

Hampstead School Board Hears Mask Policy Proposal

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - During the last Hampstead School Board meeting the district's COVID-19 response was one of the main items on the agenda.

Hampstead Superintendent Robert Thompson told the Board that they finalized an agreement with Convenience MD to help conduct COVID-19 testing as part of the state's Safer at School Screening program.

He explained that testing would take place in the District twice a month with the Central School having their testing done on the first Wednesday of the

month and Hampstead Middle School having theirs on the third Wednesday of the month.

Thompson said that it is a completely optional program and parents have to register their child in order for them to participate in the free program.

He said that staff are able to sign up for the program as well.

"I signed up this morning," Thompson said.

Thompson said that it takes about 15 minutes for the testing from the time the student is pulled out of class until the time they return.

He said that they would be able to maintain the program as long as they have

50 people participating in each of the two schools.

"I'm hopeful we can keep the testing going," Thompson said.

Also at the meeting Thompson gave the Board an update about COVID-19 in the District.

He said at the time of the meeting they had a total of six COVID-19 cases so far this year.

One of the recent issues he pointed to was for one of their first grade classrooms which had three positive COVID-19 cases at one time.

Thompson said because of this he made the decision to have universal

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Chester Town Planner Works on Cluster Subdivision Zoning

KATRINA STROUD
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - Town Planner, Andrew Hadik, and others have made some recent updates in the Planning Department in the town of Chester. Throughout the year, the department has been focusing on cluster subdivision zonings, as dwellings are built closer together, in order to conserve more natural spaces and build fewer roads in a smaller community. The cluster subdivisions also require less work and stress concerning the drainage infrastructure interfering with the natural infiltration of the groundwater.

In addition, the department has doubled their

unity density bonuses for affordable housing. "So, if a developer were to come in and the calculation says they can put in 20 units, they can get a 50% density bonus...And so they can actually get 30 units in there," said Hadik. Currently, the housing market is in an anomalous situation due to COVID-19. People are leaving higher density areas such as, Mass., Conn., and N.Y. and are moving into Southern NH and Maine. "Land prices and housing prices are the highest they've ever been. This is probably temporary, but it's just pushed everything out of the affordability categories."

Short term rentals have been passed recently, giving residents the ability to start

an Airbnb in their homes. "Which creates the tempo that increases the temporary housing stock. And it also gives, you know, some people who need to defray their expenses. The ability to stay in their homes because they can get some rental income."

The department hasn't started working on their zoning amendments for next year, but they have acquired a grant to update their source water protection plan, as Chester does not have a municipal water or sewer system. "Everything is based on drilled wells, you know, at each dwelling, there are some open space. Subdivisions have community water systems. So, they have two or three wells that are man-

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Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon recently announced that he will be retiring after 32 years of service to the town of Derry. Photo by Chris Paul

Derry Fire Chief Announces Retirement

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DERRY - For over 32 years, Michael Gagnon has served as a member of the Derry Fire Department and over the last six plus years, he has served as the Fire Chief and as the Emergency Management Director.

Coming next month, on Nov. 1, his service to the town of Derry as Fire Chief will end after Gagnon recently submitted his resignation letter to Derry Town Administrator David Caron.

"I could not be more proud of the

men and women of the Derry Fire Department," Gagnon wrote in his letter.

Originally from Bedford he said he worked for four years in Manchester doing 911 EMS while attending college, and was also a volunteer firefighter in his hometown of Bedford before coming to Derry.

"I went to Paramedic school and then looked for a fire department with a progressive EMS system. Derry was a great fit," Gagnon said.

Gagnon said that as a team they

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Derry Town Council Meeting is Short, but Productive

JEROME REUTER
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Town Council convened this past Oct. 5. Compared to most meetings held by legislative bodies, the affair was a short one. While lasting less than thirty minutes before being adjourned, the council were still able to discuss issues and be productive.

The first topic that got brought into conversation was related to the continuing efforts of the Net Zero task force. Since Governor Sununu signed the clean

bill initiative last August, the town of Derry has sought to build a 10-acre solar panel farm. This will potentially provide the town with a substantial amount of energy. Jeff Moulton, the chairman of the task force, was present to bring the council up to date on the progress being made on finding potential contractors.

"Prices are quite good; they range from 4.5 million to 7.5 million. Based on our financial analysis and our technical and commercial analysis, we've come up with three vendors who we've sent questions out

to. We got those back last week, and this week we'll be doing our financial analysis and presenting that information to you for review." Moulton provided data on some of the benefits that Derry would reap from the solar farm, estimating that taxpayers would be saving up to 3.5 million dollars a year in energy costs. In taking the program further, Moulton explained that federal funding exists for projects of this nature, and that there could be up to \$500,000 advanced towards the next committee.

The Derry solar farm wasn't the only project discussed by the board, as Mike Fowler chose to address some of the points of interest regarding the exit on 4A and its' connecting road, both of which are being worked on as part of the NHDOT 10-year improvement initiative. The connector road has yet to be given a name, and the discussions for prospective titles have been a point of conversation between the town councils of Derry and Londonderry respectively. "Londonderry had come up with the name Old Rum

Trail, because of its' historical significance. We also reached out to Rick Holmes, our former town historian, and he had brought up an idea for a name that connects with Londonderry, Derry, and Northern Ireland. It's a township called Aghadowey"

Fowler also sited that Derry doesn't have as much stake as Londonderry does when it comes to the connector road, and suggested that naming the area be given to them. "This has been in the works for almost 12 months" Fowler noted "I believe London-

derry is working towards getting an answer to that. I think this is the direction that both communities should take." "I think it's kind of neat" councilor Brian Chirichiello said "but it might be confusing to outsiders" which was met with a hearty chuckle from various members of the council.

Before adjourning until the next meeting, the council approved a resolution presented by Mark Fleischer, which approved further financial aid to the continuing improvement of Hood park.

Sandown Board of Selectmen Discuss Healthcare Costs

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Monday, Oct. 4. and during the meeting one of the main agenda items was in regards to the town's health insurance rates for 2022.

Sandown Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell said that last year their increase for health insurance cost was about 12%.

This year she said it was significantly less at 4.54 percent.

"That's the final overall renewal rate," she said.

She said that the plan would be the same one they have now for their employees.

One question that was asked during the meeting was in regards to what percentage the Town pays for health insurance and what percentage their employees pay.

They were told that right now the Town pays for 87 percent of it while the employees pay 13 percent.

Sandown Board of Selectmen Chairman Eric Olsen said that they have talked before about increasing the employees contribution.

"I know we've had discussions in the past about bumping it up to 15," he said.

One of the things that

the Board of Selectmen discussed at a previous meeting was in regards to potentially giving raises to its employees in 2022 and what percentage that should be.

Selectmen Tom Tombarello said that he thinks they need to decide on what the raises may be before they potentially decide on increasing the employee contribution percentage.

He pointed out that they decided not to increase the percentage last year that employees would have to contribute due to

the significant increase of the healthcare cost already.

Some of the Selectmen felt it was important to see the numbers for how much the insurance would cost extra a month depending on how much they increased the employees contribution percentage by.

"I want to see all the numbers," said Selectmen Darren Hudgins.

Olsen said that based on his calculations if they moved the employee contribution percentage to 15% next year it would cost an employee \$176.68 a month for a single plan.

That would be an increase of \$23.56 a month for the employee.

For two people he said it would be \$336.22 a month for their contribution which would be an increase of \$44.83 a month.

