

Sandown Selectmen Approve Five Percent Employee Raise

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the Oct. 18 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting one of the main agenda items was in regards to possible raises for employees.

At their Sept. 20 meeting it was explained that one of the issues that the Board of Selectmen have been trying to combat over the years is the fact that salary studies have shown that some of their employees are only paid about 80-85 percent of what people are paid in similar size towns for the same positions.

The Board of Selectmen generally agreed that long term it would be important for the Town to develop a matrix so they can plan for raises from year to year and so employees can have predictability for the future.

But the immediate question for their upcoming budget season was whether or not they would give raises to their employees and if so how much.

Sandown Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell gave the Board of Selectmen a breakdown of what it would cost the Town in increases if they gave employees a percentage increase of three, four or five percent.

On the same spreadsheet it also gave them a breakdown of how much an employee would have to pay depending on if they increased the contribution percentage that employees pay for health insurance.

It was explained that currently the Town contributes 87% for employees health insurance while employees contribute 13%. For a few years they have been looking at increasing it. Last year since the cost of healthcare went up significantly they decided not to make any increases.

Selectmen Jonathan Goldman said that one of

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Chester Planning Department Looks to Create New Position

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NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Board of Selectmen heard from various departments during their meeting on Oct.21.

During the Planning Department's presentation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Planner Andrew Hadik explained that they were looking to increase their budget for next year to \$93,815.

One of the things they were looking for is for someone to work 10 hours a week to help Hadik with the increased workload.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo said that he thinks they will need a full time person due to the amount of homes likely to be built in the next few years.

"I think you really need a full time person to come in and assist you with all the activity," D'Angelo said.

He said that they should consider coming back in a few weeks with a proposal of how much it would cost the Town for a full-time employee so they could have a discussion about it.

Hadik explained that he wouldn't want to have to spend a significant amount of time managing someone right now which is one of the reasons why the Planning Board thought it was best to start off with a part-time person.

He said that he wouldn't be opposed to the position being about 20 hours a week at first.

Selectmen Stephen Landau suggested that they speak with the staff at Southern New Hampshire Planning to see if they would be able to dedicate more of their staff time to Chester if the Town increases the amount of funds they allocate for them.

Hadik said he would contact them to see if that would be a possibility.

Also presenting their budget was the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Chairwoman Billie Maloney explained that they were looking for an increase of just under \$1,000 which would raise their budget to just under

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IN THE SPIRIT Pamela Teebagy, her son Anthony and dog Tank dressed up to participate in the annual Costume Contest and Parade at Hood Park in Derry. The event was not held last year and there were plenty of participants this year for the fun contest. More photos page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Hood Park Neighborhood Group Starting in Derry

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Town Council held a special meeting on Oct. 21.

During the public comment portion of the meeting Lorraine Lindenberg and State Representative Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien announced that they would be starting a neighborhood group called the Friends of Hood Park.

"We would like to bring the residents together that love Hood Park as much as I do," Lindenberg told the Council.

She explained that they want to do more things for the park like organizing volunteers to pick up trash and litter, and planting flowers in the spring.

"We want neighbors to meet each other and we want people to be able to meet at Hood Park," Lindenberg said.

She also noted that she has heard stories about Hood Park being one of the most popular places in Derry. She said that with that said she has also heard from people recently who

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Chester Selectmen Discuss Budgets for Departments

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CHESTER - With budget season upon them the Chester Board of Selectmen heard budget proposals from the different departments in Town on Oct. 14.

Presenting the budget for the Highway Department was Road Agent Michael Oleson.

He explained that the salary budget line item has a proposed increase of 59%.

"That's to add a full timer and to add call time for the highway guys," he told the Board of Selectmen.

He said that he was the only on call person for the past 15 years and told them before that he was planning on proposing that they pay staff members to help with the on call shifts.

"I've never charged the Town to be on call," he said.

Oleson said that one employee would be on call per week and then they would rotate each week.

"You'll pay them \$200 a week in their salary to be on call 24 hours a day," he said.

He said that if there is a major problem that they can't handle they will be

able to reach him still, saying that it's what they do in other towns.

In total it would cost \$10,400 per year.

Aside from the additional full-time employee and the funds for the on-call pay, Oleson said that he also built in the money for seasonal workers into the budget.

He said that they need another full-time employee because the town continues to grow and they can't keep up with the demand.

"I'm falling behind. I'm not able to keep up

with the load," Oleson said.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Chuck Myette said that he needs to put together a document explaining why the increase is needed so they know along with the Budget Committee.

Oleson also noted that because they have gone over budget the last couple years for their overtime line item for plowing he decided to bump it up by \$900 in the proposed budget which would be an eight percent increase.

Chester Interim Fire Chief Phil Gladu said in total the Fire Department's pro-

posed budget would be an increase of about \$26,000.

While the cost of diesel and gas has gone up in recent months, Gladu said he kept it level funded for his proposed budget this year because they under-spent that line item last year.

He said that they will have an increase for salaries based on the matrix, and dropped down the line item for fire prevention and inspections a little.

He explained that for fire prevention week they haven't been able to do anything in person the last couple of years due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenting the budget for the maintenance department was Chester Maintenance Director Paul Cavanaugh.

One of the increases that he pointed to is the line item for part-time employees. He said that the line item went up due to salary increases.

Another line item increase that he pointed to is in terms of pest control which went up by 34.9 percent, due to the rates they charge going up.

"Their rates went up quite drastically," Cavanaugh told the Board.

Hampstead Conservation Commission Looks at Invasives

KATRINA STROUD
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - Hampstead Conservation Commissioner, Timothy Lovell, announces updates in the Stormwater Committee, new hiking trail maps, and the issue of invasive plant species. Firstly, the Stormwater Committee is working to protect the town's drainage system from petroleum-based products leaking out of vehicles and into creeks

and rivers. Lovell stated the committee was founded about four years ago by the EPA, but its work was pushed back due to COVID-19 restraints from last year. Now, the committee is looking to recruit one more member, hopefully from the conservation commission, but it is still undecided. If any individual or member from a local organization is interested in joining, contact the Water Resource Committee using this link:

www.hampsteadnh.us/water-resource-committee.

Local cartographer, Jim Wilkerson, is currently rewriting the conservation maps in Hampstead. Especially in the more "remote areas" of Hampstead and parts of Derry, as many of the hiking trails are interconnected across town borders. Some trails stretch as far as 20 to 30 miles. "We have a tremendous trail network," remarked Lovell. Mountain biking is fairly common among these

trails, many of which were built and maintained by volunteers. And so, Wilkerson is mapping a new area and will be uploading the new maps onto the Global Position System (GPS).

The rise in invasive plant species has also become a growing concern in the conservation commission. For years, they've tried avoiding herbicides in Big Island Pond, by using scuba gear to pull out the weeds underwater. However, this method was very expensive, tiresome, and ineffective as the roots extend four feet into the mud. A few years ago, they started treating the bottom of the pond with chemicals and the results were successful. Recently, the

weeds have started growing back and the commission needs to treat the pond with chemicals once more.

Other invasive plant species are growing in the woods, many of which are spreading from people's backyards. Residents and local gardeners often buy plants from nurseries such as, the Japanese firebush and the Japanese knotweed, which are very common within the area. The Japanese firebush grows like grass; about ten years ago, the commission bought a piece of property, which originally consisted of grasslands and trees, but the Japanese firebush took over five acres of land. Lovell noted that they're hard to pull out and they

have to carefully spray it with a chemical, without harming the other plants. "In our town, there's probably 20 to 30 invasive plant species," said Lovell. "For instance, there's a pachysandra around my house and in my gardens. I never thought of it as an invasive species, but it actually does not come from this region. It comes from China and Japan and it grows like wildfire." The commission will decide next meeting on how to handle the invasive plant species in the woods and decide on the best time and date to treat the weeds in Big Island Pond. They'll also be recruiting a new member to the commission: Karen Cousin, in mid-November.



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Sandown Heritage Commission Gets Flag For Town Hall

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SANDOWN - The Sandown Heritage Commission meeting held its regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 7.

During the meeting the Commission revealed the Sandown Heritage Flag which was printed by Hampstead Print and Copy.

It was explained by Pamela Gaudreau, the Sandown Heritage Commission Chairperson that they wanted to get a Heritage Commission flag in honor of the 100 year anniversary

of the Sandown Town Hall Building. The flag will be hung up in Town Hall.

She also explained that they got input from the community on what the design of the flag should look like.

"Excellent choice Sandown, Sandown you chose this," Gaudreau said.

She also pointed out that it is the Heritage Commission flag and if another group wanted to create a different Town flag they would be able to.

