

State Holds Meeting with Residents on Exit 4A Plans

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State Project Managers gave area residents an update on its latest plans to Interstate 93 at an informational meeting Oct. 28.

The plans are to develop an interchange on I-93 in Londonderry between Exits 4 and 5.

According to reports, the new exit would be designed to reduce traffic on Route 102, especially through downtown Derry, and possibly attract more business to the area.

The towns of Derry and Londonderry contributed \$5 million to the

total cost of the nearly \$57 million project.

The project was first studied in 1985 and broke ground on a new exit 4-A in the summer of 2019. The upgrade is broken down into four parts with each under a different contract with particular developers such as VHB.

Ben Martin, VHB's director of transportation for NH, said the interchange "could promote economic vitality in Londonderry and Derry."

"The preliminary engineering process wrapped up in early 2020. As part of the process they identified the purpose and need for the project," Martin

said to the audience of almost 40.

The interchange will run east into Derry.

Part of the upgrades is a one-mile four-lane connector road off I-93 that will cross Shields Brook, Folsom Road, and Tsieneto Road. Both roads are also expected to widen for about two miles.

The project also expects three new bridges in Derry.

"Throughout the corridor, there will be new signalized intersections. There will be seven signalized intersections as well as two intersections that will be upgraded,"

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Hampstead Board of Selectmen Approve ARPA Funds Projects

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Board of Selectmen held its regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 25.

During the meeting one of the main agenda items was in regards to the American Rescue Plan Act.

It was explained by Board of Selectmen Chairman Sean Murphy that they were voting on the proposed list of projects for the first round of the funds they are receiving.

The list of projects was decided through a series of meetings between the department heads with the help of Administrative Assistant Sally Theriault.

One question that was asked was if there was any new guidance on how the funds can be spent.

Theriault said that they haven't received the final rules yet but they don't think anything will change.

Selectmen Joseph Guthrie said he doesn't think they should do anything until they know what the ground rules are on how it could be spent.

"I think it's a dangerous thing to do. We don't have any ground rules, you're authorizing the expenditure of funds that haven't even been approved by the State," he said.

He also noted that he didn't think that they had to rush to spend the funds.

"There seems to be no rush to spend any of that money," Guthrie said.

Guthrie also said that no department heads came before the Board and justified the projects they are asking for funds for.

Selectmen Laurie Warnock said that she thinks that assessment was inaccurate saying that the department heads have provided documentation justifying what they are looking for and the timeframe for when they need it.

Guthrie said that while he appreciates the work that the different departments did to come up with the list of projects he felt that it should be the same process for the regular budgets where they go to the Board of Selectmen

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PHANTOM RETURNS After several years away from the stage Chester resident Michael Venditti took to hay loft at the parsonage on Main Street in Chester to perform for Trick or Treaters on Halloween night. Hundreds came out that evening. See more photos page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Chester Selectmen Set the 2021 Tax Rate at \$20.84

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - Selectman discussed this year's tax rate at the Thursday, Oct. 28, meeting and came to the consensus that the rate residents would be seeing in their year-end tax bill would be \$20.84. That is up 31 cents from last year, mostly due to a significant increase from the school budget.

The school rate went up over seven percent, from \$10.72 to \$11.52, while the municipal rate went down by 53 cents, from \$7.02 to \$6.49, a nearly eight percent change.

Chester Town Administrator Debra Doda explained that the Selectmen could choose to leave the rate where it stands or take money from the Undesignated Fund Balance (UFB) to help reduce the increase. She said it would take about \$225,000 to get back to the same rate as last year.

Some discussion took place as to the increase, with Selectman Stephen

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Derry Conservation Commission Hears Praking Plan

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DERRY - During the Oct. 25 Conservation Commission meeting the Commission had a project review for 4 and 6 Chester Road.

Representing the owner was George Atallah from GA Engineering and Consulting.

He explained that one of the properties is the home of Paisanos Pizzeria and the property next to it

which the owner also owns has a house and a garage on the lot.

Atallah said that the owner wants to demolish the house and garage and make it a parking lot for the commercial property.

It was explained by Atallah that since it's within the 100-foot buffer for Beaver Brook that they had to have a review done by the Conservation Commission because there's a direct impact on the wetlands as part of the plan.

The main thing they needed to review was the drainage to make sure they have the right measures in place.

Atallah said that they would have a slight addition of drainage once the project is complete but said they would be adding an Infiltration base cacin for the parking lot. The overflow would go into the existing one meaning that they wouldn't have any drainage going into Beaver Brook.

One question that was asked by the Commission was in regards to snow storage. Atallah said that they planned on having a space dedicated to snow storage but didn't have it on the plan presented to the Commission.

It was explained by Conservation Commission Chairman James Degnan that they need to add the snow storage details to their final plan and then come back to the Conservation Commission for

their final review.

As far as the drainage for the plan Degnan said that the Commission doesn't have any objections to the drainage designs at this point.

"I think we're on board for what we've seen so far," Degnan said.

Degnan asked what the anticipated timeline for the project is. Atallah said it depends on the owner and what he wants to do.

In other news during the Chairman report it was

announced by Degnan that they received the bill for their dues for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

He said that their cost was \$800 which is based on the size of their town.

The Commission voted unanimously to pay for the 2022 dues through the Commission's administrative account.

The next Derry Conservation Commission meeting is slated for Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.

Hampstead ZBA Approves Variance For Non-Conforming Lot

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HAMPSTEAD - During the Oct. 6 Hampstead Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting one of the cases the Board heard was in regards to a special exception request for 6 Beach Road which is owned by John Tarquino.

It was explained by Vernon Dingman who was representing the owner that they want to be able to live in the home all year round so they want to rebuild it so

they can do so. Currently it is only a seasonal home.

The lot is already non-conforming so they needed to a special exception to replace the structure there and they also were seeking a variance to allow them to have the house to close to the rear lot line.

Currently it is 27 feet from the back setback and they were seeking permission to only have it 17 feet away.

Dingman explained that the size of the new house would be 28x40 and

will be 1,600 square feet. Currently the size of the home is 25x20.

As part of the proposal Dingman said that they will be getting a completely new septic system. He said that by doing so they are actually making a major improvement to the property.

One question that was asked by the Board was why they didn't move the house forward so they would be within the required back setbacks.

Dingman explained

that if they did so they wouldn't have enough front setbacks.