It was ultimately decided by the Selectmen to wait until they decide on what they will be doing in terms of employee raises before making a decision on possibly raising the employees health insurance contributions.

The Sandown Selectmen meeting is slated for Oct.18, at 7 p.m.



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Chester Selectmen Hold Off on Wason Pond Leash Ordinance

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CHESTER - During the Oct. 7 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting a public hearing was held regarding a leash ordinance for Wason Pond.

Chester Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette said that it would mean that no person would be able to walk their dog at Wason Pond unless it is leashed with a leash no longer than eight feet long.

He said that the two

exemptions would be for service dogs, and for dogs who are assisting law enforcement.

Myette said that anyone who violates the ordinance and is found guilty is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

It was explained that the Wason Pond Commission requested that the Board of Selectmen make the ordinance.

“This is not a town wide ordinance, we want to make this clear,” said Chris Hadik, the chairman of the Commission.

He explained that having dogs on a leash there has always been a rule but it has been hard to enforce because it wasn’t an ordinance.

Earlier this year he said that they had a problem with a dog off a leash who went after a dog who was leashed. He said that they view it as a safety concern especially since they have many people who go there of all different ages.

Myette said that they have also had other issues with dogs off leashes at

Wason Pond as well.

One of the questions that was asked is what a service dog is defined as.

Selectmen Stephen Landau said that it’s important to have it defined in the ordinance.

Selectmen Stephen D’Angelo said that they should take it under advisement, have the definition for service animals added to the ordinance and any other changes that need to be made and then take a vote on it.

Selectmen Steven Cou-

ture said that he thinks that they should send it back to the Wason Pond Commission first so they can review it.

D’angelo also explained that they aren’t looking to punish first time offenders and the point of the ordinance is to educate people about the leash regulations instead of just punishing people.

Hadik asked if residents in town would be voting on the ordinance or if the Board of Selectmen would be the ones to ultimately

decide. Myette said that it’s going to be an action of the Board of Selectmen and they won’t have to have a warrant article.

It was ultimately decided that they would have the Town Attorney add a definition for service animals and then have the Wason Pond Commission review it. After they are satisfied with the way the ordinance is written the Board of Selectmen will take a vote on it.

The next Chester board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Oct.14 at 7 p.m.

Derry Planning Board Approves Lot Line Adjustment

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Oct. 6 Derry Planning Board meeting, one of the agenda items was a lot line adjustment application for 5 Collette’s Grove Rd., and 2 Sanborn Rd.

It was explained by

Derry Planning Director George Sioras that it was a joint application between the Town of Derry and the owner Micha Barnum.

Presenting the application for Derry was attorney Jonathan Boutin who explained that the lot line adjustment was part of a settlement of litigation be-

tween Derry and Barnum.

“This is a pretty straightforward lot line change based on the settlement between the Town and the neighbor,” said Sioras.

Boutin explained that the history of the property goes back a number of years and involves a lot line adjustment between a piece

of conservation land the Town owns and a piece of land that Barnum purchased.

“We discovered through the dispute that we thought the line should be adjusted,” Boutin explained.

He said that it was determined after the lot line adjustment was completed that it caused a parcel on the south side of Sanborn Rd., to be attributed now to Barnum.

He said through this lot line adjustment it will be cleaning up the boundaries for the two properties.

The Planning Board unanimously approved the lot line adjustment.

Also during the meeting Planning Board Chairman John O’Connor explained that they learned after Andrew Meyers was appointed as a Planning Board member

by the Town Council that a procedural error was made in the process.

He said that under the Town Charter the Town Council is supposed to pick an alternative member to serve as a full time member, however when Meyers was appointed by the Board he wasn’t an alternative member.

Since then the Town Council has corrected it and made Meyers an alternative member instead.

“We now have two alternates,” O’Connor said.

He said that the Town Council met the night before and didn’t take any action to determine who the full-time Board member would be.

O’Connor also pointed out that there isn’t anything that states how long that someone has to be an alter-

native member before they are appointed as a full-time member.

“We will wait to see what the Town Council will do at their next meeting,” he said.

Sioras also announced during the meeting that Doug MacGuire who is representing the owners at 43.5 Crystal Ave., asked for a continuation for the public hearing regarding the site plan for the property.

He said that MacGuire talked to the owners and they were okay with having the meeting continued.

Sioras said that the abutters for the property wouldn’t be renotified of the meeting change.

The Board approved the continuance until their Oct. 20 meeting.

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aged by an outside professional company. And what we’re looking at is updating our regulations to safeguard the groundwater resources we do have, we unfortunately do not have any lakes or rivers, or high yield aquifers that could act as a municipal water source.” The aquifers they currently have, are only

replenished by precipitation and are recycled by soaking back into the septic sprinkler systems. “It’s a pretty complex and pretty delicate cycle...and our site plan review regulations are designed to promote more infiltration into the ground...we don’t want the precipitation to run off the properties and into the creeks and large streams and leave the town borders.

We’d like as much as that (precipitation) to go back into the ground.” The grant is worth \$20,000, given to them by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, to do a complete review of the groundwater protection ordinance, as well as conduct GIS mapping to pinpoint where the most important wells are and to safeguard them contamination.

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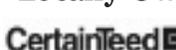


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Editorial

A Season for Common Sense

Autumn brings the color orange to mind this time of year with all the pumpkins, mums, and the turning of leaves. That special bright orange color worn by hunters as a safety precaution becomes a particularly important part of our attire in the outdoors this time of year.

It's hunting season in the Granite State again, and that means those pristine woods in your backyard or along your favorite path are likely to resound with more than bird song.

The sounds of gunshots will be heard, and that calls for exercising extra caution when you're in or near the woods - whether you're aiming the gun or sipping coffee on the back porch.

Don't take chances.

For hunters, always be sure of your target, taking special care in knowing that what you see is really what you're hunting. In other words, identify your target before you fire. Make sure you take what you learned in hunter education seriously, and furthermore, take some form of hunter education before taking to the woods, know your weapon. The life you save may be you're own or your neighbor's.

Be certain you're not trespassing in pursuit of your hobby. Be respectful of the land where you hunt, and the neighbors around you.

Know the rules. If the land is posted "No Hunting" and you don't have personal permission to hunt there, go somewhere else.

Make sure you are leaving the land as you found it or maybe better.

Each year, both private and town owned land is trashed or vandalized. Whether it's someone's idea of a private shooting range, leaving spent cartridges, beer cans, trees cut down without permission, or ATV damage to trails, the "rotten apple" spoils it for everyone else. Hunter or not, make sure to clean up after yourself.

For the rest of us, this is the season we don't want to be roaming around in the brush.

Wear bright orange when you're in an area where hunting is likely and make sure your faithful canine companion is sporting a matching ensemble for his or her safety.

Fall is a beautiful time to be in the woods as long as we are being safe rather than sorry.

We know the vast majority of hunters use common sense in the pursuit of their game, but in southern New Hampshire, woods and homes are close neighbors.

On a clear fall morning, or evening the sound of gunshots is a good clue that you're not alone.

Take care, and enjoy a beautiful fall.

Letters

About Sen. Hassan

To the editor,

Have you seen the ads and mailers against Senator Hassan for her efforts to allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices? These ads are funded by dark money groups orchestrated by Mitch McConnell. They want to scare you to think that you won't be able to get your prescriptions if they negotiate lower prices for them. These false attacks against Senator Hassan are desperate and ignore both facts and the views and interests of the American people.