"If someone wants to come up with another Town flag that would be awesome

too," Gaudreau said.

In other news the Heritage Commission discussed possibly meeting on different nights for November and December.

It was explained by Gaudreau that the Conservation Commission usually meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month but because of Christmas and Thanksgiving falling during the fourth week they traditionally meet on the first and third Thursday of those months.

The Heritage Commission meets on the first

Thursday of each month which means they would be meeting on the same nights for those months.

Gaudreau asked the rest of the Commission members if they thought they should meet on the second Thursday of the month for November and December.

Frances Rosenau, the vice president of the Commission pointed out that they wouldn't be able to meet the second Thursday in November because it is Veterans Day and Town Hall will be closed.

She suggested that if they are able to have a quo-

rum for the first week in November then they should meet that night and just meet in the basement since the Conservation Commission will be using the regular meeting room.

It was decided that they would determine if they will have enough members available for the first week in November before making a decision on when to meet.

Also during the meeting one of the agenda items was recapping what they did at the Old Home Day celebration.

At Old Home Day they

sold copies of 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.

Heritage Commission member Sierra Dolce said that many people were excited about purchasing it.

"People were excited about the book, they were excited to give them out to their relatives for Christmas presents," she said.

They also had information there about the Heritage Commission.

Chester 300th Anniversary Committee Discusses Upcoming Events

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester 300th Anniversary Committee held its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting earlier in the month and during the meeting the Committee discussed some of its upcoming events for the year-long community celebration.

One of those events is their Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling night which is scheduled to take place on Dec. 4.

One of the things that was discussed was whether or not they would use the inside of Stevens Hall at all or if they would have it only outdoors.

300th Anniversary Committee Treasurer Rhonda Lamphere said that one of

the concerns that she has is that they may have more people there than the building can hold.

"We don't know how many people we are going to have," she said.

It was pointed out that the capacity for Stevens Hall is about 100 people.

"That 100 number really scares me," she said.

It was decided that they would discuss it more

before making a final decision about using it or not.

One of the other unknowns the Committee still has is how much it will cost for traffic control for the event, which they expect to find out soon.

It was pointed out during the meeting that one of the items that they may need is a PA system. Committee member Chris Hadik asked Stephen Landau, the liaison for the Board of Selectmen if the Town already has one.

"What do you use at Town Meeting," Hadik asked Landau.

He said the Town Meet-

ing is usually held indoors but when they had it outside someone in Town set it up but wasn't sure if there was any cost associated with it. They are planning on looking into it.

One of the other items that they talked about was the lights for the Christmas Tree.

Lamphere explained to the Committee that she did research to determine what amount of lights they should buy for the tree.

She said that she learned that it's recommended to have 100 lights for every 18 inches of vertical height of the tree. She

said that she suggested that they budget up to \$1,200 for the lights and for the tree topper.

The Committee unanimously approved purchasing the lights right away to make sure they get them in time for the event, noting the national supply chain issues which have caused delays in shipping.

It was also announced during the meeting that 40 tickets for their Kick-off Gala Event that took place on Oct. 23 were given to sponsors.

The next Chester 300th Anniversary meeting is slated for Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.

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\$20,000.

She said that the increases for different line items is because of the increase in the amount of

cases they have. Some of the line items included an increase of office supplies from \$450 to \$500. For postage the increase went from \$1,250 to \$1,500, and their advertisement for legal notices would go

from \$1,400 to \$1,500 as part of the proposed budget.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Thursday, Nov. 4, starting at 7 p.m.

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Editorial

Now Is The Best Time To Be Heard

To all the residents who stay home while elected officials and paid department heads craft the school and town budgets. You give up your right to complain when taxes go up. Now is the time to start thinking about attending budget hearings to ask all of your questions, and state your concerns that pertain to how tax money is being spent.

As taxpayers, residents have every right to ask question, see documents, and change the way and what money is being spent, along with how much of your money is being spent.

To all the residents who stay home we expect you are satisfied with your taxes and how, and where your money is being spent.

It can be very frustrating and intimidating to state your case at a meeting and you may even feel like no one is listening. If you do, there are some other ways to get your message out. You can also send a letter to the board and ask for it to be read during the public meeting if you are unable to attend. You can write a letter to the editor to run in the paper and raise awareness to concerns.

As you can see there are ways to get your message, your ques-

tions, and your concerns out in the public for discussion.

When all of the public budget hearings are over, your next shot at participatory democracy comes at the town deliberative session, school deliberative session, and or town meeting. Where you can amend warrant articles. However at this point you cannot change the intent of the articles, you can only amend the dollar amount before the get on to the ballot.

Starting some time in the end of January until the beginning of February there is a filing period open for town and school elected positions that are open. Check the towns calendar listings for details.

In a country founded on citizen participation, in a state where the voice of the individual is honored, and in towns that are still small enough to listen to individual citizens, elected office is a possibility for anyone who cares to make the effort.

You'll have a say in what happens, you'll be responsible for helping your town move forward, you'll truly be part of your community, and you'll be part of democracy in action.

Local Towns Announce Where and When to Go Trick-or-Treating

MONIQUE BRAND
NUTFIELD NEWS

The scariest day of the year returns in New Hampshire and the following are events in the surrounding areas:

Chester: According to the Chester Police Department, the town has set aside 6 - 8 p.m. on Halloween night to greet and treat the little ones.

The Chester Public Library will hold a costume party Thursday starting at 6 p.m.

There will be prizes and goody bags. Those interested must register by calling 603-887-3404.

Derry: The town of Derry is hosting several events in the area leading up to Halloween.

One is a free family-friendly event, presented by Thrive Outdoors, and Hosted by Journey Church.

This year's Trunk or Treat is expected to be an evening of fancifully decorated cars, candy, face painting, a photo booth, snacks, live and interactive entertainment, and so much more!

The event will be held from 4:30 - 6 p.m. on Oct. 30, at 5 Tinkham Avenue.

For more information, visit: www.thriveoutdoors-nh.com/trunkortreat.

There's no need to register to attend, only if you're decorating a trunk.

Trick-or-treating hours in the Greater Derry area is from 6 - 7:30 p.m. on Sunday night, Oct. 31.

Hampstead: The town of Hampstead announced that Trick or Treat will be held on Sunday night from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Sunset Lake Association's Light Up the Night event of the year will kick off on Saturday. Its rain/wind date will be Friday.

Lake residents will be lighting up fire pits all around the lake.

If residents don't yet have a 2021 fire permit, contact the fire department at 603-329-6006 days before Saturday's event to obtain a free campfire permit. According to organizers, on the day of the event, you must call the fire department to indicate that you will have a fire that day and they will usually

ask for your address and permit number.

All participants should also follow all town burn rules and the regulations.

Sandown: The Sandown Police Department wants the community to stay safe during trick-or-treating. According to the department's website, its Halloween information includes how to stay safe during the pandemic - provided by the Centers of Disease Control.

Sandown's trick-or-treating hours will be from 6 - 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Londonderry: Trick-or-treating in Londonderry will be on Sunday from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Through its Facebook page, the Londonderry Police Department advised resident to stay safe while traveling.

"As we do every year, cruisers will be stocked with candy and glow necklaces and driving through our neighborhoods," Today through the early evening of Halloween, residents can also pick up glow necklaces in its lobby.

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the most important things for him is to make sure that no employees are going backwards, meaning that they get no net raise because the health insurance increase is more than what they get for their raise.

"I don't want to see someone go backwards. Some things gotta give but I don't think it's the employees that should

give," he said.

Selectmen Tom Tombarello, said that he was concerned about passing the budget and wanted to make sure the raises they give would be palpable for the Budget Committee and the community. He said that he thought 4% was a good amount but said if the rest of the Board of Selectmen wanted five percent he would go with it.

"I want to pass a budget," he said.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved a five percent raise for its employees next year on a unanimous vote.

For health insurance the Board of Selectmen ultimately approved increasing the contribution for employees by one percent for next year which means the Town would contribute 86% towards an employee's plan while the employee would contribute 14%.

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Creative Costumes Parade Through Hood Park



The annual Costume Contest and Parade hosted by the Derry Recreation Department didn't take place last year due to the pandemic, but residents were out in full force this year with dozens of creative costumes on display. The event took place outdoors this year, at Hood Park, and children were brought into the street hockey area in different age groups for a chance to win prizes for the Most Creative, Spookiest and Judges Choice.

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Hampstead Selectmen Hear Proposed FY 22 Budget Presentations

MONIQUE BRAND
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - Budget talks continued last week at the town level - this time with department heads presenting their cases for consideration in the fiscal year 2022 budget.

