overtime game between two good teams. Gianna Rosa, Lark Johnson, Aili Carney, and Elise LeBlanc were the backbone of the field in the defensive end."

LeBlanc only needed to make two saves in the game, while the Timberlane goalie made six saves in the tie.



Lady Astro Aili Carney was strong in the backfield against Manchester Memorial.

Pinkerton Football Runs Over Blackbirds of Keene High

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS



Astros Jacob Albert rushed for over 150-yards against Keene in Friday night's home opener. Photo by Chris Paul

In the first home game of the season for the Pinkerton Academy Football team, the Astros were able to amass 409 yards on the ground for a 38-19 win.

This was the second straight convincing win in the young 2021 season and showed that the PA squad had a lot of force built up after having to sit out most of the 2020 season due to COVID.

The Blackbirds were only able to muster just over half the rushing yards of Pinkerton and none in the air.

Astros quarterback Nathan Campos and running back Jacob Albert com-

bined for much of the offense in the game.

Albert rushed for a 42-yard touchdown and helped start the scoring, giving PA squad a 6-0 lead. The point after was good by Picasso Bates for the 7-0 start.

Fullback Jack Mackier-

nan had a strong run up the middle in the fourth quarter pushing the defense back for a 27-yard run.

Senior halfback Lorenzo Milana had a 45-yard touchdown run a few plays later to cap off the victory.

The Astros offense tallied 418 yards of total offense while the defense held Keene to only 226 yards of total offense.

Pinkerton will play at Salem High School on Friday night, Sept. 17.

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Pinkerton Boys Soccer Team Faces Some Tough Challenges

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After having its season end abruptly last year by the pandemic the Pinkerton Academy Boys Soccer squad started the 2021 season with three shutout victories, but last week their short winning streak came to an end when they traveled to Exeter High School on

Monday, Sept. 6.

The Exeter Blue Hawks scored once in the first half and had two more unanswered goals in the second to blank the Astros 3-0 for the win.

The Blue Hawk's Brenna Bucklin's goal came in the seventh minute of the game. Sam Henry was in the 72nd minute and Bucklin added his second of

the game in the 76th minute.

Goalie Will Paganini had eight saves in the Pinkerton net and Exeter had eight as well.

Head Coach Kerry Boles commented, "Today was a challenge from the start. I thought we were ready to challenge the top teams. However, Exeter didn't allow us a chance to

breathe today. We did some things well today but if we want to be in the conversation as a Top tier team, we'll need to clean some things up and play an 80 minute game. Things don't get any easier for us, with the defending State champs coming to town on Thursday."

The challenges continued in the second game of

the week when the Astros hosted the Windham High School Jaguars on a rain-drenched field Thursday, Sept. 9.

The game wound up being a scoreless stalemate and ending at the end of the first half of play. Puddling conditions made it impossible to play the second half. The game wound up as a scoreless tie leaving the

Astros with a 3-1-1 start to the season.

According to Boles "This was a tough game for both teams with the weather. Neither team could move the ball the way they wanted and resulted in a rather ugly game of kickball. We will look at our strengths and weaknesses from today and focus on our next opponent, which will be another test."

Pinkerton Academy Cross Country Teams Open Season

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

With an unexpectedly shortened 2020 season due to COVID-19 the Pinkerton Academy boys and girls Cross Country teams are off to a successful start to the 2021 season.

The Astros boys team, "The Long Red Line" competed over the weekend at the annual Paul Letarte Mount Washington Invitational on Saturday,

Sept. 11, and finished first.

The race is held at the very hilly and challenging Great Glen Trails course and the runners from Keene and Pinkerton had a great battle up front, but the depth of the Long Red Line earned the victory that day.

The Pinkerton Academy males scored a 33 for first place and Keene High School tallied a 56 for second. The Newfound High School

team from Bristol scored a 97 for third.

Top ten finishers that day were: Torin Kindrop, Keene (16:07); Luke Brennan, PA (16:12); Jonathan Hills, Keene (16:23); Ethan Charles, PA (16:33); Connor Downes, Newfound (17:17); Ian Cardinale, Keene (17:44); Mitchel Hill, Monadnock (18:01); Elias Brodeur, PA (18:07); Jack Cameron, PA (18:07); and Theo Davis,

PA (18:10).