He said that since the two lots behind the property aren't within a couple hundred feet and since the abutters didn't have any objections to it they felt that it would be best to just encroach on the back setbacks more.

"Were encroaching by 10 more feet," Dingman said.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment ultimately voted unanimously in favor of the variance and special exception.

Also during the meeting the Board heard a case

for a special exception at 21 Bailey Road, which is owned by Robert Dellagrotte.

His special exception request was to allow him to build a roof for over his existing deck which is already on a non-conforming lot.

It was explained by Dellagrotte that they want to be able to build an overhang structure for over the deck so they will be able to use it more. He said that by having an overhang structure it will protect them from the rain while people are sitting outside on the deck.

One question that was

asked was if it would be a permanent structure or not. Dellagrotte said that he would want it to be permanent.

He also explained that he wanted it to cover the front part of the deck and not the whole thing.

"We're just trying to get something to cover the front part," Dellagrotte said.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment ultimately approved the special exception with a unanimous vote.

The next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting is slated for Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

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Derry School District Proposes \$96M Budget for 2022

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DERRY - The Derry Cooperative School District is the third-largest school administrative unit (SAU) in New Hampshire and officials have proposed a budget exceeding \$96 million for fiscal year (FY) 2022. The approved FY 21 budget was roughly \$93 million. The impact of this amount cannot be overstated, as SAU 10 is the largest

employer in town. The district and its board are responsible for thousands of students and hundreds of staff. Business administrator Jane Simard implores district residents to "be informed about the budget."

Simard dissected the expenditure in an Oct. 18 presentation (viewable online at sau10.org/departments/finance/presentations). "We try to break down the total cost of our budget," she says.

The budget proposal allocates funds for three new staff positions: two classroom teachers, one special education facilitator, and one part-time human resources assistant. For all salaries, Simard aims to spend \$29.7 million. Salary expenses, as well as those relating to Pinkerton Academy, typically consume most of the budget. Simard predicts a four percent increase in Pinkerton's tuition rate, but the decision ultimately rests with the academy's board of trustees. Trustees should finalize rates by the end of this month. Rates are non-negotiable.

The estimated revenue for FY 22 is \$37.8 million. This marks a decrease from this year and last. Federal grants remain at \$1.3 million. State education tax revenue remains the same as FY 21's estimated \$6.6 million. In the meantime, overall expenditures have continued to creep up. FY 22 may see \$2.1 million in debt and dues payments, which have been steadily shrinking. But fret not, as Derry schools have an Aa2 (high grade) credit rating.

As to the matter of employee insurance, Sim-

ard is confident in her actuarial acumen: "I know the pulse of the town and the district." Spending on health and dental insurance will decrease in the forthcoming fiscal year, but Simard clarifies that this is due to staff retirements and other shakeups. The district will not know FY 22 insurance rates until spring. The teacher's union, the Derry Education Association, is currently in a negotiation period.

Simard and the board's "fiscally responsible" ethos have also trimmed funding for student servic-

es (-15.29%) and school administration (-1.45%). Rationales for these and other cuts are included in the online presentation.

Whereas the federal eviction moratorium has ended, Simard is quick to address concerns regarding the district's unhoused and under housed children. "We use grants for our homeless population," she intones. SAU 10 has personnel who coordinate transportation, instructional, and other needs. Simard set aside some fifty thousand dollars for homeless transportation.

Upcoming budget-re-

lated meetings are as follows: review sessions on Nov. 8, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and (if needed) Dec. 13; a public hearing on Jan. 11; a deliberative session on Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. All meetings will take place in the West Running Brook Middle School (WRB) cafeteria. School board meetings, budgetary or otherwise, are held at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Derry denizens can also follow along on Channel 6.

Please direct any questions to Jane Simard (jsimard@sau10.org) or Patti Doyle (pdoyle@sau10.org).

OBITUARY

Janice A. Pereira



Janice A. Pereira, 43, of Farmington, NH, died Tuesday Oct. 26, 2021 in her home. She was born in Manchester, NH on Feb. 10, 1978, a daughter of David and Jen (Moynihan) Moore, Sr. Janice had been a resident of Farmington for the past several months, formerly living in Derry, NH. Janice had attended Pinkerton Academy in Derry. She was employed as an office manager at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro, NH, formerly working for Barrington Interventional Spinal Medicine for many years.

In addition to her parents of Derry, she is survived by her sister, Keri Souhlaris and her husband Chris of Deerfield, NH; her brother, David Moore, Jr. and his wife Kim of Chester, NH; nieces and nephews, Christopher, Ryan, Jenna, Madalyn, and Landin; as well as her grand niece and grand nephew, Rylee and Maverick.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Nov. 1 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, followed by cremation. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, New England Affiliate, 260 Cochituate Rd., #200 2nd floor, Framingham, MA 01701

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D'Angelo pointing out was mostly on the local school side, saying that the school chose to retain about \$225,995 instead of using the funds to help offset tax increases.

Doda mentioned that no one from the school was able to attend the meeting that night to help with the discussions.

Chairman Chuck Myette pointed out the

decrease in the town portion of the tax rate, but asked whether the board felt they should offset the overall rate with funds from the UFB.

D'Angelo felt that should have been done by the school, if the town used their UFB, it would just be feeding into the school's reserve.

The increase for a \$400,000 home in town would be an addition of \$124.

D'Angelo cautioned

that taking money from the town UFB would make it more difficult down the road if something substantial comes up.

Doda also pointed out that the UFB is currently at 19 percent of the Operating Budget when it is only recommended that they need to retain about 11 percent.

The discussion ended with the Board of Selectmen decided to keep the tax rate as presented and set the rate as \$20.84.

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Editorial

Remembering Those Who Served

Starting in 1919, Americans have been celebrating a special day on Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

On this day we show respect to our veterans. The sad thing is that even the holidays that were supposed to be devoted to our veterans aren't celebrated as much anymore. Memorial Day is characterized by the launch of summer, barbecues, and trips to the beach, rather than a time of reflection on those who served and lost their lives in the service of our country.

Freedom isn't free.

The cost of freedom has been lined with pain, heartaches, suffering, and loss of lives, from the onset. It's something many of us take for granted when going about our daily lives.

Two days a year, Memorial Day and Veterans Day, are not enough to recognize the sacrifice our military endure to protect our freedom we so frivolously take for granted like freedom of speech, voting, and the right to bear arms. Nonetheless, this Veterans Day we should all take the time to sincerely appreciate our veterans.