On Oct. 13, during the Hampstead Board of Selectmen budget discussion, close to a dozen divisions including public safety departments emphasized their budgetary needs.

Deputy Fire Chief William Warnock presented a budget presentation which shows an overall increase of \$148,838 from the department's current fiscal year budget totaling \$1,336,535.

Warnock said the large share of the increase is personnel related. One portion is the increase in weekly hours of the fire inspector from 16 to 24.

"They cost quite a bit of our budget and our biggest part of our budget goes to personnel. And we

need to hire two additional full-time firefighters because we are unable to get per diem firefighters ... to staff the station for the hours that we have available," Warnock said. "The fire department needs people to go out on the trucks. We try to keep a minimum of two people on the engine. And whenever possible we try to keep three people on the engine during our busiest time which is during the day-time."

Other factors to the increase include heat and cruel cost, vehicle maintenance, electricity, dispatch services and uniforms.

Warnock said in regards to dispatch services the department does expect a cost increase yet the rates are still the lowest since switching to Londonderry dispatch back in 2013.

Chief of Police Joseph A. Beaudoin, Jr. said his department expects an overall budget increase as well - particularly in medical benefits for his officers.

The proposed budget totals \$1,851,456, an 11% increase from the current fiscal year's budget.

Part of the increase is \$250,000 to take care of the cost of healthcare insurance.

"Last year, three of my five officers - I lost a few officers - but three of five

of them took the [annual medical] stipend. And that's only \$10,000 versus \$30,000. So when we hired the new employees, they all went for the family plan. So right now as you know I have nine full time employees on board right now. So that would be nine times the average insurance plan [cost] for a family of about \$30,000. So that's \$270,000 without anything different."

He also foresees an increase in overtime in court operations as it has been closed for over a year. With it opening back up, there is a backlog in the division's workload.

When town chairman Sean Murphy asked Beaudoin if the department expects to hire one more

officer, he agreed.

The meeting is one of several budget workshops the town would hold as the selectmen are expected to approve the FY22 budget in March 2022.

Hampstead Administrative Assistant and ADA Coordinator Sally Theriault said the budget is not finalized and expects a tax rate increase "but we won't know until the rate is actually set sometime later this month or next month."

The proposed overall FY22 budget is expected at \$7,887,875.51, a five percent increase from the current fiscal year's budget of \$6,043,518.18.

The draft budget is available online for review, visit www.hampsteadnh.us.

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have issues with the park like there being a lack of lighting on the walking paths which makes people feel unsafe.

She said that by having the neighborhood group they think people will be able to express their concerns to Town officials easier.

Town Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores said that she thought having the neighborhood group would be a good thing.

"That's a great idea," she said.

It was announced by O'Brien that their first interest meeting would be taking place on Nov. 2 at 7

p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center.

Also during the meeting the Council heard from Tax Collector Diane Mulholland. She explained that she recommended that they approve issuances of Tax Collector Deeds for two properties with outstanding lien balances from 2018 liens.

The Council approved of the recommendation.

She also recommended that they approve deed waivers for 19 properties for various reasons, which the Council approved.

During the consent agenda the Council approved a supplemental resolution to purchase equipment for the Water

Division, and approved a resolution to apply for and accept a Drinking Water Trust Fund Grant for Phase II Conceptual Planning Report for the Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Project.

The next Town Council meeting is slated to take place on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Kathleen Ellen Todd



Kathleen Ellen Todd, 62, of Derry, NH, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021, in Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH. She was born in Lynn, MA on May 25, 1959, a daughter of Gerald and Virginia (Leydon) Crimp.

She is preceded in death by her parents Gerald R. Crimp of Lynn MA and Virginia M. Crimp of Lynn MA, her brother Mark G. Crimp.

She is survived by her loving husband, Victor Todd; two sons, Jeremy R. Todd of Derry, and Matthew G. Todd of Cambridge, UK; two daughters, Meghan VM. (Todd) Hoff of Springfield, IL, and Jessica A. Todd of Derry; two grandchildren Petra V. Todd and Carmen O. Todd; sister, Mary E. Crimp-Batzinger her brother Kevin P.R. Crimp; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Oct. 22, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Medical Center, 100 MacGregor St., Manchester, NH 03102.

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Jeanne L. Cooke

Jeanne L. Cooke, 98, of Hampstead, NH, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, at the Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH. She was born in McLean, IL on Dec. 13, 1922, a daughter of Louis and Gladys (Sperry) Morin. Following her schooling, Jeanne worked for 15 years in Illinois and for Hale Hospital in Haverhill, MA for 30 years as a registered nurse. After retiring in 1984, she continued to work as a hospital volunteer for many years. She enjoyed playing and teaching Marimba, in addition to singing in the church choir. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Warren S. Cooke, in 2012.

While living in Illinois, Jeanne was a member of the Marimba Orchestra in Chicago. After moving to NH, Jeanne was very active in her community, in addition to working and raising 3 children. She was a past chair member of the Hampstead Mother's Club, MA. Nurses Association, founded Hospital Employee Health Nurses Association of NE., member of Hampstead Congregational Church since 1960, and formed a social group of friends called Magicals. Jeanne and Warren loved camping with their family, spent winters in Escapee Park in FL., and RV'd extensively throughout the US following retirement in 1984.

Jeanne is survived by two daughters Jean Anne Hunt and her husband Bob formerly of Hillsboro, NH; Susan Cooke of Hampstead, NH; son, Roger Cooke and his wife Kara of Ripon, WI; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great great-granddaughter; four nieces, and six grandnieces and grandnephews.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Oct. 15, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Private burial was held at West Hampstead Cemetery, Off Rt. 121, Hampstead, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to Hampstead Congressional Church, 61 Main St., Hampstead, NH 03841 in lieu of flowers.

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As the leaves start to fall, our annual raking routines will pick up. While many people have carried on this tradition for years, how many have thought twice about the appropriate place to put their leaves? It's not as simple as raking them into the street or dumping piles on the side of the road or in the woods. It is actually against the law in NH to dump your leaves and yard waste in wetlands areas without a permit. Under RSA 482-A:3 www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/L/482-A/482-A-3.htm, to "fill" a wetlands or surface water with natural material that has been "deposited or caused to be deposited by human activity" is prohibited. Disposal of yard waste direct-

ly into surface waters, such as streams, rivers, lakes or ponds, contributes an unnatural amount of organic matter that will result in mucky bottom sediment in near shore swimming areas, and can result in turbid water and lower dissolved oxygen available to aquatic organisms.

In NH, there is also a ban on disposing of leaf and yard waste at landfills and incinerators www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/X/149-M/149-M-27.htm, (RSA 149-M:27,III(a)). Therefore, some towns and cities have opted to host town-wide pick-up events. If your town does this, be sure you rake as close to the scheduled collection date as possible to avoid clogging up nearby storm drains or littering the street. Other towns have opted to allow residents to

bring their yard waste to the transfer station to be composted and then give that compost back to the residents when it has completed the process. Contact your transfer station or town offices to find out what is offered locally.

There are other ways to manage your leaves, though. Instead of getting rid of them, they can be used

around your own property as either compost or as mulch. Composting is an easy way to create organic fertilizer. Adding either raked or shredded leaves to grass clippings and your kitchen fruit and vegetable wastes to your compost pile will help to create a nutrient-rich soil for next spring's landscaping.

Leaves can also be used in quicker fashion as mul-

ch, which provides a protective covering for flowerbeds or gardens. Gardening experts recommend using a lawnmower with a mulching blade and bagging attachment to shred and collect the leaves. Adding these mulched leaves to your flower beds can protect them from severe winter weather and provide moisture and nutrients for

your flowers in the spring.

If you want to take a step out of that process, you can also just leave the shredded leaves on your lawn as a natural fertilizer. This method works well as long as the leaves are not too deep or wet when they are mowed. Otherwise, you may end up with large clumps of shredded leaves that can choke out your grass.

Derry Snow & Ice Policy Reminder

DERRY – It's early, but the town wishes to remind residents of the Derry Ordinance regarding parking and the placement of snow on the street. The Winter Parking Ban is in effect from Nov. 15 to April 1. During that time, no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public road between midnight and 6 a.m. Any vehicle parked in violation will be towed. Vehicles towed

shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing.

No person is allowed to place any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any Town maintained portion of road or highway. Blowing, shoveling or plowing snow into the street creates a very dangerous situation that can cause accidents. Any person violating this ordi-

nance will be subject to a fine.

Location of Mailboxes: As a friendly reminder, all mailboxes and newspaper boxes are allowed to be located within the Town right-of-way at the owner's risk. The removal of snow around mailboxes and maintenance of the mailbox and post are the responsibility of the owner.