Senator Hassan is working to pass a budget that would expand Medicare coverage to include dental, vision, and hearing and would reduce prescription drug prices. She is willing to stand up to drug companies. McConnell and his GOP allies backed by Big Pharma may feel threatened by that, but thankfully with Senator Hassan, we have a senator who is committed to working across party lines to deliver results for NH and put the health care of seniors above partisan politics.

Beth Nelson
Derry

Mask Policy

To the editor,

At the end of the school board meeting on Sept. 28, it was sad to hear the school board members called cowards, war criminals, and committing genocide. I realize the wearing of masks has become a controversial issue but to stoop to name calling does nothing to contribute to the discussion on this issue.

It certainly has not helped that public health officials originally told the public that masks do not help. Governors have told its citizens to mask up and then these same Governors are caught not masking up. Unfortunately, this erodes the trust in our public officials and leads to people doubting what they say.

The school officials have stated that they will be following the State Department of Health guidelines. Yes, these are guidelines not mandates. But it is basis of the policies that the school district will follow. And they are put in place for the greater good of the school community while understanding it may negatively impact a small subset of students.

There are hundreds of students and staff in each school. So, the policies are weighted on protecting the school community. Simply letting the parents decide what is best for their child without consideration of the entire school building community puts others at risk.

To say school officials are reading the wrong information implies that the person has firsthand knowledge of the issues surrounding mask wearing. Instead of name calling, please provide your data. Let the data be the reason to refute the guidelines.

Bruce Kling
Derry

Running for State Rep.

To the editor,

My name is Tom Cardon and I am running for the NH House of Representatives to represent Derry. This important position deserves to have someone

with practical experience with the inner workings of the state legislature and also our town and community. I will make Derry a priority and work to support its citizens and taxpayers. Derry needs someone that will represent the best interest of the town and its citizens.

I was elected to NH House of Representatives and proudly served from 2015-2016 as a member of the Transportation Committee. I served as chairman of the Town Council and have chaired the Property Maintenance Committee, Economic Development Committee, Energy and Environmental Committee and the Net Zero Committee. I am currently serving as the Secretary of the Net Zero Committee. The two energy committees that I served on, worked on projects that save the town of Derry almost a million dollars a year in energy costs. Prior to my serving Derry and the state of NH, I was a high school educator for more than 30 years.

My priorities are to preserve NH's environmental and natural resources and I will never support a sales or income tax. Please support me in the upcoming special election on Oct. 19, 2021. In this election, experience counts.

Thomas Cardon
Derry

To the Voters of Derry

To the editor,

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Chester School Board Gets Update on Snow Day Policy

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Chester School Board meeting on Oct. 6, members heard from Jean Methot, the Chairman of the Chester 300th Anniversary Committee along with other members of the Committee.

The committee shared some of the events they are planning and how the District could be involved.

One of the things that the Committee is hoping to do is to have a group photo taken outdoors of all the students to commemorate the anniversary using a professional drone camera.

Karen Lacroix, the principal for Chester Academy said that she would be able to coordinate with the photographer and the 300th Committee.

Chester School Board Chairman Royal Richardson

said the District personnel would be willing and happy to collaborate and participate in the celebration.

Also during the meeting Chester Superintendent Sharon Locke presented to the Board an updated policy on Inclement Winter-Weather School Closure days.

Locke explained that their intention is to plan so that the school year doesn't need to be extended for students in June except in extraordinary circumstances.

It was explained that in addition to regular instruction for the elementary school students on inclement weather days, they will also have the use of Project Based Learning for the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

Locke said that if it is successful it may be a program that they would look to implement for the elementary school students in

the future,

In personnel news Locke nominated Heidi Baker for the Chester Academy Behaviorist position. It

was noted that she comes to the School District with over two years of experience as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst which is a gradu-

ate-level behavior analysis certification appointed by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.

The Board approved

Baker for the position with a 4-0 vote with School Board member Valerie Weider abstaining from the vote.

Planning Board OKs Office Space Plan

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Oct.7 Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting one of the cases the Board heard was in regards to a variance to change the use of an existing building located at 10 Manchester Avenue to a different use.

It was explained by Chrissy Coruth, the practice manager for Haas Dental that they want to be able to use the building to house some of its administrative office staff.

She explained that previously there was a tenant that lived in the home

located at 10 Manchester Avenue however they moved out in March which has left it vacant ever since.

Coruth explained that there have been issues at their dental office at 4 Manchester Ave., because their office staff are sitting too close together, they are only three apart and feel uncomfortable. She explained because there continues to be positive COVID-19 cases in town staff members have growing anxiety about the close quarters they work in.

By having half of their administrative staff located at 10 Manchester Ave., she said that they will be able

to spread out more. Coruth said in total they would have about six staff members at the new office building with one person in each of the two bedrooms and four people utilizing the living room.

She said that it will be strictly offices at their new location.

"We can't treat patients over there," Coruth said about the new location.

Zoning Board member Allan Virr said that he thought it was good that they were taking steps to help keep staff safe during COVID.

"I think it's commendable that you're doing

something positive for the COVID situation," he said.

Board member Richard Tripp also agreed.

"I think it's a good use under the conditions," he said.

Coruth also looked into converting their meeting room into office space but the issue was that they wouldn't have any space to meet as a staff, which led them to wanting to use the new building.

"We're blessed to have the building available for our use,"

The Board unanimously approved with the condition that they obtain all state and town permits.



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masking for that classroom temporarily.

He said that after consulting with the Department of Health and Human Services they were able to quickly determine the cases weren't connected so they were able to end the temporary mandate.

Thompson said that one of the things about the protocols that they have found as a challenge this year is

the fact that they aren't able to quarantine close contacts, something they were able to do last year. He said that last year people who were in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID would quarantine for 10 days.

He said to help mitigate COVID in the schools he proposed two changes for the Board to consider. One would be for the administration to be able to put an emergency five day order for universal masks in a

classroom when they have an identified case.

Thompson said that if they have a positive case in a classroom he would then have the ability to determine if they should require masks in the class depending on how many close contacts there are.

He said five days would be good because five school days is at least seven total days and a maximum of nine days. It is recommended that close contacts get tested between days five and seven so it would

give them a chance to get tested before the temporary mandate would end.

The other proposal that he had was for him to have the ability to require temporary universal masking in a school if they have positive cases. He said that previously they would have to require it in both of the schools but they have learned that they could put the temporary mandate only in the school with the outbreak.

The School Board voted 3-2 in favor of

Fire Chief

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were able to accomplish many things during his time as fire chief and as the Emergency Management Director.

Some of the accomplishments that he pointed to included overcoming a significant political challenge to our community's public safety, enhancing labor/management rela-

tionships, implementing a comprehensive apparatus replacement and maintenance program, replacement of their Communication System infrastructure and all portable/mobile radios, maintaining Ambulance Accreditation, and taking the initial steps toward Fire Accreditation.

Some of the other highlights he pointed to in his letter include developing a robust Community Emer-

gency Response Team, providing emergency management coordination and fire/EMS service delivery without any known positive workplace Covid-19 exposures, initiating a positive relationship with Derry Public Works to maintain Fire Department facilities, and securing State of New Hampshire grant funds to bolster their active shooter equipment.

During his tenure as chief he also pointed out that they hired 33 new personnel and had 26 others being promoted.

While he won't be with the department soon he said that Derry will continue to be in good hands.

"Assistant Chief Richardson, the Command Staff, and all our personnel are well prepared to keep

the Department moving forward while providing high quality fire/EMS services to our community, contracted communities and mutual aid partners," Gagnon said.