The PA boys' team's next race will be at the Nashua South Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Mines Falls.

The Lady Astros runners competed west of the Merrimack at Freestyle Farm in Amherst at the Souhegan Relays.

The varsity relay races consisted of three, three-person teams from each school. The race starts with three runners from each

school starting together, when each of those runners finishes, the second person of the three-person team starts.

Each runner ran a 4k loop and scoring for the relay was determined in the usual manner by adding the place finishes of the third runner from each of the three trios from a school. Ties were broken by the position of each school's best three-person team.

The Astros varsity relay first team was led by senior captain Makenna Alden (17:38) and sophomores Izzy Groulx (17:17) and Gigi Rufo (17:49).

The other two squads also ran excellent races.

Pinkerton finished third overall with a score of 29. Souhegan finished first (16), but in a tie with Winnecunnett.

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Strategies Program Coordinator, Building Me, is a 4 week series, that will offer 4 virtual lunch time workshops to discuss simple steps to achieving a balanced lifestyle. Sept. 17 & 24, it will on zoom at 12 - 12:45 p.m. This series is FREE of charge and hosted by the Upper Room. To register, call Beth

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On Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. The Upper Room, 36 Tsieneto Road Derry, is hosting an evening with Charlie Applestein for a workshop entitled "Strengths Based Parenting", in partnership with Salem Family Resource Center. This workshop will share solutions with parents and caregivers, which

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a.m. - noon (Ages 4-6) The camp includes: Music, crafts, games; Intro to Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah and Hebrew; Free tuition available to new Sunday Camp families. Registration: www.etzhayim.org/learn. For more information, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

Etz Hayim High Holidays

Etz Hayim Synagogue High Holiday Schedule and Registration. No requirements on tickets or reservations. Schedules are as follows: Mon. Sept. 20, at 7:15 p.m., Erev Sukkot; Fri. Sept. 24, at 6 p.m., Potluck Shabbat in the Sukkah; Wed. Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m., Simchat Torah. For more information or live stream links, please contact us at office@etzhayim.org or call 603-432-0004. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry.

Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. A Story and Craft for preschoolers ages 3 - 6 will be held on Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

Tiny Tot Storyhour

The Taylor library will be holding Tiny Tot Storyhour for ages 6 months - 3 year olds, on Monday's at 10 a.m., and Fridays at 10 a.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

CHESTER

Advanced Retirement Planning Strategies

On Monday, Sept. 20, from 3:30 - 5 p.m. & 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Chester Library Steve Pessotti from SOFA (The Society for Financial Awareness) will present a free financial planning workshop to help people become more aware of planning for the future, risk management, and protection strategies. Attendees will learn about: Estate Planning, Ancillary Documents, Life Estates, Nursing Homes/Medicaid Rules, Getting Fiscally Fit, Financial Blunders,

Lump Sum vs. Pension Income Payouts, and Social Security. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Book Group

On Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m., the Chester Library's Book Group will be discussing The Dutch House by Ann Patchett. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

LED Pop-Up Card Craft

On Thursday, Sept. 23 at 4 p.m., the Chester Library will hold a fun STEAM craft, making light-up cards and exploring the science of circuits! This craft is for ages 5 - 8. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Board of Trustees Meeting

On Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m., The Chester Library's Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting. This meeting is open to the public.

Teen Book Club

On Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m., the Chester Library's Teen Book club will meet in the Teen Room to discuss Harley Quinn: Breaking Glass by Mariko Tamaki. Copies are available for check out at the front desk. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Teen Bracelet Craft

On Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m., come to the Chester Library to make a beaded bracelet! Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

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

Oktoberfest

Food truck Festival held

by the Hampstead knights for Oktoberfest, Saturday, Oct. 9, 6 - 9 p.m., at St Anne's Parish and the town Common for a classic rock band. Suggested Donation for admission is \$5, to go directly towards the family of Lynn Marie Brisson Viana. Some featured foods; Fried dough and fresh cut fries, tacos, fish and chips, soups and bisques, italian cannolis, raw bar seafood, grilled and fried chicken, bakery truck, gourmet popcorn, loaded potatoes, and much more.