Residents are asked

not to place any permanent or temporary structures, sprinkler heads or landscape items within the Town's right-of-way. The Town does not repair mailboxes damaged during snow removal operations. In addition, stakes, delineators or rocks placed at the edge of pavement can not be guaranteed for protection during the winter season.

OBITUARY

John Lawrence Russo

John Lawrence Russo, 72, of Chester, NH, passed away Saturday Oct. 23, 2021, in the Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH. He was born on April 10, 1949 in Somerville, MA, a son of the late Marguerite (Lowe) and Lawrence Russo Sr.

John retired from General Electric in Lynn, MA where he was the Manager of Machine Tools and Facilities at Plant IV. He was affectionately known as Johnny, Dad, Papa and the Fixer. Johnny personified the term "Mechanic". From a young age, he watched and learned how mechanical things worked. As he grew up, he learned how to fix anything and HE DID! He was a "Johnny" of all trades, Rosie's Project Boy. Most of all John loved to spend time with his Rosie and their growing family.

He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 55 years, Rosemary (McShane) Russo, their three children, Lauren Anne Russo, Shannon Marie Russo, and Brian John Russo; two grandchildren, Brioni John Payano and Saige Valerie Plumer; one great granddaughter, Dhalia Love Plumer; three sisters, Gladys "Cookie" Kearney, Evelyn Dawe and Nancy Russo; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his parents and five siblings, George "Sonny" Small, Lawrence Russo Jr., Helen Bergman, Marion Small and Carole Talbot.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, October 28, from 9 - 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH followed by funeral services at 11 a.m., in the funeral home. Mask usage will be optional. The burial will follow at Great Hill Cemetery, Rt. 121A, Chester, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Derry Transfer Station Holiday Hours

DERRY - The Derry Town Transfer Station hours of operations during this holiday season are as follows:

• **Veteran's Day:**
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Saturday, Nov 27, Open
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• **Christmas:**
Friday, Dec. 24, Open
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Saturday, Dec. 25, Closed
• **New Year's:**
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Chester Library Staff Provides Haunted House Tours



The staff and Friends of the Chester Public Library invited residents in to experience the haunted happenings throughout the facility on Saturday night, Oct. 23 where attendees were ushered through the darkened library where they were able to witness some scary sights. The tradition started a number of years ago but was skipped last year due to COVID-19.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astros Volleyball Heads Into Playoffs as Fourth Seed

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Volleyball squad finished the regular season last

week by adding three more wins against division opponents and they did it by blanking each of those

opponents in straight sets.

With their three latest wins, the Lady Astros finished the season with an outstanding 14-4 season record and will head into the NHIAA playoffs as the number four seed.

The week began with a long road trip to Keene High School on Monday, Oct. 18, where the Astros beat the Lady Blackbirds 25-18, 25-17, and 25-23.

Senior Ella Koelb added to her career point totals with 12 service points, six aces and 28 assists.

Senior Lily-Heywood got eight service points and 18 digs.

Senior Abby Leppert had nine kills and two blocks, while Sarah Bolduc managed eight kills and two blocks.

Freshman Cali Miller added seven kills and two blocked shots and senior Lexi Galler also had seven kills.

Senior Sierra Edgecomb tallied 15 digs in the win.

Two days later, on Wednesday, Oct. 20 the

Lady Astros had another road game, this one was a bit closer, in Hudson against the Lady Broncos of Alvirne and the result was quite similar.

The PA squad beat the Alvirne girls 25-20, 25-16 and 25-21 for their 13th win of the season and AHS dropped to 6-11.

Heywood got 12 service points, 20 digs, three aces and two blocks.

Galler had nine service points and six kills while Bolduc added 10 kills and 20 digs. Edgecomb also had 20 digs in the game.

Koelb added 29 more

assists to her career total and Miller had six kills.

In the final match of the season, on Thursday, Oct. 21, team honor each of their senior players before starting the match against Manchester Memorial. Head coach Todd Royce will be losing a total of eight girls to graduation this year.

Koelb, Edgecomb, Galler, Heywood, Leppert, Leah Cincotta, Jenna Moyer and Morgan Stevens were all recognized for their efforts during the pre-game ceremony.

The Lady Astros easily got by the winless Lady

Crusaders, winning 25-15, 25-3 and 25-7.

Koelb had 18 service points, 11 aces and 13 assists while Miller had 10 service points and 11 digs.

Heywood added eight kills and 11 digs.

Cincotta got 11 assists and Leppert had two blocks.

Edgecomb rounded out the scoring with 11 digs in the final regular season game.

The number four seeded Astros will host the Nashua South Purple Panthers in the first round of the NHIAA Division I playoffs on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m.



Astros senior Abby Leppert goes up for a block at the final game of the regular season. Photo by Chris Paul

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Titans Hand Astros Second Loss with Last Minute Conversion

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Coming into the game, the Pinkerton Academy Football team looked like the favorite against Nashua North, but a questionable fumble call and a gutsy two-point conversion play at the end of the game led to the Astros second loss of

the season at the hands of the Titans. The NNHS 42-41 victory, Thursday night, Oct. 21, in Derry was capped off with a touch down and a two-point conversion with just nine seconds left in the game.

Nashua's quarterback, Derek Finlay, supplied most of the offense for his team, much of which was

on his ability to run the ball through the PA defense.

The Astros squad started strong, with the first drive of the game resulting in a 7-0 lead after a 30-yard reception by sophomore Caden Michaud.

Nashua answered with a very good kickoff return, bringing the ball to mid-field and after three plays, the ball was sitting at the 25. A facemask penalty against PA hurt the home team in that drive and put the ball on 18.

On third and six the Titans were two-yards short and elect to go for it, getting the ball to the two-yard line where Finlay ran it in to tie the game early.

The following drive fizzled quickly after starting on the 35-yard line, PA punted after going three-and-out.

A good punt and a Titan penalty put the ball deep in their own territory where senior Astros defensive back Don Terrio recovered a Nashua fumble to put the ball on the one, where QB Nate Campos ran it in for the 14-7 lead.

The next Titan drive resulted in a turnover when PA senior Jack

Mackiernan caught an interception.

Unfortunately, that drive ended with a fake field goal attempt by Picasso Bates who completed a pass to tight-end Anthony DeSalvo short, at the five-yard line.

The Titans constructed another successful running drive down the field to get to PA's four-yard line where Finlay ran it in.

The extra point missed wide left and PA held on to a slim 14-13 lead at 6:33 until the break.

The Astros responded again with six points of their own, starting from the 14-yard line. Astros junior Cole Yannaco and Terrio combined for two big runs and Mackiernan finished the drive with a three-yard touchdown run.

Bates' extra point went wide left for the 20-13 Astros lead heading into halftime despite another PA possession and two close pass attempts to Pinkerton's Griffin Gokey near the end zone.

Starting the second half, the PA defense started to break down a bit, giving up too many running yards and a two-yard touchdown run for the 20-20 tie.



Sophomore Caden Michaud had a 76-yard run for a touchdown against North. Photo by Chris Paul

But once again the Astros respond quickly, and Michaud helped retake the lead with a 76-yard run for the 27-20 PA lead.

The Nashua squad quickly responded with seven more of their own for the 27-27 score at 5:30 in the third.

A questionable fumble

by Michaud at the Pinkerton 20-yard line resulted in the Titans first lead of the game.

Head Coach Brian O'Reilly was more than upset at the call, claiming Michaud was down before the ball came loose, but his pleas to the officials were dismissed.

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Astros senior Don Terrio had a productive night that included a fumble recovery despite the loss.

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PA Girls Soccer Finishes Season With Nine Straight Wins

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Soccer team finished up the regular season last week with another victory, to end the season on a high of nine straight wins, seven of which were shutouts.

In that month-long stretch, the Lady Astros outscored their opponents by a staggering count of 24-2 and will be heading into

the NHIAA Division I Championship as the number five seed with their 12-2-2 record.

In the final game of the regular season, played on Thursday, Oct. 21, the Lady Astros traveled to Manchester Memorial High School and played a Lady Crusader squad that never managed to get win and finished the season with a woe-ful 0-14-2 record.

In that road game, the

Pinkerton Academy girls' blanked Memorial 3-0 and solidified their place in the division.

Goals were scored by Hannah Sippel, who had two, one on a header that found the back of the net and the third was scored by Kayla Franks.

Grayson Tellier and Emily Hood wound up with the assists.

Astros keeper Lindsay Blum five saves in the one-

sided shutout.

The number five-seeded Pinkerton squad will take their nine game winning streak into the playoffs when they host the number 12 seeded Lady Tomahawks out of Merrimack High School.