He said in his letter that he is thankful for Derry's staff.

"I would also like thank you Mr. Caron for your steadfast leadership of our Town Staff, other Senior Management for their mentorship, and the Derry Town Council for their drive and determination to move this community forward in every manner possible," Gagnon said. "Finally - I would like to thank my family for their unwavering support and sacrifice during my fire service career."

approving the proposals David Smith, and School made by Thompson with Board member Jason School Board Chairman Giard voting against it.

OBITUARY

William A. Graichen



William A. Graichen "Bill" of Derry, NH passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, Sept. 29, 2021 at the age of 82. He was in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loving family and beloved wife Nancy of 60 years.

Bill was born in Methuen, MA on Feb. 21, 1939 to the late Clarence and Winifred (Paisley) Graichen. He has resided in Derry for the past 60 years where he and Nancy raised their family.

Shortly after graduating from Haverhill Trade School, Bill joined the Marine Corps Reserve. Big Island Pond is where he met the love of his life, "the beautiful blonde on the beach", Nancy. They were married for 60 years and happily raised their family. Making memories with family and lifelong friends, Bill enjoyed boating and snowmobiling on Big Island Pond. He enjoyed vacationing in Aruba with those same lifelong friends. One of his special joys that he took great pride in was taking care of his yard and having an amazing lawn. He loved spending time in his back yard with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife, Nancy (Boissonneault) Graichen of Derry, two sons, Gary Graichen, his wife Sabrina of Derry, and Darren Graichen, his wife Marisol of Fair Oaks Ranch, TX. He also leaves his daughter-in-law, Laura Gray-Graichen, wife of his son, the late Scott Graichen. Bill also enjoyed their six grandchildren, Lysie, Julie, Camryn, Ava, Lyla and Logan, four great grandchildren, Isabella, Rhys, Weston and Jaylyn, along with many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. Bill was predeceased by his brother Clark and his wife Pauline of Ocean Side, CA.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at North Salem Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the church. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

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Derry Holds Special Election Primary to Fill Empty Seat

After Republican State Representative Brenda Copp resigned her seat at the State House a Special election is being held to fill the vacancy and on Tuesday, Oct. 19, a Primary will be held to decide the republican candidate.

We asked the candidates running in the election for a brief introduction to voters with two questions.

Why do you feel you are the best choice for this position and How do you plan to involve Derry residents in the decision making process in Concord?

Tom Cardon

My name is Tom Cardon, I am running in Derry's special election for the NH House of Representatives. Out of the three candidates running I have the best qualifications. This important position deserves someone that has practical experience in the state legislature and an understanding of the inner workings of our town and community. I will make Derry a priority and work to support its citizens and taxpayers. Derry needs someone that will represent the best interest of the town and its citizens. With my experience I should be able to hit the ground running if I am elected.

I was elected to NH House of Representatives and proudly served from 2015-2016 as a member of the Transportation Committee. I served as chairman of the Town Council and I have chaired the Property

Maintenance Committee, Economic Develop Committee and Energy and Environmental Committee. I am currently serving as the Secretary of the Net Zero Committee. The two energy committees that I have served on, worked on projects that save the town of Derry \$900,000 a year in energy costs. Prior to my serving Derry and the state of NH, I was a high school teacher for 33 years.

I will take a considerable amount of experience and knowledge to Concord. With my skill set I will be well prepared to represent Derry and the State of NH. In this special election, experience matters.

One of the most important things to keep Derry residents engaged in decision making is to keep your line of communication open. I always answer emails and telephone calls. I am a good listener and will always be open minded when talking with Derry residents.

Jodi Nelson

My husband of 21 years, Scott and I moved to NH 13 years ago because we wanted to live the NH Way, not change it. Our two older children, Blake and Brooke are proud Pinkerton Academy graduates. Our younger son, Luke keeps busy playing hockey and baseball.

I have 15+ years as a business professional in healthcare management, operations management in entertainment and food industry start-ups as well as different roles in my 9

years in a private equity firm including designing and presenting training to employees. My professional experiences have given me the opportunity to work effectively with people of different personalities and backgrounds, to think on my feet, be successful and maintain an even temperament in high pressure environments. All necessary qualities to possess as an elected official.

Volunteerism is important to me and I have been involved with the Sunshine Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, PTA and the Boys and Girls Club, and many other organizations. I understand the needs of our community.

As is evidenced by the signs around town, I have relationships with many small businesspeople. I will work hard to maintain and grow these relationships, and build new ones. I promise to meet and hear directly from our businesses on what I can do to help them succeed.

I have longtime involvement with the Derry Republican Town and NH Republican State Committees and currently serve as members of both. I've been the Vice Chair of the Derry Republican Town Committee for several years. I have also volunteered on a number of campaigns and have been an elected delegate to several Republican State Conventions.

Throughout my involvement with the Republican Party, I have formed valuable relationships with

numerous legislators, and have overwhelming support and endorsements from our Derry State Representatives, State Senator Regina Birdsell, Executive Councilor Janet Stevens, our County Delegation, to name a few. These people know me, have worked with me, and are confident I will be an effective legislator.

Once elected, I am committed to supporting the Governor's budget, never voting for a state income or sales tax, supporting small business, supporting success of all school children, and resisting federal overreach.

I plan to be available to my constituents by holding office hours at local establishments. It's important for people to be heard.

I am fully committed to our community and will serve you with integrity. I hope to have your vote in the Oct. 19 primary.

Neil Wetherbee

Derry friends and neighbors, I ask you to please consider me for your Republican candidate in the upcoming special election on Oct. 19. You can learn more about me at www.DerryFirst.com. I have been active in our community for more than 15 years as a private citizen, Conservation Commission member and as your Town Councilor. I love this communi-

ty and am the only candidate in this race with a proven track record of solving problems and getting things done for Derry. I have accomplished this with determination and hard work and I need your support to bring that work ethic to Concord. I understand our community. I've worked on 10 Town budgets, all of which came in under the tax cap. I have served on the Derry Schools Fiscal Advisory Committee. I understand the ins and outs of both Town and School budgets and where our needs are and I will fight for those needs in Concord! I have been an advocate for economic development throughout Town and particularly in our Downtown. I have advocated for conservation and open space here in Town and during my time with Conservation I worked tirelessly to acquire two significant parcels which leveraged State and federal funds, minimizing the impact to the Derry taxpayer.

Do you care more about your community than partisan politics? Do you want someone who supports reasonable, not radical, Republican values? Are you looking for a candidate with a proven track record of getting things done? Then please help me send a mes-

sage to Concord that the status quo isn't working. We need to focus our energy helping people and businesses here in Town rather than bickering over national level politics and partisan purity tests. I will be an ally to our Governor who like myself has found himself on the receiving end of baseless political attacks. I will work to get Derry, the 4th largest community in the State, the respect it deserves in Concord! But I need your help! I need folks who are tired of the same old, same old to come out to vote on Oct. 19 at WRB Middle School. I've fought for Derry for 15 years and I'll do nothing less when I'm in Concord!

Mary Eisner

The Democratic candidate running unopposed.

Personal Profile: I have lived in Derry for almost 40 years. I am currently retired after a career in the Insurance Industry.

I am an experienced Legislator having the honor and privilege of serving as your House Representative from 2018-20 who will work on issues that matter to Derry.