Thank you to the millions of veterans who have served and are serving our country.

To those who are currently deployed, our thoughts are with you

and your families and we hope you will return home safely.

It takes a special type of person to give up a comfortable lifestyle, to be away from their family, to stand ready to protect us at any time, and give everything for our freedoms.

A very powerful statement was made once about our armed service members: "All gave some. Some gave all." Those fallen members gave their lives so that we can continue to live in a democratic society. These people gave their all for us to gain some.

No one knows or understands this sacrifice in the same way a Gold Star Family does. There may never be an answer for "why them", but we as a country should support these families through our appreciation for their loss and the sacrifice made by their family members.

Many veterans never see combat, but some have. Some are willing to share their painful experiences, and others aren't. Some have been deeply affected by their services, becoming wounded physically and emotionally while others emerge relatively unscarred. They do their duty with honor, dignity, and loyalty. They served our country for all of us.

They all deserve a thank you on Veterans Day, and every day.

Letters

Come to Special Election

To the editor

I encourage Derry Residents to come out to the Special Election on Dec. 7 to support Mary Eisner for State Representative. It is time for Derry to rally around people who are reasonable, not radical!

The budget that our Republican Representatives passed, and that Jodi Nelson endorsed used surplus dollars to hide a reduction in state aid to towns like Derry, while funneling millions of dollars in state dollars to support private schools. By putting private school

funding in the budget, the Republicans bypassed the normal financial vetting that is required for a stand-alone bill.

As Vice Chair of the Derry Republicans, Jodi Nelson has been silent as our Derry State Representatives have manufactured one issue after another to attack our Libraries, our Schools, our School Board, and our Town Government. When they attack these groups, they are attacking members of our community, your neighbors, people who are committed to making Derry a better place. They have succeeded in bringing

adverse national publicity on Derry for their stand on LGBTQ and diversity issues. Not once has Jodi stood up for her neighbors in that volunteer or work for the town of Derry.

Mary Eisner is opposed to income tax and sales tax; she also understands how the NH School Funding Formula works, and the importance of advocating for the town of Derry. Please remember to vote for Mary Eisner on Dec. 7, she is reasonable, not radical!

Craig Cunningham
Derry

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Martin said, adding that the signal system will be coordinated to ease traffic flow.

People living in the impacted communities had questions about impact on property and business, and if the new exit will be worth it as many voiced there is no need for such a project.

State Rep. Stephen Pearson R-Derry asked VHB and NH DOT staff to clarify the timeline of when the exit will be open to motorists.

"Are you going to open this exit once Part A and B is completed and dump that volume of traffic unto a unprepared and undeveloped, if you will or unmitigated Shinto Road? Am I seeing that correctly in this timeframe?...If that's the case; this is going to be a disaster for people that

live on Tsienneto. A disaster for people that live on 102. And if you live on North Shore Road and the backside of Beaver Lake; I feel bad for you right now because that will become a thoroughfare before Part C is underway because you guys got this backwards," Pearson said.

Project manager Wendy Johnson responded to Pearson that the timeline is correct and that his concern will be "taken under consideration."

One resident's concern was having a busy thoroughfare as a view on residential properties.

"A lot of that land in this map is gone. Because 90 percent of those houses do not have any frontage there, whatsoever. Carpenters and real estate agents; they don't want our homes because we have no frontage. So you're basically going to

take all of our frontage and we're going to have a highway at our front door," she said.

Another resident voiced possible issues with wastewater.

"If the water and sewage go on the top part of the map...on Folsom Rd., what is it going to do with the drainage? If there is a culvert there, where is that water going?," she said.

Another resident echoed the same concern saying he was aware that the runoff from one of the stormwater treatment plants will run into the wetlands, causing more flooding.

"We have flooding all the time; we had a flood this year...three feet," he said.

The project is expected to start with house demolition next year and Phase A starting in March of 2022.

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Chester's Halloween Celebration Has Lots of Sights



For years, Main Street in Chester has been a great destination for Trick or Treaters on Halloween night and after having to take a year off due to the COVID-19 Pandemic last year hundreds were eager to take to the street this year. Chester Police and Fire Departments had areas set up to hand out candy and the local Chiropractor had a live band set up to entertain visitors. The Chester Congregational Baptist Church had the Phantom of the Opera return to the parsonage and some caught a glimpse of the headless horseman. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Selectmen Look at Changing Detective Position to Full-Time

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Oct. 28 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting, Chester Police Chief Aaron Berube announced that Detective Kennedy Richard issued his intent to resign from the position.

"He feels it's time for him to turn a chapter in his life and look for something else," Berube said.

Berube said that he has been in the position since 2016 and has done many things like handling all juvenile investigations and investigating all sexual assault cases in town along with other major investigations.

"He's really done a lot for the Town," Berube said.

Berube explained that he works 32 hours a week.

While he originally was going to resign Nov. 1, Berube said that he agreed to stay on until Dec. 1.

Although the position is currently part-time Berube said that he wants the Board of Selectmen to consider making it a full-time position. He said that Richard recommended it because of the amount of cases making it overwhelming in a part-time role.

It was explained by Berube that they would need to increase the line item for salaries in the budget by \$10,000 to \$15,000 if they make the position full-time.

He said that it would likely cost them about

\$55,000 to \$65,000 for a full-time position and right now they budget \$51,000.

It was also pointed out that right now the position isn't entitled to benefits but if the position became a full-time one they would be entitled to benefits.

Berube said that he wants to make sure they look within the department first for any viable candidates, but said that because of the experience needed he thinks they will only have a few viable internal candidates.

Selectmen Stephen D'Angelo asked if there are any trainings at the state level for detective positions.

Berube said that they do have some training for different aspects of it.

Berube also pointed out that if they approve the full-time position before Richard leaves, then they will be able to have him help with the hiring process to help them identify the best candidate.

One question that was asked was how many cases he usually has. Berube said that in 2021 he has had 135 cases that he has worked on so far, including seven felony sexual assaults that he is currently working on.

Selectmen Steve Couture asked Berube if he thinks he will be able to make it work in this year's budget if they allow the position to be full-time.

Berube said that it will be close but they will likely be able to because it's likely they won't be able to

fill the position right away. about it more.