The Merrimack girls finished the regular season with a 7-8-1 record and lost 4-2 to the Lady Astros in their game played back on Sept. 2.



Junior forward Hannah Sippel had two goals in the final game of the season. Photo by Chris Paul

Astros Boys Soccer Drops Last Game

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The final week of the Pinkerton Academy Boys Soccer teams' season only had one game on the schedule, a tough final home contest against a Manchester Memorial

High School squad that had only lost two games this season.

The Astros team wound up finishing the season a 7-7-2 and the Crusaders came into Derry on Thursday, Oct. 21, sporting an impressive 10-2-3 record.

In that game, the Pinkerton boys were not able to penetrate the Memorial squad's defense and lost 3-0.

Astros goalkeepers Owen Belanger and Will Paganini combined for 10 saves against a relentless Manchester offense. Each

tender had five saves in the loss.

Longtime head coach Kerry Boles commented after the game, "Even though this was a disappointing result, I can't say enough about our seniors, not only this year, but their entire careers. Pinkerton soccer prides itself in producing good teams but even better people. This year's team is no exception. I love this team. They are such a fun group. I will truly miss these kids."

The loss put the Pinkerton squad in the NHIAA Division I Playoffs as the number 11 seed and will play at Londonderry High School in the first round of the playoffs. The Lancer finished the season 11-5 and are the number six seed in the playoffs.

Football

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After three plays on that Nashua drive, the Titans were faced with fourth down and inches at 17-yard line, but another quarterback keeper play put the ball over the end zone line for the 34-27 Titan lead.

The Astros team was able to tie the game again at 6:25 left in the game with a

big reception by Gokey followed by Yannaco getting a big run to get the ball inside Nashua territory and then put it in from the

two-yard line.

With the game tied at 34, a well-executed onside kick takes the Titans by surprise and PA starts a new drive on a good head of steam.

That drive ends with a Mackiernan touchdown from 22 yards out, giving Pinkerton a 41-34 lead with 2:33 left in the game and no time outs left.

In that final drive of the game, the Titans put up three penalties and pinned themselves all the way back to the 36 despite some very good runs.

The drive ended with Nashua having a fourth

down with three to go and just nine seconds left on the clock and the quarterback came through again with the final touch down of the night putting the score at 42-41.

The Titans finish with a successful two-point conversion to go into the lead by one point.

An interception by Nashua finished the game for PA with four seconds left in the contest.

The now 6-2 Astros will finish the regular season with a home game on Friday night, Oct. 29, against the winless Alvirne Broncos.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 17

Makenna Alden, Senior Girls Cross Country



Alden sets the tone for the girls cross country team by consistently finishing in the team's top three. Additionally, her leadership as captain and tenacity is outstanding. Her positive attitude is exemplary and exemplifies what it means to be a Trailblazer.

Ethan Charles, Senior Boys Cross Country



Charles has been consistently the boys cross country team's number two runner all season long. In Boston, Ethan ran very well once again, placing in fourth place overall and racing in at 17:26.

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CDC, Medical Professionals Recommend Caution This Halloween

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

This year's Halloween may be just a little bit closer to what families had been used to before COVID-19 came along.

Rochelle Walensky,

director of the Center for Disease Control, made a statement this past Sunday regarding trick-or-treating as the pandemic continues.

"I would say put on those costumes, stay outside, and enjoy your trick-or-treating...it's critically

important that we gather, that we be together with family and friends during these holidays, and we have the prevention strategies that we know work to be safe for (them)," said Walensky.

While this is encouraging, continuing cases of

COVID-19 and the Delta variant do remain a concern. Though vaccinations offer some protection, there are those ineligible to receive a vaccine, or who remain at greater risk.

To ensure the safety of children and grandparents, or

others who might not yet be equipped to handle the scarier germs, trick-or-treaters, their chaperones, and candy providers should still follow a few basic guidelines.

Walensky reminded that outdoor activities, such as those with ample space between others, are still safer than those done indoors. However, avid haunted house seekers may still enjoy some of the neighborhood's indoor attractions, if they have a limited guest count, proper ventilation, and properly-fitting face coverings on at all times.

Dr. Shira Doron of Tufts Medical Center to NBC Boston this year, said "...I don't even recommend a mask outdoors, unless it's a ghost mask."

Anyone who feels ill or has symptoms of COVID-19 or even a cold or flu should sit this Halloween out and settle in for a night.

Some of last year's considerations may still come in handy this year.

Those with compromised immunity who would still like to hand out candy might consider putting an "honor bowl" while greeting from a safe distance, indoors if possible.

Those who are more creative can take a page from last year's pandemic Halloween book and fashion a "candy chute" or catapult for kids to catch candy.

Upon coming home, trick-or-treaters, and parents should wash their hands before eating any candy. Hands should be washed with plenty of soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time.

Bottom line, friends, family, and neighbors can keep each other safe while enjoying traditional Halloween activities this week-end by continuing to put common sense practices into place. This year may be more relaxed than last year in many ways, but keeping each other at ease should still be a priority.

NH Callers Need to Enter Area Codes Now

MONIQUE BRAND
NUTFIELD NEWS

Since last week, New Hampshire will be among the many states that will need to use 10-digit dialing for local calls, due to a national rule change that will enable a quick way to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Vermont is also added to the ongoing list..

People with the area codes 603 (New Hampshire residents) and 802 (Vermont residents), will need to dial the area code and then the seven-digit

telephone number for local calls as well as ones to other area codes, according to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which regulates interstate communications.

For those who don't comply, calling the seven digits alone in both of those states will result in a recording being played about needing to dial all 10 digits to make calls.

The reason behind the change is to allow the FCC to set up the number 988 as the line for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline across the country,

much as 911 is used for emergencies and 311 for local government.

But 988 is also used as the first three digits of phone numbers in 82 area codes across 35 states, according to the FCC, including New Hampshire. Those area codes are the ones being transitioned to 10-digit calling on Sunday, so the local 988 numbers can still be reached.

NH residents can still use other three digit dialing services such as 7-1-1 (relay services) and 2-1-1 (public resources).

According to a news

release from the state's department of emergency services, emergency officials urged the public to change any computers, like fax machines or alarm systems, programmed to make seven-digit calls, and for locals to add the area code into their emergency contact information, stationary, email signatures and other places where their number is listed.

To reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline before 988 goes into effect - around next July - call 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK).



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DERRY

Humanities Living History

Amoskeag Mills Questions hosts NH Humanities living history program, "If I Am Not For Myself, Who Will Be for Me?" presented by Gwendolyn Quezaire-Perutti as Oney Judge, George Washington's runaway slave who settled in Portsmouth, NH. Oney tells of her escape and her life in the new nation. The program, free and open to the public, on Nov. 3 at 10 a.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. For more information, contact Meredith Hatch 603-260-8642.

Free Documentary

Communities and Consequences II: Rebalancing NH's Human Ecology is a sequel project to 2008's award-winning Communities and Consequences: The Unbalancing of NH's Human Ecology. The Greater Derry-Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, Derry's Economic Development Department, and the Regional Economic Development Center are partnering to bring a showing of this documentary to the Derry Opera House. We encourage leaders from the business community, local leaders serving on

boards and committees, housing industry professionals, and anyone interested in New Hampshire's economy and demographic trends (now and into the future) to join us on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m.

Parenting of Teens Class

The Upper Room is offering a class for parents and caregivers of Teens. Active Parenting of Teens is a course that covers; respectful discipline, skills for clear and honest communication, strategies to prevent risk behaviors, and how to be an encouraging parent as the framework. This Free course is being offered through Nov. 30, virtually so

that parents can take it when they are able to at home. To register call Michelle Moraros at 603-437-8477 x122, to get a link for the class.

CHESTER

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.

Veterans Day

Chester will be holding its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., in front of the Chester Post Office. Col. Tom O'Donovan will be our guest speaker and the Chester Academy band will be participating in the event. There will be a breakfast prior to the ceremony at the American Legion from 8 - 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

HAMPSTEAD

Thanksgiving Dinner

Island Pond Baptist Church will celebrate God's blessings throughout the year with a Thanksgiving dinner, on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to our traditional thanksgiving dinner, with all the trimmings, and scrumptious desserts! There is no charge for this event. Island Pond is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead. If you plan on attending, please let us know to help us plan adequately, by contacting us at info@islandpond-bc.com, or 603-329-5959.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, NH will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Nov. 12, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead.

Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. For an appointment, please visit redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS

Blooms For Friends

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library are the beneficiary of Hannaford's Bloomin' 4 Good fundraising campaign during the month of October. The Friends will receive a \$1 donation for every \$12 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased at the Hannaford location in East Hampstead now through Oct. 31. Treat yourself or someone you love! Bouquets that are part of this program are marked with a large circular red sticker with Bloomin' 4 Good information. Thanks to the local Hannaford leadership for selecting the Friends

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of the Library.

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.

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

Library Mystery

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

Drop In Halloween Obstacle Course

Join the Sandown Library for some Halloween fun; Spider web crawl, pumpkin hurdles, ghost bowling and more. Come in your costume for a special treat! This is a drop-in outdoor program on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., weather permitting. Please call ahead to confirm if the weather looks questionable.

Game Day - Mahjong

Sandown Library group will focus on the ancient game of Mahjong. Instructor Cathy will teach about this game played with tiles on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 1 - 2 p.m. American Mahjong is similar to the card game rummy. No

registration is required.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Drop in for a fun scavenger hunt throughout the Sandown Library on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Choose your hunt, Spooky Riddles or Can you find it? Get a surprise. Dress up in costume for an extra treat.

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

Paranormal Gathering

Awakening Moments Center will hold a Paranormal Awakenings Gathering on Oct. 28, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., registration is \$10. Contact Angie at 603-321-4818 to register or for more information.

42nd Annual Country Christmas Fair

St. Jude Women'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.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Dinner on Oct. 29 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door; Lunch on Oct. 31 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.

"Unsung Heroes" Announced as Theme of 2021 Nutfield Holiday Parade

DERRY - The 34th annual Nutfield Holiday Parade will kick off at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 27, in front of the Adams Memorial Building at 29 W Broadway, Derry, NH. This year's parade theme is "Unsung Heroes" and will travel down Broadway, turning left on Crystal Ave and ending at Hood Commons.

Organizers look forward to honoring the 2021 Award Recipients recognized at the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner at the start of the parade. Citizen of the

Year: Ralph Valentine of The Valentine Group, Business of the Year: Business Cents and Nonprofit of the Year: Center For Life Management.

The Nutfield Holiday Parade is one of the largest parades in southern New Hampshire and typically features the sights and sounds of more than 80 festive floats, marching bands, comical clowns, and costumed characters. Organizers expect most participants to join this year's format and extend a special thank you to Pinkerton Academy for

providing a safe space to host the festivities.

Participation in the parade is free for area businesses, community nonprofits and other organizations. Groups looking to enter a float, performance unit, or other entry into the parade must complete an online registration form and an online organization biography form by Friday, Nov. 19. Visit the events calendar at gdlchamber.org to register.

"While participation in the parade is free, organizing the parade is not," said Parade Committee Chair

Steve Dente. "Even with volunteer labor, parade costs can exceed \$10,000 each year. To make this community event a reality, the Chamber's Parade Committee seeks financial support from the community."

Parade sponsorship opportunities and benefits can

also be found by emailing Ashley Haseltine at ashley@gdlchamber.org.

About the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce: The Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business advocacy organization made up of

voluntary members from the region's business community. Members invest their time and money to further their collective interests, while advancing economic prosperity in their communities and across the region. Learn more at gdlchamber.org.

The Upper Room, Working to Build Childhood Systems of Care

DERRY - We are pleased to announce that The Upper Room has been named as a sub-recipient of the New Hampshire Preschool Development Grant acting as the co-lead for Greater Derry and Greater Manchester, Region 4 Early Childhood Network.

The newly named Early Childhood Networks are being established as part of New Hampshire's Preschool Development Grant, with support from the University of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education.

In close collaboration with the lead, Amoskeag Health (LAUNCH Man-

chester), The Upper Room will work to develop a system of partnerships that enhance early childhood care and education (ECCE), school-family support collaborations, and build infrastructure for cross-sector collaboration and alignment to coordinate resources and services within Region 4, throughout 14 Southern NH communities.

Through July, The Upper Room participated in meetings convened by Amoskeag Health to begin a conversation about the application, existing partnerships and what a regional structure to support young children and their families might look like. With the support of over

30 partners, Amoskeag Health, the Federally Qualified Health Center serving Greater Manchester applied as the lead agency with The Upper Room as the project's co-lead serving Greater Derry.

The Upper Room, looks forward to partnering with Amoskeag Health who has demonstrated leadership in early childhood systems building through their work on LAUNCH Manchester (formerly Project LAUNCH). Planning for the regional network is set to begin in Fall 2021.

Interested in staying connected or partnering? Contact Brenda Guggisberg 603-437-8477 x 111 bguggisberg@urteachers.org

Sandown Food Pantry Donations Needed for Thanksgiving Dinners

SANDOWN - The Sandown Food Pantry expects to assist many families again this year with Thanksgiving Dinners. The need continues and we appreciate your help.

Items Needed: Frozen Turkeys 10-15 lbs, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Jellyed Cranberry Sauce, Jars of Gravy, 5 lb. bags of potatoes, Canned Whole Kernel Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Carrots, Canned Green

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Please contact Arlene Bassett (603) 887-3453, (603) 505-1512 or email abassett@gsinet.net if you are donating a turkey.

An accurate count is needed to ensure all families are guaranteed a meal.

If you prefer to drop off

your Thanksgiving donation, non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Town Hall during regular business hours until Thursday, Nov. 18, or at the Food Pantry during open hours Tuesdays 4 - 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Frozen turkeys and chickens can be dropped off at the Town Hall on Sunday, Nov. 21, from 1 - 3 p.m.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astros Volleyball Heads Into Playoffs as Fourth Seed

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Volleyball squad finished the regular season last

week by adding three more wins against division opponents and they did it by blanking each of those

opponents in straight sets.

With their three latest wins, the Lady Astros finished the season with an outstanding 14-4 season record and will head into the NHIAA playoffs as the number four seed.

The week began with a long road trip to Keene High School on Monday, Oct. 18, where the Astros beat the Lady Blackbirds 25-18, 25-17, and 25-23.

Senior Ella Koelb added to her career point totals with 12 service points, six aces and 28 assists.

Senior Lily-Heywood got eight service points and 18 digs.

Senior Abby Leppert had nine kills and two blocks, while Sarah Bolduc managed eight kills and two blocks.

Freshman Cali Miller added seven kills and two blocked shots and senior Lexi Galler also had seven kills.

Senior Sierra Edgecomb tallied 15 digs in the win.

Two days later, on Wednesday, Oct. 20 the

Lady Astros had another road game, this one was a bit closer, in Hudson against the Lady Broncos of Alvirne and the result was quite similar.

The PA squad beat the Alvirne girls 25-20, 25-16 and 25-21 for their 13th win of the season and AHS dropped to 6-11.

Heywood got 12 service points, 20 digs, three aces and two blocks.

Galler had nine service points and six kills while Bolduc added 10 kills and 20 digs. Edgecomb also had 20 digs in the game.

Koelb added 29 more

assists to her career total and Miller had six kills.

In the final match of the season, on Thursday, Oct. 21, team honor each of their senior players before starting the match against Manchester Memorial. Head coach Todd Royce will be losing a total of eight girls to graduation this year.

Koelb, Edgecomb, Galler, Heywood, Leppert, Leah Cincotta, Jenna Moyer and Morgan Stevens were all recognized for their efforts during the pre-game ceremony.

The Lady Astros easily got by the winless Lady

Crusaders, winning 25-15, 25-3 and 25-7.

Koelb had 18 service points, 11 aces and 13 assists while Miller had 10 service points and 11 digs.

Heywood added eight kills and 11 digs.

Cincotta got 11 assists and Leppert had two blocks.

Edgecomb rounded out the scoring with 11 digs in the final regular season game.

The number four seeded Astros will host the Nashua South Purple Panthers in the first round of the NHIAA Division I playoffs on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m.



Astros senior Abby Leppert goes up for a block at the final game of the regular season. Photo by Chris Paul



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Titans Hand Astros Second Loss with Last Minute Conversion

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Coming into the game, the Pinkerton Academy Football team looked like the favorite against Nashua North, but a questionable fumble call and a gutsy two-point conversion play at the end of the game led to the Astros second loss of

the season at the hands of the Titans. The NNHS 42-41 victory, Thursday night, Oct. 21, in Derry was capped off with a touch down and a two-point conversion with just nine seconds left in the game.

Nashua's quarterback, Derek Finlay, supplied most of the offense for his team, much of which was

on his ability to run the ball through the PA defense.

The Astros squad started strong, with the first drive of the game resulting in a 7-0 lead after a 30-yard reception by sophomore Caden Michaud.

Nashua answered with a very good kickoff return, bringing the ball to mid-field and after three plays, the ball was sitting at the 25. A facemask penalty against PA hurt the home team in that drive and put the ball on 18.