My volunteer activities include: a member of the Heritage Commission, Go Green Derry, Land Steward

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Elections

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for the Conservation Commission, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, NH PBS Spring Auction.
I believe it is the government's responsibility to protect the Health and Safety of its citizens. I take

issue with both the Governor's approval of joining other states in a suit against the Federal Government for instituting mandates to protect citizens from contracting Covid-19, and the Republican led Fiscal Committee rejecting \$27 million in Federal funding to contain Covid-19. These

actions were taken when cases were increasing and as of Oct. 8, NH's vaccination rate was 54.5% fully vaccinated and 59.8% one dose. NH has not met the 70% herd immunity that is needed to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.
I also believe it is the responsibility of our gov-

ernment to sufficiently fund our public education system, so it may provide our students with the educational tools and resources they may need to live a productive and successful life. The Republican Budget with provisions such as the Voucher program and restrictions on how History

is taught is not fulfilling this obligation.
Derry voters involvement in the legislative process can be accomplished by using the State's web site to locate their Representatives email and tel. no. From past experience, voters sent numerous emails expressing their views on

pending issues or concerns.
Since the public's health and safety concerns during this pandemic are not being given the attention they deserve by this current administration and our public educational system is in jeopardy. I am asking for your vote in the Primary Election on Oct. 19.

Letters

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the Derry community, has been a lifelong Republican and who is a devoted wife and mother. That candidate is Jodi Nelson.

federal office. She and her husband, Scott, have raised their three children here and they are currently very involved in the education, baseball and hockey activities of their youngest child, Luke.

ning Brook School.
Sincerely,
Wayne MacDonald
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Derry
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dous response! Our town is full of amazing people. The scores of participants and hundreds who waved and beeped in support celebrated Derry as a welcoming community.
Diversity makes Derry a vibrant community that will prosper. Derry Against Hate celebrated the bonds that unite us with the message that all people are valued here.

Derry Against Hate built on the momentum of the 350 people who countered anti-LGBTQ hate and opposed censorship to enjoy a fun family event. We were inspired by the spontaneous outpouring of support for a distraught mother whose children were taunted with racist terms at school. The generous, affirming majority inspired our walk. Put simply, Derry rocks!

backing and outreach and to Father Ray Bonin of Transfiguration
Thank you to all who shared in the Gathering of Unity that capped the walk, esp. the two candidates who showed up to encourage our efforts (Neil Wetherbee and Mary Eisner) and 2 councilors (Jim Morgan and Neil).
Most of all, thank you to all participants. You made Derry Against Hate happen: we showcased Derry as the welcoming, affirmative community we love.
Judy Strakalaitis
Derry

Derry Against Hate Walk
To the editor,
The Derry Against Hate walk on Oct. 10 was a rousing success. Thank you, Derry, for the tremen-

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DERRY SPORTS

Asros Football Edges Out Purple Panthers in Nashua

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The now 5-1 Pinkerton Academy football squad was able to hold off the Nashua High School Purple Panthers in the final minutes of their game on Saturday afternoon for a tight 27-21 victory.

To this point in the season, Nashua squad had only won one game, so the Astros headed into the contest as the favorite, but the Panthers had Pinkerton fans on the edges of their seats for most of the game and as the seconds winded down in the fourth quarter PA was able to stop Nashua for the win.

The game started out in favor of Pinkerton, causing a quick three and out and getting the ball on the 50-yard line to start their first drive.

That drive was quickly squashed with an interception at the Nashua 28-yard line for the games first turnover.

Two long passing plays

put the Panthers on top to start the game 7-0.

The touchdown pass was a 33-yard bomb into the end zone.

The Astros responded in the second quarter starting from their own 22-yard line with a 41-yard pass QB Nate Campos to Cole Yannaco, setting up PA at the South 37-yard line.

Campos and Yannaco teamed up again for the first PA touchdown with a 32-yard pass into the end zone. The extra point by kicker Picasso Bates failed leaving the score 7-6.

The Astros held South to very little in their ensuing drive, forcing a punt and starting at about the 20-yard line.

Nashua returned the favor by forcing Pinkerton to punt at 3:09 in the second period.

The Panthers next possession resulted in another punt giving PA the ball at their 14-yard line with 1:12 remaining in the half.

Pinkerton's final drive of the half started out promising, with a 19-yard carry by Yannaco but quickly fizzled out.

Both teams exited the field at the half with the Astros trailing 7-6.

The Astros received the ball to start the second half and on the second play of the first drive, Yannaco had another big play, running 56-yards, up the middle, to the Nashua 10-yard line.

Campos ended that drive with a quarterback-keeping rollout into the end zone from the four-yard line on third down.

The two-point conversion attempt was good for two points and a 14-7 PA lead.

Astros tight end, senior Anthony DeSalvo was wide open in the end zone for an easy reception.

Nashua once again responded quickly with seven points of their own.

On third and eight, the Panthers completed a 68-

yard touchdown pass to tie the game 14-14 at 8:18 in the third.

Pinkerton sophomore Caden Michaud put his team in good shape on the following kick off return running to the 43-yard line.

Campos followed that with another strong run on first down getting 38-yards and putting the ball on the 19-yard line.

That drive came to a crashing halt with an interception on fourth and five.

Fortunately for the Astros, the Nashua drive ended with a punt from their own 30-yard line.

Starting at the 33-yard line Pinkerton throws on first down bringing the ball into South territory with a reception by Michaud.

On third and six, Campos nearly runs in from the 45-yard line, but stepped out of bounds at the 15-yard line to end the third quarter.

The final quarter opened with another strong run up the middle for six more points on third down. Bates hit the extra point to give PA



Astros quarterback Nate Campos had another exceptional game on the ground and in the air last week against Nashua South. Photo by Chris Paul

a 21-14 lead.

The Purple Panther answered back again with another seven-point drive, with the final play on a run from the one-yard line.

Following that response, Campos connected with

DeSalvo for a pass to get the ball into Panther territory.

Senior receiver Logan Gokey made a big catch in that drive to put the Astros at the 8-yard line with only 4:34 on the clock.

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Lady Astros Soccer Squad Continues Winning Streak to Six Games

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

After suffering a loss to Concord followed by a tie to Alvirne way back in the middle of September, the Pinkerton Academy Girls' Soccer team has rattled off six straight wins, putting

them at 9-2-2 heading into the tail end of the regular season.

Starting the week, on Monday, Oct. 4, The Lady Astros hosted a game with the girls from Dover High School and won by a score of 3-1.

Pinkerton led the game

after the first half by a 2-0 margin and each team scored a single goal in the second half.

Scoring goals for Pinkerton were Emily Hood, Rain Keefe assisted by Kayla Silveira and Chayse Dube with her assist coming from Grayson Tellier.

Pinkerton keeper Lindsay Blum had eight saves in the victory. It was Dover's sixth loss of the season.

One day later, on Tuesday, Oct. 5, the Lady Astros welcomed the Keene Lady Black Birds to Derry with a one-sided 8-0 defeat.

Keene has yet to have a winning game this season and came into the match with a lowly 0-10 record.

Pinkerton cruised to the victory by outscoring the Lady Black Birds 5-0 in the first half and adding another three unanswered goals in the second half.

Chayse Dube had two goals in the game, one assisted by Maggie Brown and the other by Kayla Franks.

Emily Hood and Sawyer Jackson each had unassisted goals.

Hannah Sippel scored with an assist by Allison Lamphere.

Maggie Brown had two goals, one assisted by Rain Keefe and the other by Caitlin Seleny. Maddie Connors also put one in the net, assisted by Emily Hood.