It was ultimately decided to discuss it again at the next meeting so the Board of Selectmen can think

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

OBITUARY

Gladys E. Burdick



Gladys E. Burdick, 93 of Derry, NH and Windham, NH passed away quietly after a period of decline at Salemhaven Nursing Center. Gladys was born on July 19, 1928, the daughter of William Hessenius, Sr. and Henrietta (Scott)

Hessenius, on the family farm in Derry. Gladys was a Pinkerton Academy Alumnus. She married Leander W. Burdick, Jr. after he returned from WWII in 1946.

Gladys was a kind, compassionate person who gave her time tirelessly to help others. Her sense of humor was remarkable and her home was always open for her family and friends who dropped in. Often, she would be preparing dinner for the family but ended up feeding 8-10 for those who casually dropped in. The house frequently had the aroma of baking bread or pies.

Gladys spent her summers on Lake Winnepesaukee, fishing, exploring, and socializing with family and friends. At home, Gladys took her grandchildren on nature walks and bird watching. She spent much time cheering them on at sporting and dance events and theatrical performances. Her open heart and kind spirit made her a loving figure to all she encountered.

In her life Gladys was involved and held office as the State President of the NH Letter Carriers Auxiliary, and the Pythian Sisters. She was active in the PTA, a Girl Scout leader, she helped to organize The Labor Day Festival, Nutfield 250th Anniversary, The Spacetown Cadets, and Kingston Crusaders. She was a founding Board member of the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry and served on the Vestry of her beloved Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Derry where she was a life-long parishioner.

Gladys served as the Food Service Director of the Derry Cooperative School District from 1977 until her retirement in 1993. Prior to that she served as a "Lunch Lady" from 1968 until 1977.

Gladys is survived by her son and daughter in law, Dennis and Martha Burdick of Derry, and daughter Lorie and son in law Glen Belinsky also of Derry. She leaves behind her 3 loving grandchildren; Shaun Burdick of Los Angeles, CA, Christina Belinsky and her partner Timothy Learned of Andover, ME, and Kathryn Belinsky of Derry; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews. Gladys was predeceased by her husband Lee in 1986, and her sisters Margaret Mason, Henrietta Low, Wilma Sciacca, and brother William Hessenius, Jr.

A calling hour will be held at the Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Rd., Derry on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 10:30 a.m., with the service to follow at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to The Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, 6 West Broadway, Unit 6, Derry, NH 03038 or NH Audubon Society, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, NH 03032. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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during their meeting and present their case for the spending.

Warnock said that she attended the department head meetings while they

were discussing possible ways to spend the American Rescue Funds and the other Selectmen could've attended if they wanted to. She noted that while they were discussing other items she stepped out for that portion of the meetings.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the proposed projects for the first round of the American Rescue Plan Act funds with Guthrie voting against it.

In total the Board of Selectmen allocated \$419,313.22 from the first round of the American Rescue Plan funds. Since they received a total of \$450,000 it was suggested that they allocate the remaining funds for loss

revenue which can be used in the future.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allocate the remaining funds for loss revenue.

The Town of Hampstead will receive a second payment of \$450,000 from the American Rescue Plan next year.

The next Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.

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Kids Coop Theatre's Sound of Music Set for Nov. 19-21

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

The last two years for the Kids Coop Theatre has been like no other as the non-profit organization had as many performances as possible while staying as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year they are hopeful that things will be different as they will soon be kicking off their 25th anniversary year.

Kids Coop Theatre will be performing Sound of Music. The production is directed and choreographed by Angèlica Forcier Rosenthal, with music direction by Amanda Morgan. The 23-member cast

features children ages 10 to 17 from Derry, Londonderry, Bedford, Chester, Manchester, Raymond, Salem, and Somersworth.

It will be performed on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20 at 1 and 7 p.m. and on Nov. 21 at 1pm at the historic Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry.

It was explained by Danielle Melendez, the president of the Kids COOP that last year they were able to have different performances but adapted depending on what the restrictions for COVID was at the time.

"When the COVID shutdown was looming, we were in tech for our Winter 2020 production of Dis-

ney's Frozen JR. By the skin of our teeth, and with the support of our Board and Cast Families, our Cast Members performed what would have been a sold out run, to an audience about one third the size we expected," Melendez said.

Their spring 2020 musical Oliver! already had been casted and was scheduled to begin rehearsals.

"We held Zoom sessions, and postponed until we finally realized there was no 'end' in sight. With the option of a full performance off the table, we found a way to offer something meaningful to our kids, who were losing so much already, and Not Oliver! was born," Melendez said. "KCT Alumni came together, wrote a parody musical, rehearsed on Zoom and in person with socially distanced, masked, outdoor rehearsals, and put together a show that was uniquely theirs, in the backyard of the KCT Studios!"

At that point they knew that they had to make a critical decision about their regular season performances in 2020.

"With the pandemic still very much at the forefront of our lives, the Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel all of our regular season productions. From that decision, we knew we had to find a way to continue offering our members a safe place to express themselves during a time that was so unusual. Two



Cast of Kids Coops Sound of Music.

Courtesy Photo

things began that fall," Melendez said. "First, was KCT Presents - a musical revue, cabaret style performance series. In the October of 2020, KCT Presents: Back to Basics featured a cast of 18 in solos, duets, and small group numbers. Since then, we successfully performed KCT Presents: Lights Up!, and currently KCT Presents: Our Favorite Things! is in rehearsals, coming to the Derry Opera House on Nov. 14th."

"Second, our weekly educational series, Behind the Curtain. Always a concept Kids Coop hoped to expand on, and knowing it was important to our organization that we find a way to safely provide our members with opportunities to stay involved, COVID gave us the push we needed to make this a reality," Melendez said. "We offered small classes in musical theatre dance, hip hop, and tap, as well as private voice lessons. Behind the Curtain continues to offer classes weekly

at the KCT Studios."

In February of 2021, the Board of Directors approved an abbreviated season.

"We developed strict COVID protocols, as well as a new approach to our traditional auditioning practices, and offered You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown and Bring It On The Musical to our members ages 8-19. With a plan in place to perform at the Londonderry Town Common, we went for it! With a massive turn out, we were able to stay true to the core mission of KCT, and offer every child a role, regardless of their ability."

"Ultimately, KCT performed both of these shows on our home stage, at the

Derry Opera House. In a full circle moment, we were the last group to perform when the pandemic hit, and the first to have the honor of returning to that historic stage," Melendez said. "With our casts maintaining safety protocols throughout the entire process, we presented You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown and Bring It On The Musical this past May and June, respectively."