Garden Path Dedication

Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony of the new Storybook Garden Path at the Hampstead Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. The path is dedicated to the memory of Janet Eagleson, a former Hampstead resident, Library staff member, and Friends of the Library volunteer. Janet was taken from us too soon in December 2017. The project began with a bequest from Janet, which was used to construct a new walkway along the side of Library. Please join Janet's family and friends in front of Library building on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. Following the brief dedication ceremony, attendees can stroll down the path and join a celebration with light snacks and beverages near the garden. The festivities will take place rain or shine.

Book Art

Friday morning craft for adults on Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. Learn how to upcycle book pages and create unique pieces of Book Art. The Hampstead Library provides book pages, stickers, construction paper, glue, frames, and lamination. Bring any elements you'd like to incorporate, such as an image or a silhouette, or just join and bring your creativity. All abilities are welcome. Please where a mask inside the building.

Fans Of Kristin Hannah

Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 3:45 p.m., fans of author Kristin Hannah are invited to the Hampstead Public Library to watch the livestream of her conversation at this year's virtual National Book Festival.

Afterward, share your book recommendations with others and get suggestions for your next read. In the broadcast, Kristin Hannah will discuss her newest book, The Four Winds, with Washington Post book critic Ron Charles. Author Maggie Shipstead is also a guest, and she will discuss her new book, Great Circle. Both books can be found in the Library catalog or on the New Books shelf, if not checked out.

About Bobcats

Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m., the Hampstead Public Library hosts a special guest from NH Fish & Game. Learn about the history of NH wildlife and the ongoing research in the state, with a focus on the bobcat. Discover new facts and interesting information, plus helpful tips for dog owners. Advance registration is required. We ask that all attendees age 2 and up wear a mask in the building. To register, call the Library, 603-329-6411, or sign-up via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org.

Pizza & Pages

Banned Books Week Edition for students in grades 5 and up on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. Sign-up is required; call the Library or register via the website Events Calendar. The American Library Association acknowledges Banned Books Week from Sept. 26 to Oct. 2. Books are challenged for a variety of reasons in public libraries, schools, and other settings. You have probably read a book that has been challenged and didn't even know it. For this event, we ask students to read a banned book of their choice. A list of some options is on the Library website calendar. Participants should come ready to talk about their banned book, learn more about the freedom to read, and enjoy pizza!

SANDOWN

Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorpo-

rated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

Library Closure

The Sandown Library will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 18, to accommodate (and cheer on!) the Reach the Beach Road Race.

Story Hour

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

Toddler Tuesdays

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

Movies on the Patio

Outdoor movies shown at the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion At the Sandown Library. Movies will start as soon as it is dark enough, on Saturdays, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the showing will be cancelled, and notice will be sent out. Please register for this event so we can notify of any change in plans. This program was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the NH

State Library. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email youthservices@sandownlibrary.us, programming@sandownlibrary.us, skehoe@sandownlibrary.us

Legos and More

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

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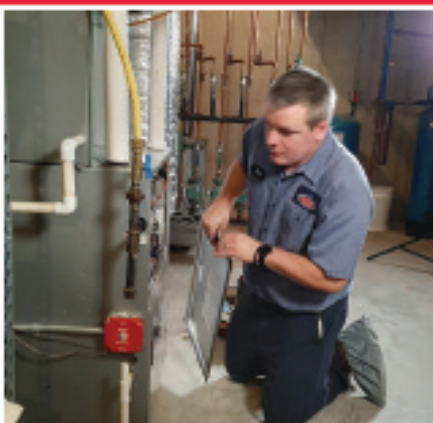
Giant Yard Sale

Londonderry Lions Club to host Giant Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lions Hall Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. No Early Birds. You may donate goods starting October 1st up to day before the sale at the Lion Club Pavilion. No large furniture please. To rent a table please contact Beth 603-820-1085

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. Special Derryfest Breakfast on Sept. 18, at St. Luke's Parish, at 8 a.m., Please park on street or municipal lot & walk around to back of church; Dinner on Sept. 24, at First Parish Church, from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door; Breakfast on Sept. 26, at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS) from 9 - 9:30 a.m.; Lunch on Sept. 26, at St. Jude's Parish, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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