Blum only needed to make one save in the lopsided win.

In the final game of the week for the Lady Astros, on Friday, Oct. 8, the team traveled to Manchester to play Central High School.

The Little Green Team had only won two games headed into contest and the Pinkerton squad made sure they didn't get their third win.

By the half, Pinkerton led 3-0 and that was all the offense they needed for their ninth victory of the season.

Emily Hood had two more goals to have four for the week and Caitlin Seleny put in the third goal.

PA keepers Blum and Libby Williams each had a save apiece in the win.

The Lady Astros were scheduled to face Winnacunnet (3-9) on Tuesday and



Senior forward Chayse Dube had two goals in the win over Keene last week. Photo by Chris Paul

the undefeated Bishop 14 to try and keep the winning streak going.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 3



Sarah Bolduc
Sophomore, Girls Volleyball

Sarah Bolduc helped lead the Astros to three victories including a 3-1 win over a strong Dover team. She had 33 kills last week, with double digit kills against Salem and Dover, along with 43 digs on the week and 20 of them against Dover. Additionally, the sophomore had 17 service points.



Jake Spezzaferri
Senior, Boys Soccer

The senior captain Jake Spezzaferri controlled the tempo and set up numerous scoring opportunities for the Boys Soccer team against one of the best teams in the state as the team's midfielder.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Football

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After a block in the back penalty by PA, Yannaco got another touchdown with a 17-yard run. Bates added

the extra point for the 27-21 lead.

That lead just barely held to the end, when Pinkerton needed to hold Nashua in the final minute on fourth and seven at the

PA 21-yard line.

Following that big win, Pinkerton will travel back to Nashua on Friday night, for a game with Bishop Guertin who has a matching 5-1 record.

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Astros XC Teams Take Second in Battle of the Border

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Cross Country teams competed in the 17th annual Battle of the Border 3.1 mile Run on Saturday, Oct. 9, in Hudson at Alvirne High School and both teams did extremely well. Both teams were able to finish in the second place spot. The boys competed against 22 teams from the Granite State and Massachusetts. The girls had 13 teams racing from the two states.

BOYS
The "Long Red Line" second place finish was led by senior Luke Brennan, who placing sixth with a sensational time of 15:53. The next Astros runner to finish was fellow senior, Ethan Charles, who took 18th place with a time of 16:20. Finishing 24th was senior Jack Cameron, who cracked the 17-minute mark with a 16:55. The final Pinkerton runners to add to the scoring were Theo Davis in 43rd at 17:25, Finn Christensen Kraft in 46th at 17:27.69

and Nathan Binda in 47th at 17:27.72
Bishop Guertin had the top spot in the event with a 63-point total. Pinkerton Academy had 137 points for second and Coe-Brown finished in third with 143. Needham High School, from Massachusetts scored 159 for the fourth spot.

GIRLS
The Pinkerton Academy Trailblazers also competed quite well at the race, having seven of 10 runners tying or braking their overall 5k Personal

Records (PR).
According to head coach Jonathan Alizio, "The girls executed the race plan to perfection by going out hard, battling their way toward the front, and finishing strong."

The Trailblazers were paced by sophomores Tess Silva in seventh (19:33 - 47 second PR); Izzy Groulx in ninth (19:38 - 31 second PR), and senior captain Makenna Alden in 18th (20:28 - 1 second PR). Finishing fourth for the Astros was sophomore Gigi Rufo in 24th (20:35).

Junior captain Grace Jellow had a breakout performance, finishing 30th (21:00 - 63 second PR) to round out the scoring. Senior captain Mimi Preble (22:02 - season best by over two minutes), and freshman Althea Leblanc (22:05 - 74 second PR) were the sixth and seventh Trailblazer finishers.

The High School team

from Marshfield, Massachusetts took first with a score of 39.

Pinkerton finished second overall with an 80-point total and Winnacunnet took third with 85-points.

The team will end the regular season with a race next weekend at the Black Bear Invitational at Coe-Brown High School.

Astros Field Hockey Gets Fourth Win

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Field Hockey team has had a tough time scoring goals this season and the result has been more losses and ties than wins, but on Monday, Oct. 4, the Lady Astros were able to rattle off five unanswered goals for the fourth win of the season.

That Monday afternoon the PA squad traveled to Nashua where they faced the Nashua North High School Lady Titans and came away with a much-needed 5-0 victory.

The Nashua North girls have only scored once this entire season and the Lady Astros kept that dismal streak going.

Izzy Murphy with her first goal as a varsity player off a great insert from Ava Bennett on a corner to start off the scoring for the Astros.

Jaelyn Crossman had yet another great showing with two goals and Bennett had a goal of her own in

the third quarter.
Hailey Schnider finished the scoring with her first varsity goal to cap off the win.

The Astros were able to score in every quarter: Izzy Murphy from Ava Bennett at 11:08 in the first; Jaelyn Crossman unassisted at 9:56 in the second; Ava Bennett from Natalie Paradzick at 13:24 in the third; and Jaelyn Crossman unassisted at 12:13 and

Hailey Schnider from Stella Kozak at 6:35 in the final quarter,

Pinkerton goalie Elise LeBlanc made two stops in the shutout.

The goal scoring came to an abrupt end at the following game on Friday, Oct. 8, at home against Manchester Central-West, who had a 5-7 record heading into the game.

The visitors came away from that contest

with a 2-0 blanking of the Pinkerton girls' squad.

Leblanc had three saves in the loss, while Chloe Gilroy only needed to make three saves for Central-West.

The girls were scheduled to finish the regular season on Tuesday, Oct. 12, with a home game against a tough Winnacunnet Lady Warrior squad who are at 10-4 this season.

OBITUARY

Trudy Conner Christian



Trudy Conner Christian, 80, most recently of Bedford, NH passed away Friday, Sept. 24, 2021. She was born on Feb. 19, 1941 in Derry, NH, daughter of the late Alfred & Marjory (Lockett) Conner. Trudy graduated from the Keene Teachers College in Keene, NH & University of NH Durham where she received her Master's in Teaching. She also did doctoral studies at the University of Miami. She spent many years teaching, starting in Wilton, NH & then in Naples, FL. Trudy started teaching first grade with a focus on reading and then later in Florida focusing on Adult Education assisting adults in obtaining their GED, building math and reading skills to go into trades at Collier County Vocational Technical School, & then later working with juveniles in jail, in the court system and in the classroom to get their GED. Over the course of her teaching career, she touched many lives from many nationalities & backgrounds while making lasting impressions on her students. Trudy also built reading programs the last of which was with the University of Wisconsin. She was very passionate about teaching & often mentioned how much she loved teaching & her students.

Trudy was very active in her churches wherever she lived from teaching Sunday School, to being the Acolyte Mistress, to manning the phones & being the church secretary, cooking & serving at many a luncheon or dinner along with helping to drive fellow parishioners to appointments. She was a long-time active member of The Order of the Daughters of the King & The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. She was known for her sewing and knitting skills, many the outfit, hat, sweater or mittens she made for family and friends.

After retiring from Collier County Public Schools, she split her time between FL., (later NC.,) & Sandy River Plantation, ME. In ME., she volunteered at the local Eco-Venture camp & was an invasive water plant monitor. She spent many hours on & in her beloved Long Pond now known as Beaver Mountain Lake checking & monitoring for invasive plants, participating in the annual loon count with a little friendly side competition with a friend of who's loons had how many babies & how many babies survived. One of her greatest thrills that she spoke about was being able to go out one night & help band the loons on her beloved pond. She was also active in the Rangeley Region Guides' & Sportsmen's Association & loved to attend their pot luck dinners & listen to the monthly speakers.