All tickets for the performance are \$15 and are available at www.kid-scooptheatre.ludus.com. Discounted group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more for both matinee performances. For more information email admin@kctnh.

OBITUARY

Marjorie Atkins



Mrs. Marjorie "Lorene" Atkins of Sandown, NH passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. She was 94 years old. Lorene was born in Saybrook, Illinois, the daughter of the late Charles and Mattie (Cannoy) Burke. She leaves behind her devoted husband, Alvin J. Atkins, with whom she shared 74 years of marriage.

Lorene's hobbies included her garden and she derived great joy in canning and preserving garden vegetables. Her specialties were grape jelly and pickled beets. These were enjoyed by her family and friends, for many years. Lorene enjoyed traveling to Oxford Casino in ME, with her daughter, Diann and grandson, Austin where she had great fun playing the slot machines. One of her great pleasures in life was spending time in her log cabin vacation home on First Connecticut Lake in Pittsburg, NH with family and friends. She so loved sitting on the porch and listening to the loons.

In addition to her husband, Lorene is survived by her daughter, Diann (Mark) Gindlesperger of East Kingston, NH; two sons, Ronald Atkins of Barnstead, NH and James (Karen) Atkins of Barrington, NH; 4 grandchildren, Aaron (Amanda) Atkins and Austin Atkins and Arielle (Addison) Kim; Nicole (Adam) Atkins of Barrington, NH; 2 great-grandchildren, Jaxson and Whitney Atkins. She was predeceased by her twin Louise, and 3 sisters and 1 brother. She also leaves many nieces and nephews. Lorene, will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

There are no calling hours. A graveside service was held Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Sandown Center Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Amedisys Hospice at: Amedisys Inc., Attn: Amedisys Foundation, 3854 American Way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family.

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Chester Library Unlocks Secrets of Reading Tarot Cards



Residents of Chester got a crash course in Tarot Card reading recently when the Chester Public Library hosted a Tarot 101 with Kate Sheridan, at Steven Hall. About a dozen people attended the event and “The Laundress” explained the history of the cards by using the classic Smith-Rider-Waite deck as a guide. Sheridan covered basic tarot theory, many of the 78 cards in the deck and how they work together. She also showed how the Tarot cards relate to modern day playing cards, showing how the four suit are much like modern cards. Cups represent Hearts, Pentacles are Diamonds, Wands are Hearts and Swords are Spades. The 56 suit cards are considered the Minor Arcana, while the Major Arcana is comprised of 22 Greater Secret cards.

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DERRY SPORTS

Two Wins Advance Lady Astros Into Division I Semifinals

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Soccer squad got through the first two rounds of the Division I playoffs last week with wins against Merrimack and Dover High

Schools at home and will now face the number one seeded Bishop Guertin girls in the Semifinals.

In the first round, that took place in Derry on Wednesday, Oct. 27, the Lady Astros easily got by the Lady Tomahawks with much

of the offense coming off the foot of star junior midfielder Emily Hood.

Hood scored three of the four PA goals in the game, two of which were on break-aways.

Sophomore Hannah Sippel scored the third goal in the first half.

Hood scored her first goal very early in the contest and Merrimack responded with an offensive threat that ended with a penalty kick just in front of the PA goal.

Junior keeper Libby Williams came up big right off the start with a dramatic save to preserve the one goal lead.

Hood got her second goal at 24:01 in the first half, putting the ball past the Tomahawk keeper.

Sippel had the third goal of the game when she got the goalie out of position and scored with an unobstructed kick to the net.

The Tomahawks got one back with a deflected save by Williams and an open left side of the net.

Hood got her hat trick

goal at 37:12 in the second half giving PA a commanding 4-1 lead.

The lead was shaved to two after a penalty in front of their net allowed Merrimack to score their second and final goal at 24:09 in the second on a penalty kick.

Williams finished with six saves in the game.

The 4-2 victory gave the girls a ten-game winning and advanced the team into a quarterfinal game against Dover High School.

Dover was the 13th seed in the tournament and advanced their charge with a 2-1 win over the number four seed, Concord High School.

In that game, held in Derry on Sunday, Oct. 31, the PA girls needed an overtime period to dispatch of the Dover girls.

Freshman midfielder



Emily Hood kicking her second of three goals against the Lady Tomahawks last week.

Kayla Silveira got the lone goal in the first half, assisted by Emily Hood, over the Dover keeper.

Senior forward Chayse Dube scored the game-winning overtime goal with a well placed top corner shot

three minutes into the period. Libby Williams had five saves in the victory.

The Lady Astros have now won 11 straight games and will face BG on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at Bill Ball Stadium in Exeter.



Hannah Sippel makes her way by the Merrimack keeper for the team's third goal. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lady Astros Volleyball Headed to Semifinals Against Bulldogs

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Volleyball squad headed into this seasons NHIAA tournament with an impressive 14-4 record with the number four seed and they also were hosting each of the games they playing in for the championship.

In the first round, the Lady Astros easily got past the number 13 seed, Nashua South High School, with straight set wins.

The Pinkerton squad barely broke a sweat with 25-16; 25-17; and 25-15 game victories.

Senior setter Ella Koelb had another strong performance with 23 assists, 10 serv-

ice points, and four aces.

Sophomore outside hitter Sarah Bolduc had 10 kills and senior right side hitter Lexa Galler collected 11 service points.

Senior Abby Leppert went up for seven kills and freshman Cali Miller added four blocks.

Seniors Lily Heywood and Sierra Edgecomb combined for 29 digs.

Heywood had 16 and Edgecomb got 13.

Following that win, the Lady Astros moved on to battle the number five seed Dover High School on Saturday afternoon in a quarterfinals match.

Although the games were a bit tighter in that match, the result was the same. A victory for the Pinkerton team came with set wins of 25-14, 25-20 and 25-21.

The PA team jumped out to a commanding 14-5 lead to start the match and led by as much as 10-points a number of times in the first game.

In the second game, Pinkerton trailed by as much five points and came back from a 17-12 deficit for the victory with Galler serving her way back to give PA a 21-17 lead.

In the final game

Pinkerton led all the way, with Dover getting as close as two-points in the final stages of the game.