On third and six the Titans were two-yards short and elect to go for it, getting the ball to the two-yard line where Finlay ran it in to tie the game early.

The following drive fizzled quickly after starting on the 35-yard line, PA punted after going three-and-out.

A good punt and a Titan penalty put the ball deep in their own territory where senior Astros defensive back Don Terrio recovered a Nashua fumble to put the ball on the one, where QB Nate Campos ran it in for the 14-7 lead.

The next Titan drive resulted in a turnover when PA senior Jack

Mackiernan caught an interception.

Unfortunately, that drive ended with a fake field goal attempt by Picasso Bates who completed a pass to tight-end Anthony DeSalvo short, at the five-yard line.

The Titans constructed another successful running drive down the field to get to PA's four-yard line where Finlay ran it in.

The extra point missed wide left and PA held on to a slim 14-13 lead at 6:33 until the break.

The Astros responded again with six points of their own, starting from the 14-yard line. Astros junior Cole Yannaco and Terrio combined for two big runs and Mackiernan finished the drive with a three-yard touchdown run.

Bates' extra point went wide left for the 20-13 Astros lead heading into halftime despite another PA possession and two close pass attempts to Pinkerton's Griffin Gokey near the end zone.

Starting the second half, the PA defense started to break down a bit, giving up too many running yards and a two-yard touchdown run for the 20-20 tie.



Sophomore Caden Michaud had a 76-yard run for a touchdown against North. Photo by Chris Paul

But once again the Astros respond quickly, and Michaud helped retake the lead with a 76-yard run for the 27-20 PA lead.

The Nashua squad quickly responded with seven more of their own for the 27-27 score at 5:30 in the third.

A questionable fumble

by Michaud at the Pinkerton 20-yard line resulted in the Titans first lead of the game.

Head Coach Brian O'Reilly was more than upset at the call, claiming Michaud was down before the ball came loose, but his pleas to the officials were dismissed.

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Astros senior Don Terrio had a productive night that included a fumble recovery despite the loss.

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PA Girls Soccer Finishes Season With Nine Straight Wins

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Soccer team finished up the regular season last week with another victory, to end the season on a high of nine straight wins, seven of which were shutouts.

In that month-long stretch, the Lady Astros outscored their opponents by a staggering count of 24-2 and will be heading into

the NHIAA Division I Championship as the number five seed with their 12-2-2 record.

In the final game of the regular season, played on Thursday, Oct. 21, the Lady Astros traveled to Manchester Memorial High School and played a Lady Crusader squad that never managed to get win and finished the season with a woe-ful 0-14-2 record.

In that road game, the

Pinkerton Academy girls' blanked Memorial 3-0 and solidified their place in the division.

Goals were scored by Hannah Sippel, who had two, one on a header that found the back of the net and the third was scored by Kayla Franks.

Grayson Tellier and Emily Hood wound up with the assists.

Astros keeper Lindsay Blum five saves in the one-

sided shutout.

The number five-seeded Pinkerton squad will take their nine game winning streak into the playoffs when they host the number 12 seeded Lady Tomahawks out of Merrimack High School.

The Merrimack girls finished the regular season with a 7-8-1 record and lost 4-2 to the Lady Astros in their game played back on Sept. 2.



Junior forward Hannah Sippel had two goals in the final game of the season. Photo by Chris Paul

Astros Boys Soccer Drops Last Game

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The final week of the Pinkerton Academy Boys Soccer teams' season only had one game on the schedule, a tough final home contest against a Manchester Memorial

High School squad that had only lost two games this season.

The Astros team wound up finishing the season a 7-7-2 and the Crusaders came into Derry on Thursday, Oct. 21, sporting an impressive 10-2-3 record.

In that game, the Pinkerton boys were not able to penetrate the Memorial squad's defense and lost 3-0.

Astros goalkeepers Owen Belanger and Will Paganini combined for 10 saves against a relentless Manchester offense. Each

tender had five saves in the loss.

Longtime head coach Kerry Boles commented after the game, "Even though this was a disappointing result, I can't say enough about our seniors, not only this year, but their entire careers. Pinkerton soccer prides itself in producing good teams but even better people. This year's team is no exception. I love this team. They are such a fun group. I will truly miss these kids."

The loss put the Pinkerton squad in the NHIAA Division I Playoffs as the number 11 seed and will play at Londonderry High School in the first round of the playoffs. The Lancer finished the season 11-5 and are the number six seed in the playoffs.

Football

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After three plays on that Nashua drive, the Titans were faced with fourth down and inches at 17-yard line, but another quarterback keeper play put the ball over the end zone line for the 34-27 Titan lead.

The Astros team was able to tie the game again at 6:25 left in the game with a

big reception by Gokey followed by Yannaco getting a big run to get the ball inside Nashua territory and then put it in from the

two-yard line.

With the game tied at 34, a well-executed onside kick takes the Titans by surprise and PA starts a new drive on a good head of steam.

That drive ends with a Mackiernan touchdown from 22 yards out, giving Pinkerton a 41-34 lead with 2:33 left in the game and no time outs left.

In that final drive of the game, the Titans put up three penalties and pinned themselves all the way back to the 36 despite some very good runs.

The drive ended with Nashua having a fourth

down with three to go and just nine seconds left on the clock and the quarterback came through again with the final touch down of the night putting the score at 42-41.

The Titans finish with a successful two-point conversion to go into the lead by one point.

An interception by Nashua finished the game for PA with four seconds left in the contest.

The now 6-2 Astros will finish the regular season with a home game on Friday night, Oct. 29, against the winless Alvirne Broncos.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 17

Makenna Alden, Senior Girls Cross Country



Alden sets the tone for the girls cross country team by consistently finishing in the team's top three. Additionally, her leadership as captain and tenacity is outstanding. Her positive attitude is exemplary and exemplifies what it means to be a Trailblazer.

Ethan Charles, Senior Boys Cross Country



Charles has been consistently the boys cross country team's number two runner all season long. In Boston, Ethan ran very well once again, placing in fourth place overall and racing in at 17:26.

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This year's Halloween may be just a little bit closer to what families had been used to before COVID-19 came along.

Rochelle Walensky,

director of the Center for Disease Control, made a statement this past Sunday regarding trick-or-treating as the pandemic continues.

"I would say put on those costumes, stay outside, and enjoy your trick-or-treating...it's critically

important that we gather, that we be together with family and friends during these holidays, and we have the prevention strategies that we know work to be safe for (them)," said Walensky.

While this is encouraging, continuing cases of

COVID-19 and the Delta variant do remain a concern. Though vaccinations offer some protection, there are those ineligible to receive a vaccine, or who remain at greater risk.

To ensure the safety of children and grandparents, or

others who might not yet be equipped to handle the scarier germs, trick-or-treaters, their chaperones, and candy providers should still follow a few basic guidelines.

Walensky reminded that outdoor activities, such as those with ample space between others, are still safer than those done indoors. However, avid haunted house seekers may still enjoy some of the neighborhood's indoor attractions, if they have a limited guest count, proper ventilation, and properly-fitting face coverings on at all times.

Dr. Shira Doron of Tufts Medical Center to NBC Boston this year, said "...I don't even recommend a mask outdoors, unless it's a ghost mask."

Anyone who feels ill or has symptoms of COVID-19 or even a cold or flu should sit this Halloween out and settle in for a night.

Some of last year's considerations may still come in handy this year.

Those with compromised immunity who would still like to hand out candy might consider putting an "honor bowl" while greeting from a safe distance, indoors if possible.

Those who are more creative can take a page from last year's pandemic Halloween book and fashion a "candy chute" or catapult for kids to catch candy.

Upon coming home, trick-or-treaters, and parents should wash their hands before eating any candy. Hands should be washed with plenty of soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time.

Bottom line, friends, family, and neighbors can keep each other safe while enjoying traditional Halloween activities this week-end by continuing to put common sense practices into place. This year may be more relaxed than last year in many ways, but keeping each other at ease should still be a priority.

NH Callers Need to Enter Area Codes Now

MONIQUE BRAND
NUTFIELD NEWS

Since last week, New Hampshire will be among the many states that will need to use 10-digit dialing for local calls, due to a national rule change that will enable a quick way to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Vermont is also added to the ongoing list..

People with the area codes 603 (New Hampshire residents) and 802 (Vermont residents), will need to dial the area code and then the seven-digit

telephone number for local calls as well as ones to other area codes, according to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which regulates interstate communications.

For those who don't comply, calling the seven digits alone in both of those states will result in a recording being played about needing to dial all 10 digits to make calls.