She is survived by her son, Timothy Christian & his wife Debbie, her beloved grandson Conner Christian, her daughter, Amanda Christian, her sister Gretchen Hicks & sister-in-law, Nancy Conner, as well as many nieces, nephews & great nieces & nephews.

Following cremation, a memorial graveside service was held on Monday Oct. 4, at Glenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust (www.rlht.org). To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Pinkerton Girls Volleyball Winning Streak Gets to Six

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Volleyball squad had a very busy and productive week to start October, rattling off three more wins,

while only dropping one set out of ten.

During that stretch, head coach Todd Royce witnessed his Lady Astros climb to 10-3 on the season and also saw senior setter Ella Koelb record her 1,000th assist.

The team started the week on Monday, Oct. 4, at home, facing the Lady Red Raiders from Spaulding High School. The PA squad made quick work of that match, winning in straight sets 25-17, 25-16 and 25-17.

Koelb tallied 13 service points, five aces and had 27 assists.

Sophomore Sarah Bulduc got eight kills, two blocks and 13 digs.

Senior Lilly Heywood had eight kills and 15 digs.

Senior Jenna Moyer hit eight service points and had three aces

Senior Lexa Galler had nine kills.

Freshman Cali Miller produced four kills, a block and five digs in the contest.

Two days later, the girls traveled to Salem where they faced the Lady Blue Devils, and once again won in straight sets, this time only allowing their opponent to get close in one game.

The Pinkerton squad

won 25-14, 25-19 and 25-13, bringing their season total to 9-3.

Koelb added to her assist total with 27 more, she also had two aces and six aces.

Heywood had 16 digs, 12 service points and two aces.

Galler had 11 service points and two aces.

Bulduc had 14 kills and 11 digs and senior Sierra Edgecomb added 13 digs.

Senior Abby Leppert had four blocks in the team's ninth win.

In the final game of the week, the Lady Astros met their toughest opponent and still only dropped one set.

The team hosted Dover High School on Friday night, Oct. 8 and won 25-23, 21-25, 25-32 and 25-16.

The result of that match left both teams with equal 10-3 season records, it was also the game where Koelb hit her personal record of 1,000 assists.

Koelb had an outstanding total of 38 assists in the match.

Heywood had 29 digs, 15 service points and three aces.

Galler had 12 service points and 13 kills and Bolduc had 12 kills.

Edgecomb added 23 digs, Leppert had six blocks and Moyer had three aces in the hard-fought win.

The team was scheduled to have two games this week, the first in Exeter (6-8) on Wednesday and then a home game against a very tough Hollis-Brookline (12-1) team on Friday night.



Astros senior setter Ella Koelb recorded her 1,000th assist during the game against Dover last week.

Photo by Chris Paul

Astros Boys Soccer Team Have Good and Bad Results

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Soccer squad were on either end of shutouts last week and now sit at 6-6-2 as the team heads into the final two weeks of the regular season.

The Astros took the long trip west to Keene High School, on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 5, where they were able to get their sixth win of the season, a 2-0 shutout over the Black Birds.

Nate Hall and Reilly Beaulieu both had goals for

the Astros and assists went to Landan Villanveve and Tyler Sullivan.

Pinkerton keepers Will Paginini and Owen Bellanger combined to keep the Black Birds scoreless in the contest.

Two days later, the Astros were not able to find the back of the net, and fell to Manchester Central in a one-point game.

Coach Kerry Boles felt that the team played an outstanding game despite the outcome. Playing well were Adam Freiburger, Jake Spezzaferrri, Romar Co-uture, and Kyle Sanangelo.

The team was scheduled to face Winnacunnet (7-5) on the road on Monday and Bishop Guertin (3-9) on Thursday, Oct 14, at home.

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DERRY

One Spooky Night

Return of the Haunted Library at the Derry Library on Oct 21 at 6 p.m. The tradition continues! Registered family groups will be given a time to begin their tour of our haunted library. Staff will greet you at the front door of the library, and send your family along the spooky library path. Costumes are welcome! Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Murder Mystery Play/Dinner

Hosted by the VFW Auxiliary Post 1617, 18 Railroad Ave., Derry A Murder Mys-

tery Play with Dinner will be held on Sat Oct 23 with cocktails at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m., and Play at 7 p.m. This event is \$25 per person, all profits to benefit way and Means.

Cemetery Walk

Local historian T.J Cullinane will guide attendees on a cemetery stroll and learning about the heroes of Derry's past, at Forest Hill Cemetery Main Entrance Forest Hill on Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. From the First Settlers to modern day luminaries, this 90-minute tour promises to be light, informative, and fun. Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. Register

at derrypl.org or call 432-6140

Understanding and Responding to Dementia

Hosted in part by the Alzheimer's Association, this program will assist caregivers in how to decode behavioral messages, identify about behavior triggers, and learn strategies for helping intervene with some of the most common challenges of Alzheimer's disease. This program will be held on Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m., online. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Return of the Haunted Library

The tradition continues on Oct. 21, at 2:30 p.m., at Derry

Public Library. Registered family groups will be given a time to begin their tour of our haunted library. Staff will greet you at the front door of the library, and send your family along the spooky library path. Costumes are welcome! Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140.

Women in Horror

This month, Liz's film program looks behind the camera, and in front, at the women in horror, on Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m., Online. Liz will cover the evolving female cinematic role in the horror genera, and bust some unfair stereotypes. Register at derrypl.org or call 432-6140

Community Pumpkin Carving

Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., (rain date Sunday, Oct. 17) Come to the backyard of the Marion Gerrish Community Center. There will be Free pumpkins, carv-

ing tools, paints, and more for you to carve and/or decorate your pumpkins. Free, but pre-registration online is Required <https://bit.ly/CommunityPumpkinCarving> registration closes when we meet capacity. Display your completed Jack-O-Lantern on our front steps apple cider & donuts prizes for each age group 5-7, 8-12, 13-17, 18+, 50 & better. Treats for all ages. The Marion Gerrish Community is located at Center 39 W Broadway, Derry, NH. For more information 603-434-8866 www.mgccderry.nh.org

Recovery Capital

Building Your Recovery Capital, is designed to create positive steps to your recovery capital. This series offers education & guidance on recovery topics to help you successfully manage early recovery. Build skills in resilience, enhance your skills toolbox, and deepen your self-awareness. Oct.

15, 22, it will be on zoom at 12 - 12:45 p.m. This series is FREE of charge and hosted by the Upper Room. To register, call Beth O'Connell at 603-437-8477 x124 or e mail boconnell@urteachers.org For more information about supported and services for young adults 18 - 30 please call x124.

Craft Fair

The 28th Annual Pinkerton Alumni Craft Fair with over 150 tables on Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Hackler Gymnasium at Pinkerton Academy on 42 No., Main St., (By-Pass 28) Derry. This fair is free to the public. Masks will be required per school policy.

CHESTER

Where Have All The Monarchs Gone?

Chester Conservation Commission is hosting naturalist Donna Miller from 'Petals in

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the Pines' to discuss and give a presentation regarding the declining monarch butterfly populations and how we can help them with milkweed and pollinator gardens. There will be milkweed seeds available along with literature. This free event will be Saturday, Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. It will be held at the Chester Town Offices at 84 Chester St.