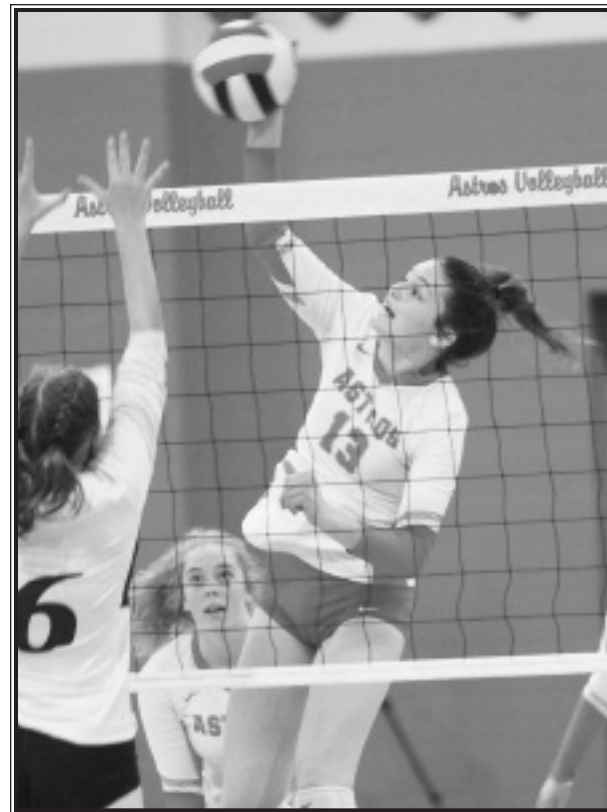
Galler had 15 service points and 12 kills in the quarterfinal victory.

Middle hitter Abby Leppert added 11 kills and two blocks, while Koelb set up 33 assists.

Heywood and Edgecomb both added 21 digs and Bolduc had seven kills and 16 digs.

Miller contributed three kills and a block in the win.

The victory moved the Lady Astros into the tough task of beating the number one seed in the playoffs on Thursday night. The Bedford High School Lady Bulldogs will come into the semifinal match at Pinkerton Academy boasting a 20-game winning streak and having dropped only one set this entire season.



Astros senior Abby Leppert hitting one of her 11 kills in the team's win over Dover Saturday.

Photos by Chris Paul



Senior Lexa Galler helped her team climb back from a deficit with some strong service points.

Pinkerton Astros Football Squad Beats Broncos 43-20

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Football squad hosted the final game of their fall football season by handing the winless Alvirne High School Broncos team their eighth straight loss with a 43-20 PA victory.

The Pinkerton squad scored in each of the four quarters, leading by 13 in the first period, 30 points by the half and 13-points during the second half for the win.

The Astros much-needed win on Friday night, Oct. 29, came after suffering a slim one-point loss to the Nashua North Titans at

home one week earlier.

Astros senior QB Nate Campos had 55-yard and 33-yard touchdown runs in the game.

Sophomore halfback Caden Michaud had a 70-yard run to pay dirt for the nights second touchdown.

Sophomore QB Tim Hersom came off the bench for a 34-yard touchdown pass to Cole Yennaco.

Senior Picasso Bates finished the scoring with a 15-yard TD.

The victory set up the Astros team a 7-2 season record and will advance them into a first round playoff game with the Londonderry Lancers next Saturday in Londonderry.

The Lancers only loss was in Salem, thanks to five interceptions thrown by quarterbacks Aidan Washington and Drew Heenan.

Londonderry bounced back to put their season record at 8-1 with a 35-7 victory over the Titans at Lancer Park on Friday night.

The PA squad is hoping to reverse the outcome of the two team's last meeting during this year's Mack Plaque game, the Lancers came away with a 21-10 over the Astros in Derry in that game.

The two teams will play in the Division I quarterfinal game in Londonderry, at Lancer Park, on Saturday, Nov. 6 starting at 1 p.m.



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Astros Boys' Soccer Bounces Lancers, Lose to Marauders

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Soccer squad successfully upset the Londonderry Lancers team 2-1 in the preliminary round of the NHIAA playoffs, but were then handed a 2-0 loss in the quarterfinals by the number three-seeded Hanover High School Marauders.

In the first round of the playoffs, held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, the Astros

needed to travel to the campus of Presentation of Mary Academy in Hudson as the number 11 seed in the playoffs against the number six seeded Lancers.

The location was chosen by Londonderry after rain cancelled the game one-day earlier, making play on their home turf impossible.

Fans on both sides were vocal about a number of "missed calls" throughout the very physical game between the two teams.

The Astros set the tone for the game taking control early and only allowing the Londonderry offense to penetrate their defense in the opening stages a couple of times.

A corner kick by Londonderry nearly went in off the head of senior John Baumann in the 26th minute but missed just over the net.

Pinkerton had a couple of chances off corners late in the first half but could not capitalize in front of the Lancer net.

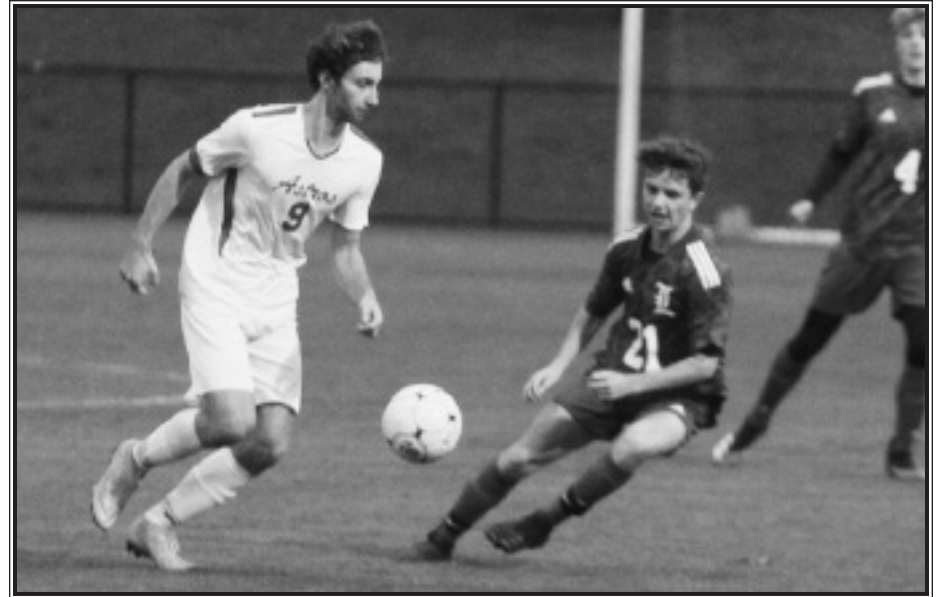
Londonderry junior Brady Joncas just missed wide left on getting the first score of the game off a crossing pass in front of the net inside of two minutes.