The reason behind the change is to allow the FCC to set up the number 988 as the line for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline across the country,

much as 911 is used for emergencies and 311 for local government.

But 988 is also used as the first three digits of phone numbers in 82 area codes across 35 states, according to the FCC, including New Hampshire. Those area codes are the ones being transitioned to 10-digit calling on Sunday, so the local 988 numbers can still be reached.

NH residents can still use other three digit dialing services such as 7-1-1 (relay services) and 2-1-1 (public resources).

According to a news

release from the state's department of emergency services, emergency officials urged the public to change any computers, like fax machines or alarm systems, programmed to make seven-digit calls, and for locals to add the area code into their emergency contact information, stationary, email signatures and other places where their number is listed.

To reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline before 988 goes into effect - around next July - call 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK).



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This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. **Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send submissions to nutfieldnews@nutpub.net.

DERRY

Humanities Living History

Amoskeag Mills Questions hosts NH Humanities living history program, "If I Am Not For Myself, Who Will Be for Me?" presented by Gwendolyn Quezaire-Perutti as Oney Judge, George Washington's runaway slave who settled in Portsmouth, NH. Oney tells of her escape and her life in the new nation. The program, free and open to the public, on Nov. 3 at 10 a.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. For more information, contact Meredith Hatch 603-260-8642.

Free Documentary

Communities and Consequences II: Rebalancing NH's Human Ecology is a sequel project to 2008's award-winning Communities and Consequences: The Unbalancing of NH's Human Ecology. The Greater Derry-Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, Derry's Economic Development Department, and the Regional Economic Development Center are partnering to bring a showing of this documentary to the Derry Opera House. We encourage leaders from the business community, local leaders serving on

boards and committees, housing industry professionals, and anyone interested in New Hampshire's economy and demographic trends (now and into the future) to join us on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m.

Parenting of Teens Class

The Upper Room is offering a class for parents and caregivers of Teens. Active Parenting of Teens is a course that covers; respectful discipline, skills for clear and honest communication, strategies to prevent risk behaviors, and how to be an encouraging parent as the framework. This Free course is being offered through Nov. 30, virtually so

that parents can take it when they are able to at home. To register call Michelle Moraros at 603-437-8477 x122, to get a link for the class.

CHESTER

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.

Veterans Day

Chester will be holding its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., in front of the Chester Post Office. Col. Tom O'Donovan will be our guest speaker and the Chester Academy band will be participating in the event. There will be a breakfast prior to the ceremony at the American Legion from 8 - 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

HAMPSTEAD

Thanksgiving Dinner

Island Pond Baptist Church will celebrate God's blessings throughout the year with a Thanksgiving dinner, on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to our traditional thanksgiving dinner, with all the trimmings, and scrumptious desserts! There is no charge for this event. Island Pond is located at 26 North Salem Rd., Hampstead. If you plan on attending, please let us know to help us plan adequately, by contacting us at info@islandpond-bc.com, or 603-329-5959.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, NH will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Nov. 12, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead.

Appointments are required. With an appointment, you can use "Rapid Pass" and speed your way through the donation process. For an appointment, please visit redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS

Blooms For Friends

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library are the beneficiary of Hannaford's Bloomin' 4 Good fundraising campaign during the month of October. The Friends will receive a \$1 donation for every \$12 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased at the Hannaford location in East Hampstead now through Oct. 31. Treat yourself or someone you love! Bouquets that are part of this program are marked with a large circular red sticker with Bloomin' 4 Good information. Thanks to the local Hannaford leadership for selecting the Friends

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of the Library.

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.

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

Library Mystery

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

Drop In Halloween Obstacle Course

Join the Sandown Library for some Halloween fun; Spider web crawl, pumpkin hurdles, ghost bowling and more. Come in your costume for a special treat! This is a drop-in outdoor program on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., weather permitting. Please call ahead to confirm if the weather looks questionable.

Game Day - Mahjong

Sandown Library group will focus on the ancient game of Mahjong. Instructor Cathy will teach about this game played with tiles on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 1 - 2 p.m. American Mahjong is similar to the card game rummy. No

registration is required.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Drop in for a fun scavenger hunt throughout the Sandown Library on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Choose your hunt, Spooky Riddles or Can you find it? Get a surprise. Dress up in costume for an extra treat.

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

Paranormal Gathering

Awakening Moments Center will hold a Paranormal Awakenings Gathering on Oct. 28, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., registration is \$10. Contact Angie at 603-321-4818 to register or for more information.

42nd Annual Country Christmas Fair

St. Jude Women'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.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Dinner on Oct. 29 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door; Lunch on Oct. 31 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.

"Unsung Heroes" Announced as Theme of 2021 Nutfield Holiday Parade

DERRY - The 34th annual Nutfield Holiday Parade will kick off at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 27, in front of the Adams Memorial Building at 29 W Broadway, Derry, NH. This year's parade theme is "Unsung Heroes" and will travel down Broadway, turning left on Crystal Ave and ending at Hood Commons.

Organizers look forward to honoring the 2021 Award Recipients recognized at the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner at the start of the parade. Citizen of the

Year: Ralph Valentine of The Valentine Group, Business of the Year: Business Cents and Nonprofit of the Year: Center For Life Management.

The Nutfield Holiday Parade is one of the largest parades in southern New Hampshire and typically features the sights and sounds of more than 80 festive floats, marching bands, comical clowns, and costumed characters. Organizers expect most participants to join this year's format and extend a special thank you to Pinkerton Academy for

providing a safe space to host the festivities.

Participation in the parade is free for area businesses, community nonprofits and other organizations. Groups looking to enter a float, performance unit, or other entry into the parade must complete an online registration form and an online organization biography form by Friday, Nov. 19. Visit the events calendar at gdlchamber.org to register.

"While participation in the parade is free, organizing the parade is not," said Parade Committee Chair

Steve Dente. "Even with volunteer labor, parade costs can exceed \$10,000 each year. To make this community event a reality, the Chamber's Parade Committee seeks financial support from the community."

Parade sponsorship opportunities and benefits can

also be found by emailing Ashley Haseltine at ashley@gdlchamber.org.

About the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce: The Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business advocacy organization made up of

voluntary members from the region's business community. Members invest their time and money to further their collective interests, while advancing economic prosperity in their communities and across the region. Learn more at gdlchamber.org.

Sandown Food Pantry Donations Needed for Thanksgiving Dinners

SANDOWN - The Sandown Food Pantry expects to assist many families again this year with Thanksgiving Dinners. The need continues and we appreciate your help.

Items Needed: Frozen Turkeys 10-15 lbs, Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Jellyed Cranberry Sauce, Jars of Gravy, 5 lb. bags of potatoes, Canned Whole Kernel Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Carrots, Canned Green

Beans, Brownie Mix, **Supermarket Gift Cards:** Monetary Donation can be mailed to: Sandown Food Pantry PO Box 1756 Sandown, NH 03873

Please contact Arlene Bassett (603) 887-3453, (603) 505-1512 or email abassett@gsinet.net if you are donating a turkey.

An accurate count is needed to ensure all families are guaranteed a meal.

If you prefer to drop off

your Thanksgiving donation, non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Town Hall during regular business hours until Thursday, Nov. 18, or at the Food Pantry during open hours Tuesdays 4 - 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Frozen turkeys and chickens can be dropped off at the Town Hall on Sunday, Nov. 21, from 1 - 3 p.m.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Upper Room, Working to Build Childhood Systems of Care

DERRY - We are pleased to announce that The Upper Room has been named as a sub-recipient of the New Hampshire Preschool Development Grant acting as the co-lead for Greater Derry and Greater Manchester, Region 4 Early Childhood Network.

The newly named Early Childhood Networks are being established as part of New Hampshire's Preschool Development Grant, with support from the University of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education.

In close collaboration with the lead, Amoskeag Health (LAUNCH Man-

chester), The Upper Room will work to develop a system of partnerships that enhance early childhood care and education (ECCE), school-family support collaborations, and build infrastructure for cross-sector collaboration and alignment to coordinate resources and services within Region 4, throughout 14 Southern NH communities.

Through July, The Upper Room participated in meetings convened by Amoskeag Health to begin a conversation about the application, existing partnerships and what a regional structure to support young children and their families might look like. With the support of over

30 partners, Amoskeag Health, the Federally Qualified Health Center serving Greater Manchester applied as the lead agency with The Upper Room as the project's co-lead serving Greater Derry.

The Upper Room, looks forward to partnering with Amoskeag Health who has demonstrated leadership in early childhood systems building through their work on LAUNCH Manchester (formerly Project LAUNCH). Planning for the regional network is set to begin in Fall 2021.

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