Scary Haunted House Tour

A haunted tour will be held at the Chester Library at 3 Chester St., Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 6 - 8 p.m. This is a Chester Library Fundraiser, tickets are \$2 Per Person At The Door for adults and brave kids. Parents discretion is advised. Please note: strobe lights may be used

Haunted

Join Paranormal Odyssey Investigations for a trip into the paranormal Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 6 - 8 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Chester Library. The team will describe their experiences with the paranormal with selected cases and evidence. In addition to an overview, emphases will be focused on specific detailed investigations of private homes and locations such as town libraries and public buildings. Of particular interest are some of the details and findings of a recent investigation of the Chester Library and Stevens Hall. This program is free & open to the public; all ages are welcome to attend. After the presentation, there will be a question and answer session with audience members. Registration is Required.

Chester Food Pantry

The Chester Lions Club will be holding a food drive to benefit the Chester food pantry on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Chester Transfer Station from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monetary and food donations will be accepted. Donations can also be left at the Chester General Store beginning on Tuesday, Oct 12.

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Library Closure

The Chester Library will be closed to the public Saturday, Oct. 23, for the Haunted House

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.

Reno Celebration

The Chester Library will hold a Renovation Celebration on Thursday, Oct. 14, from 6 - 8 pm. You're invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate our newly renovated building. Light refreshments will be served.

Prepare to Shelter in Place

Local preparedness expert Ele West will cover the necessities of preparing for a disaster, including medicines, food, clothing and bedding, and money, at the Chester Library on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. Bring paper or a journal for note taking. Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

Halloween Costume Party

Come in costume for a spooky time with prizes and goodie bags at the Chester Library on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Tarot 101

Monday, Oct. 25, from 6-8 p.m., at Stevens Hall: Let's talk tarot with Kate Sheridan, a.k.a. The Laundress will lead this event for anyone who wants to learn more about tarot cards, using the classic Smith-Rider-Waite deck as a guide. We will cover basic tarot theory, giving you the bird's eye view of all 78 cards and how they work together. The goal is to demystify the tarot in order to empower you to use the cards for self-

reflection and personal growth. At the end of the evening, you'll be guided in conducting a mini-reading for yourself, and you'll leave with personalized, practical next steps to do at home. Call the Chester Public Library at 603-887-3404 to register.

Halloween Houses

Make yummy and creepy houses out of graham crackers with Miss Maureen at the Chester Library on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. Registration is required by calling 603-887-3404.

Crafting Club

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, ect.) and meet other crafters at the Chester Library on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Scare-rariums

Get in the Halloween SPIRIT and make a spooky terrarium at the Chester Library on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. Registration is required by calling 887-3404, this craft is for kids and teens.

Afternoon Book Group

The Chester Library's adult afternoon book group will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. to Discuss 'Educated' by Tara Westover. New members always welcome! Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Among Us Party!

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of you is the imposter inside the Chester Library Teen Room on Monday, Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m. Download the Among Us! app on your device before the event. Registration is required by calling 887-3404, this event is for kids and teens.

HAMPSTEAD

Sherlock Event

Ann McClellan, professor and Interim Provost/VP of Academic Affairs at Plymouth State University, presents "(Not So) Elementary,

My Dear Watson, the Popularity of Sherlock Holmes" at the Hampstead Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. Sherlock movies, television shows, and literary adaptations indicate the Great Detective is alive and well in the 21st century. McClellan's presentation explores the origins of Conan Doyle's detective and tracks his incarnations in literature, film, advertising, and modern media. Advance registration for this event is required, via the Events Calendar on www.HampsteadLibrary.org, or call 603-329-6411. This event is funded by New Hampshire Humanities.

Craft & Movie @ Library

A Halloween Double Feature: Craft & Movie takes place at the Hampstead Public Library on Friday, Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. Adults of all abilities are welcome to come make a spooky decoration and enjoy treats from 1 - 1:30 p.m. Then at 1:30 p.m., watch Mel Brooks' spooky comedy about young Dr. Frederick Frankenstein (Gene Wilder) who learns he has inherited his infamous grandfather's estate in Transylvania. Feel free to come for either or both craft and movie

Senior Social

On Thursday, Oct. 28, Hampstead will be having a Senior social at the town meeting house. It will be open to seniors from 9:15 - 11:45 a.m. Coffee, pastries and snacks will be served.

Free Trunk or Treat

All are invited to a Free Trunk or Treat event at Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 1 - 3 p.m. There will be a blow up jousting arena, a blow up bouncy slide, food trucks, balloon twisting, games, and lots of candy. An afternoon of fun for the whole family. For more information, contact us at info@islandpondbc.com, 603-329-5959. Visit us on the web www.islandpondbc.com

Jacobs Brothers

The Jacobs Brothers will be at Island Pond Baptist Church, 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead, on Friday, Oct.

22, at 6 p.m. All are invited as they share the gospel of Jesus Christ through song and testimony. There is no charge for this event. Contact our office, info@islandpondbc.com, 603-329-5959, for more information. Visit us on the web at www.islandpondbc.com

Educated Book Club

The Hampstead Library's Third Thursday Book Club is reading Educated a memoir by Tara Westover, and discusses it on Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow. Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education. As a way out, Tara began to educate herself, learning enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University.

Library Mystery

There's a Mystery at the Library and you can help discover "whodunit!" Starting Oct. 1, stop by the Hampstead Public Library to help solve a mystery. The premise: a rare book was stolen, and we need your help to figure out who did it. There are 12 clues hidden in the Library, and each clue narrows down the list of suspects until you're left with a final culprit. Stop by the front desk to pick up a list of suspects and clue #1. After solving the mystery, you'll be given a raffle ticket to enter a prize drawing. This program runs through Oct. 31. For more information contact the Hampstead Public Library 603-329-6411.

SANDOWN

Family Fun in the Kitchen

Halloween is almost here! Join the Sandown Library on Monday, Oct. 18, from 9:30 - 10 a.m., for some family fun in the kitchen. We will be making Tarantula Cupcakes. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants. This program is for all ages.

Books & Bites Book Discussion:

The Sandown Library's Books & Bites will discuss

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, on Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 6 7:15 p.m.

Library Trustee Meeting

The Sandown Library Trustees meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Library. The public is welcome to attend. The agenda is posted at the Library and Town Hall the week of the meeting. For more information, please call 887-3428 or email director@sandownlibrary.us.

Open Farm Day

On Oct. 23, from noon - 4 p.m., Patch Wood Farm will hold an open house. There will be a raffle, food, arts and crafts and pony rides. Hooves, Paws and Claws 4H Club will have a bake sale to support their club as well. They will also showcase our rescue horses and do a demo.

Senior Exercise

Senior Exercise resumes on Tuesday mornings from 11 a.m. - noon at the Sandown recreation building. now - Nov. 16. Gentle stretches, better ways to balance, and some laughs are on tap. Free to seniors age 60 and above. Space is limited. Call the recreation office at 887-1872 to register and then fill out a waiver the day you begin. Visit www.sandown.us to print off the information and registration on the recreation page under Senior Activities.

REGIONAL

42nd Annual Country Christmas Fair

St. Jude Womem's Guild will host the 42nd Annual Country Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. It will feature hand crafted items, table centerpieces, wreaths snowmen & ornaments. Once again there will be a queen size quilt raffle, as well as our amazing raffle table. Our Country Cupboard Room will feature a bake sale as well as tasty edibles, table linens & kitchen accessories. Come join us for "Fair Day"! Questions or Donations, please call Co-Chair Denise Pratt at 423-1854 or Helene Staley at 867-1178.

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