First goal came in the 27-minute of the second half by Pinkerton's Landan Villanueva after Londonderry goalie, Erik Gagne made two very good saves with the third shot going in. The assist went to Tyler Sullivan.

The next PA came eight minutes later from Zach Smith from the right corner of the field on a perfectly placed kick into the top left corner of the goal over the head of the defending goalkeeper for the 2-0 PA lead.

With the lead, the Astros were successful with their time management and only allowed a Joncas goal in the waning minutes despite a hard pressing LHS offense to end the game.

PA goalie Will Paganini and Londonderry's Gagne each had seven saves for their teams.

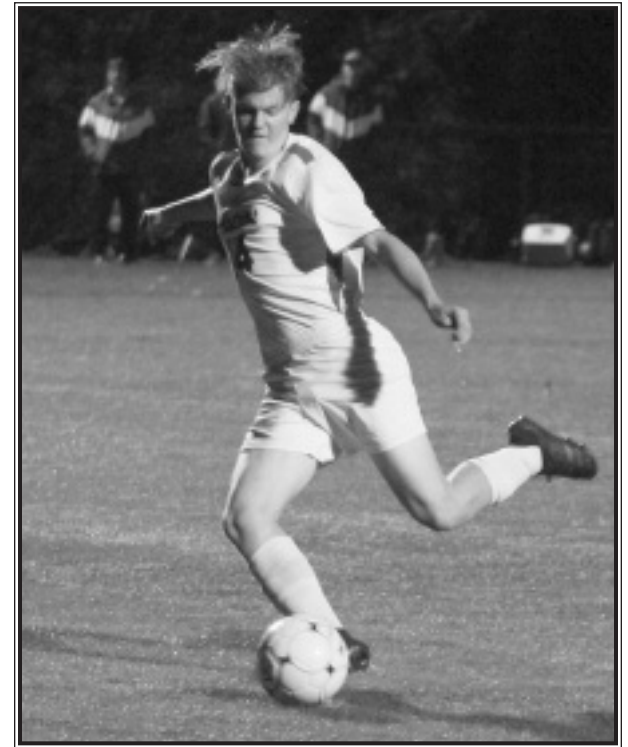


Pinkerton's Jake Spezzaferri takes on Londonderry junior Brady Joncas at mid-field in the 2-1 first round playoff win last week. Photos by Chris Paul

PA head coach Kerry Boles said after the game, "We had a game plan coming in and needed to stick to it in order to record the victory. I can't say enough about the work ethic, commitment and follow through of these guys. I am so proud of what they accomplished tonight."

Unfortunately for the PA squad the celebration was short-lived when they traveled to Hanover High School two days later, on Friday, Oct. 29, and played the number two seeded Marauders.

The 12-3-1 Hanover team never allowed the PA offense to score and wound up bouncing the Astros out of the playoffs in the quarterfinals with a final score of 3-0.



Astros forward Landan Villanueva got the first goal of the game against the Lancers last week.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Oct. 24



Skylar Neilsen
Senior, Fall Spirit

Neilsen has one of the most demanding routines on the team from start to finish. She throws skills in all of the elite tumbling requirements to help carry the score, closing out the tumbling pass as our strongest. Skylar plays an instrumental role in our pyramid section as a flyer. She helped clinch 1st place (score 106.5) at BATC in Concord.



Lexa Galler
Senior, Girls Volleyball

Galler collected 12 kills and had 15 service points to lead PA to a Division I quarterfinal win over Dover. She had 9 consecutive points in game two to take PA from a 5 point deficit to a 20-16 lead. Galler also had 11 service points and 3 aces along with 5 digs to help the Astros to a 3-0 preliminary victory over Nashua South.

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Astros Boys' Cross Country Takes Third at State Championship

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys and Girls Cross Country teams competed in the New Hampshire Inter-scholastic Athletic Association's Division I Championships on Saturday, Oct. 30, where the boys team took third place and the girls squad wound up in the eighth spot.

Just under 20 schools competed at the event in some rather soggy, raw conditions, making the course at Derryfield Park in Manchester more than a little difficult to navigate.

BOYS

The boys' team finished with a score of 104, with

their seven finishers coming in at 7, 12, 20, 31, 34, 42 and 54 out of 121 runners.

Out of the 18 schools competing, the team from Bishop Guertin won the state championship with a score of 58. Concord came in second (81) and Pinkerton Academy took third with 104.

The race winner was Torin Kindopp from Keene High School with a time 16:04 who was 10 seconds in front of the nearest competitor.

The Long Red Line runners were: senior Luke Brennan, who finished with a time of 16:38 in seventh; senior Ethan Charles finish in 16:58, senior Jack Cameron with a time of 17:29; sopho-

more Fin Christensen-Kraft (17:45); sophomore Nathan Binda (17:50); senior Cooper Michaud (18:06); and junior Theo Davis (18:29).

GIRLS

The Trailblazer runners didn't have quite the success the boys did, but also had one racer finish in the top ten. The team had racers finish 9, 15, 23, 41, 63, 68 and 69 out of 110 competitors.

The Keene High School team won the state title with a score of 75; Concord finished as runner-up at 88; and Dover finished with 106 to take third out of 17 schools competing.

Pinkerton Academy runner results: sophomore Contessa Silva took ninth with a time of 20:02, a personal

best at Derryfield; sophomore Isabelle Groulx (20:24), another PR; senior captain Makenna Alden finish in 20:54; sophomore Ginia Rufo (21:34); freshman Althea LeBlanc (22:21); junior

captain Grace Jellow (22:31) and senior captain Mariesa Preble finished in 22:34.

The top seven teams and the first 30 finishers from the Division I State Championship will compete in the

Meet of Champions on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 6 at the Mines Falls course in Nashua.

Top racers from all three of the states divisions will be competing in that race.



Heavenly Gift

Members of the Derry and Derry Village Rotary Clubs recently combined efforts for a bed-building day to benefit the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization, which provides beds to children ages 3 to 17. Last week the representatives of both Rotary clubs presented Sleep in Heavenly Peace President of Hillsborough, Dave Sadders and Donation Manager Leslie McAllister with a check for \$8,000 to go towards buying a trailer for the group which will be used to house their equipment. Sadders and McAllister also presented the two clubs with certificates of appreciation.

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DERRY

Youth Basketball Tryouts

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Winter AAU tryouts at the Derry Sports Center. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 3rd - 8th. The first tryout date is Saturday Nov. 27. Times are 3rd-6th Grade boys and girls: 2 - 3 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: 3 - 4 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@hotmail.com.

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.

Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. A Story and Craft for

preschoolers ages 3 - 6 will be held on Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

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 NH's economy and demographic trends (now and into the future) to join us on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m.

CHESTER

Chester Dancers

Chester Dancers is opening free dance classes for students 7 and up starting Nov. 9 at Stevens Hall. These are one hour classes, two days a week for beginner to advanced students in Tap and Ballet.

Adult Evening Book Club

The Chester Library's Adult Evening Book Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m., to discuss *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Holiday Hours

The Chester Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, for Veteran's Day. Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24. Closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.

Among Us Party

In the Chester Library Teen Room on Monday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m. Prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us! app on your device before the event. Registration Is Required. This is for kids and teens.

Postpartum Doula

An Evening with a Postpartum Doula will be held Monday, Nov. 15, from 6 - 8 p.m., at the Chester Library. Parenting can be hard, but you don't have to do it alone. Join Bekah Kistler from Kist Baby Doula and Family

Coaching for an evening of support and parenting well-being. After the session, there will be time for personalized questions and answers with audience members regarding individual family challenges. Registration Is Required.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees will hold their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Crafting Club

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) to the Chester Library on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m. and meet other crafters. Registration Is Required.

Paw Patrol Party

Come to a party to celebrate Paw Patrol: The Movie, at the Chester Library on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 4 p.m.

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there will be crafts, prizes, and snacks. Registration Is Required.

Adult Afternoon Book Group

The Chester Library Adult Afternoon Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m., to discuss Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane. New members always welcome. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders.

Shelter in Place

Be Prepared to Shelter in Place with Ele West Thursday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m., at the Chester Library. Local preparedness expert Ele West will cover the necessities of preparing for a disaster, including medicine, food, clothing, bedding, and money. Registration Is Required.

Teen TikTok Extravaganza

On Monday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Come eat some pizza and record some funny TikToks for the Chester Public Library TikTok account (@chesterpubliclibrary) Can't make it? Record a video and email it to assistdirector-clp@gmail.com. Registration Is Required.

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

Chair Yoga

Maggie Grace from the Yoga Room in Hampstead leads everyone in strengthening and stretching exercises, as well as meditative breathing on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 12:30 p.m. at the Hampstead Library. Please register in advance.

Meditation Classes

Virtual Meditation Classes in November are on the

following Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.: Nov. 3, 10, and 17. Join Hampstead Public Library Associate and certified Meditation Instructor, Sue Crump, for enriching virtual sessions. Whether you are a frequent practitioner or have never done meditation before, you are welcome. Please register in advance via the Library website Events Calendar. Then, you will receive the Zoom information for the class via email. You only need to register once to receive all class reminders.

Recipe Swap

Sweets & Treats Recipe Exchange on Friday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. Register in advance via the Events Calendar on the Hampstead library website or call 603-329-6411. Drop-off your favorite dessert recipe in advance at the library's front desk or email it to jwatt@HampsteadLibrary.org. The day of the event, you have the option to bring samples of your treat packaged in individual serving baggies for other participants.

Library Holiday

The Hampstead Public Library is closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. The rest of the week normal hours are in effect. Online resources for library patrons are available 24/7 and include downloadable books, music, and , as well as educational resources such as Transparent Language, Creativebug, and Universal Class. Cardholders also get free online access to the Wall Street Journal, ConsumerReports.org, and Ancestry.com.

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 red-crossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS

Tiny Tot Storyhour

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

Bridge Club

Has returned to the Hampstead Public Library on Mondays, starting at 1 p.m. Players of all levels are welcome. Come meet old friends or make new ones. Please note: no instruction is given, and the club does not meet on weeks where there is a Monday holiday.

Canasta Club

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

Storytime

Chester Library Storytime is every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Bring your little ones for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo! Registration is required by calling 887-3404.

SANDOWN

Fill The Truck

Please join the Sandown LIONS to fill the truck at the Sandown Town Hall on Saturday Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The weekend Power Pack program sends a special backpack of food, home with students on Fridays. Common nutritional foods in a weekend pack include: Proteins (tuna fish, beef stew, peanut butter), fruit (canned), breakfast items (cereal, cereal bars) and snacks. There will also be a box at OBP Barber

Shop in Sandown. Cash and Venmo donation will be accepted.

Memory Screening

In support of Alzheimer's awareness month ActivMed will be offering free, confidential memory screenings to anyone 50 years and older on Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Sandown Library. This short screening offers a brief cognitive assessment that can provide a snapshot of a person's cognitive abilities. It does not provide a diagnosis. These assessments are an important first step towards proper diagnosis and care. Screenings are conducted by a nurse and all information is confidential, following all HIPAA guidelines. Registration is required and spaces are limited. All registrants will be contacted with appointment times.

Tuesday Flix

Come join the Sandown Library for monthly movie series on Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This is a great program to get together with a friend or "date". Tonight's showing: The Father. Pizza is being offered again for those registered. Donations are appreciated. For more information, please contact Tricia Thomas at 887-3428 or email programming@sandownlibrary.us

Kids Kraft

Come and craft with the Sandown Library on Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 4 - 5 p.m. This month craft is a Mod Podge Leaf Bowl. Registration is required. This program is for kids age 6+.

Food for Thought

Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes! Food for Thought meets on Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Each month the Sandown Library pick a chef/recipe, prepare the food, and meet together to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. A great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. This month: The Barefoot Contessa - Ina Garten. Registration is required for this event.

Library Close

The Sandown Library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11, for Veteran's Day

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.

Mother Goose On The Loose

On Mondays, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., a Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months) will be hosted by Sandown Library. Join Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

Board of Library Trustees

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42nd Annual Country Christmas Fair

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

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 Nov. 14 from 2 - 2:30 p.m. at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS); Lunch on Nov. 20, from noon - 12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's Church- drive around to back door; Dinner on Nov. 26 from 5 - 6 p.m., at First Parish Church- drive up to side door; Breakfast on Nov. 28, from 9 - 9:30 a.m., at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS); Lunch on Nov. 28, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Sonshine Soup Kitchen willbe serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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